

Scholarship Tips



HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS:

- Ask your employer as well as your family members' employers for any suggestions.
- Contact your state or local agencies.
- Check out the WCU Financial Aid webpage and social media sites every Wednesday for FREE Money Wednesday.
- Check with your church or other community based organizations that you are involved with.

WHEN TO APPLY:

- Utilize the summer to boost your scholarship applications for the fall.
- Search for scholarships as often as possible.
- Apply for any scholarships that you are interested in early, and always be mindful of any deadlines that are put in place.

WHO OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS:

- PA State System Foundation
- WCU Foundation
- CollegeBoard.com
- CollegeNet.com
- Fastweb.com
- Cappex.com



WHAT YOU CAN DO TO IMPROVE YOUR CHANCES:

1. Get involved! Community service is always a way to boost your application.
2. Study! Many scholarships ask for your cumulative GPA.
3. Write a resume— This will help you keep track of your involvement in various communities.
4. Apply for scholarships that require essays or projects. Fewer people will apply to these which equals less competition.
5. Write a strong essay: Be sure to utilize the tips on the back of this sheet!
6. Ask early and nicely for letters of recommendation from teachers, employers, etc.

WHAT TO AVOID:

1. Paying for scholarships and/or advice.
2. Giving out your phone number.
3. Scholarships that are open to everyone.
4. No proof of any past winners (Except in the case of new scholarships).
5. Fake nonprofit or federal status.
6. Any request for personal financial information.
7. Winning a scholarship you didn't apply for.
8. Organizations that claim that they will "Do all the work for you".
9. Search fees and claims that, "You cant get this information anywhere else".