

Career Center - Mount Si High School

Scholarship Information

Check out this on-line [scholarship](#) information!

Scholarships can be based on academic performance, financial need, religious affiliation, leadership potential, minority status, heritage, community service, artistic talents, athletic ability, career plans or field of study, special hobbies or interests, or a unique set of criteria that is important to the organization or individual offering the funds.

The total financial aid package that will pay for your college costs could include a combination of grants, federal work-study (job), loans, and scholarships.
Scholarship sources are shown below.

Be sure to explore ALL types of scholarships:

- ✓ **National scholarships** – Choose a few websites from the list on the next page. The first time you use the website, you'll need to take 5-10 minutes to create your personal profile to narrow the number of matches found.
- ✓ **State scholarships** for students planning to attend schools in Washington. Check the Higher Education Coordinating Board's website: www.hecb.wa.gov/paying; click on WA State Aid Programs on the left, then select Searching for Scholarships on the left
- ✓ **WUE-Western Undergraduate Exchange Program scholarship** – Check schools in these states to see if they participate in this program for out-of-state students.
- ✓ **Scholarships at your chosen college(s)** for merit based (grades, community service, etc.) and need based (financial need) scholarships. After you submit the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1st of your Senior year, the colleges you apply to may be able to supplement any grants, federal work-study or loans the federal government offers you. Scholarships are available for Honors Programs, Departmental, Athletic and special scholarships. Check to see if a separate scholarship application, financial aid application or the CSS Profile are required by each college.
Watch ALL deadlines – often colleges have financial aid/scholarship deadlines in January or February! The financial aid process can have different deadlines and requirements than the application process.
- ✓ Check for scholarships at community organizations, such as Lions Club, YMCA, Kiwanis, PTA, church groups, Chamber of Commerce, military, and foundations.
- ✓ **Professional organizations** such as medical, legal, engineering, accounting.
- ✓ **Unions** also offer scholarships to their members' children.
- ✓ **Scholarships through your parent/guardian's employer** or possibly your employer. Check with the Human Resources Dept. for scholarships and tuition programs.
- ✓ **Local scholarships** for MSHS students. Application packet is given out at the

**Senior Meeting scheduled on Wednesday morning, March 10, at MSHS.
Deadline to return the local scholarship applications is 2 ½ weeks later.**

Free websites for scholarship information:

www.scholarships.com	Complete a student profile and receive free scholarship information.
www.scholarshipexperts.com	Great scholarship search engine.
www.SchoolSoup.com	Great source for scholarships.
www.finaid.org	Easy to use scholarship search.
www.fastweb.com	For scholarships. Note: Personal info is given to marketing companies.
www.princetonreview.com	Princeton Review offers scholarship sources.
www.gocollege.com	Reliable scholarship search engine.
www.collegeplan.org www.collegeplanning.org	Valuable site for students living in the Pacific Northwest region. College Planning Network Site for local and national scholarships.
www.nela.net	NW Education Loan Association (NELA) is a Seattle-based nonprofit organization that can help locate scholarships and financial aid.
www.CheckOutACollege.com	Going to a community or technical college in Washington state? Click on For Parents on the left side, then Ways to Pay
www.wiredscholar.com	Sallie Mae website for college answers.
www.collegeboard.com	Click on the green box in the middle titled "For Parents."
www.studentaid.ed.gov	Under the heading titled <u>MyFSA</u> , click on the Financial Aid and Scholarship Wizard
www.petersons.com	Scholarships and more on Peterson's database.
www.applyweb.com	Click on "Scholarships," then enter a keyword(s) to search by! For example: Native American or soccer
www.google.com	If you have a specific interest or passion, enter the word(s) on Google search, for example: "rowing scholarship"
www.athleticaid.com	For athletes - Athletic Aid website on college sports scholarships and recruiting process.
www.CollegeAnswer.com	Set up your profile and see what's available.
www.Xap.com	Under Explore, click on get money, then click on Scholarship Search
www.wtb.wa.gov/WAVEWebpagenew.asp	The Washington Award for Vocational Acceptance (WAVE) scholarship from the state.

www.wiche.edu/sep/wue Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program. Save on tuition if attending an out-of-state college in the 14 western states.

Additional websites for scholarship information:

www.mountsihighschool.com For a list of scholarship information received by MSHS, click on: “Information” then “Counseling Center” then “Scholarship Information” on the left

<http://www.curesearch.org/resources/resource.aspx?ResourceID=374>
Scholarship Resource Network Express website for scholarships.

ROTC information: www.goarmy.com (Army), www.nrotc.navy.mil (Navy and Marines), www.afrotc.com (Air Force)

www.gmsp.org Gates Millennium Scholarship Program. Click on Scholarship Links on the left for minority scholarship information.

Read Ben Kaplan’s book: “Go to College for Free” for practical advice

For tips on **how** to apply for a scholarship, visit:
www.collegeboard.com/student/pay/scholarships-and-aid
and click on the title in the first box: “How to Apply for a Scholarship”

Websites for financial aid information:

www.fafsa.ed.gov FAFSA – from federal government. 1-800-4-FED AID (1-800-433-3243)
Complete the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov after January 1 to see if you qualify for grants, work-study (job), loans from the federal government.

www.studentaid.ed.gov/complefafsa For help completing the FAFSA.

www.fafsa.ed.gov/what010.htm Information on all the federal financial aid programs.

www.studentaid.ed.gov Federal Student Aid - The Dept. of Education’s website is a must for any college-aid seeker. Click on “Funding” and download *The Student Guide*, a comprehensive resource on financial aid.

www.hecb.wa.gov/paying For WA residents: a directory of state sponsored financial aid programs.

www.hecb.wa.gov/paying/taxbene/taxbeneindex.asp Federal aid programs and tax benefits information.

www.students.gov The federal government’s student website. Features information on scholarships, grants, loans, state aid, and military funding.

www.studentaid.org National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) has a website dedicated to parents and students. Free guides and useful tools such as a financial aid checklist and sample scholarship inquiry letter.

www.nela.net Free college and planning information. NELA stands for Northwest Education Loan Association, a non-profit organization offering free services

for college students and their families. Onsite internet access and career and college reference material, including individual counseling sessions.

Additional websites for financial aid information:

www.nassgap.org	National Association of State Student Grant & Aid Programs. Students can link to all the state grant agency websites in the country. Click on the blue box called “Links” at the top of the page, then select Washington from the list.
www.wfaa.org	Click on “Students” on the top bar for financial information compiled by the Washington Financial Aid Association.
www.petersons.com	Peterson’s database is filled with valuable financial information.
www.finaid.org	The full scoop on paying for college.
www.collegeplanning.org	General college financial planning.
www.gocollege.com	Provided by Go College, the collegiate web source.
http://www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool/	IPEDS College Opportunities On-Line (COOL) helps students and parents understand the differences between colleges and how much it costs to attend college.
www.ed.gov/pubs/collegcosts	Shows how families in various income groups manage to pay for college – very helpful for parents.
www.collegesavings.org www.getwa.gov	College Savings Plans Network for state sponsored college savings plans.
www.adventuresineducation.org	Offers planning for college costs.
www.nasfaa.org ,	Click on: Parents & Students. Prepared by National Assn. of Financial Aid Administrators; offers wealth of financial aid resources
www.ed.gov/DirectLoan	U.S. Dept. of Education Direct Loan Program website.
www.scholarships.com	Offers financial aid information.
www.meritaid.com	Comprehensive directory of merit scholarships offered by colleges.
www.nelliemae.org	Nellie Mae, a national non-profit student loan financing/service.
www.salliemae.com	Student loan information from Sallie Mae. Offers college loans for two-year schools.
www.studentaid.ed.gov	Information on federal grants, loans and work-study programs. 35 page guide is available.
www.educaid.com	Student loan information.

