

**Attention: Juniors**  
**Have you started your scholarship search?**

It takes time to conduct a successful scholarship search, but it is well worth the effort when you are awarded a scholarship to help fund your higher education.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Check with local organizations within your community including churches, community groups, fraternal organizations, clubs, and employers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Ask your parents to check with groups with which they are affiliated with and employers.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consult with your high school counselor.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Consider electronic scholarship searches. You can begin with [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Don't fall for scholarship scams. Be wary of organizations that require you to pay a fee in order to find scholarships. For further information, go to [www.finaid.org/finaid/scams.html](http://www.finaid.org/finaid/scams.html).

**Attention: Sophomores**  
**Have you started thinking about how you'll fund your college education?**

To improve your chances of obtaining scholarships, you need to plan ahead.

- \_\_\_\_\_ Get involved in extra-curricular activities.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Work hard in school – grades are an important factor in earning scholarships.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Take the ACT your junior and senior year to get the best possible score. Consider ACT preparatory classes.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Begin searching for scholarships during your Junior year.