



# How to Find Scholarships for College



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# Plan and Prepare

- Begin researching as early as possible –
  - Schedule time out of your day
  - When is the deadline?
  - What is required? Essay, video, both?
  - One-time or renewable
- Be creative – think outside the box
  - Employers – student and parents
  - Religious affiliation
  - Interests and hobbies
  - Military
  - Community organizations
  - Brainstorm with fellow students and family
- Create a checklist and stick to it
  - Deadlines
  - High school transcripts
  - Begin collecting letters of recommendations
  - Prepare a thank you letter



TEE:  
Time  
Energy  
Effort

# Scholarship Tips



- Cast a big net when searching for scholarships
  - Competition
  - Out of 100 scholarships, you may only qualify for 10
- Read and follow eligibility requirements and criteria
- Essays
  - Type
  - Review, review, review
  - Add personal style and personality
  - Tailor essays for each application
- Application
  - Follow instructions
  - Submit any/all documentation
  - Review, review, review
  - Confirm receipt of application

# Scholarship Resources



## Search locally...

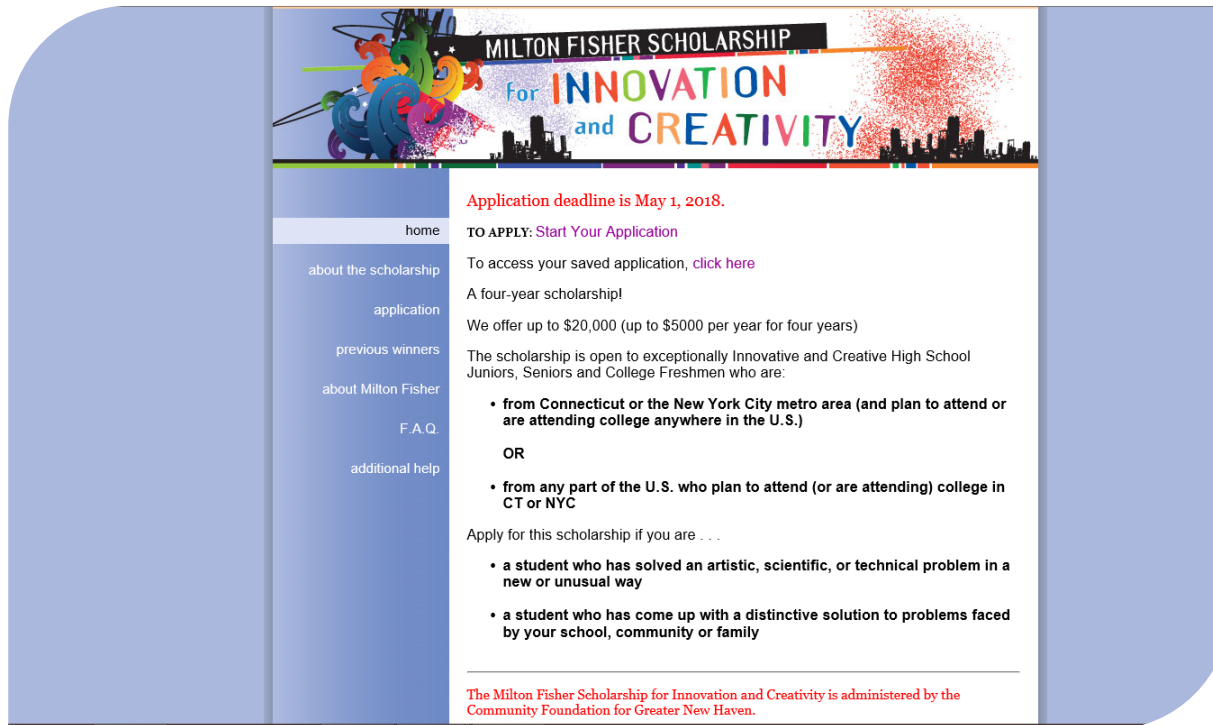
- High school guidance counselor
- Local businesses, public library, your church
- Employers, service organizations



## Search colleges

- College websites
- Contact college financial aid office

# Local Scholarship...



The screenshot shows a website for the Milton Fisher Scholarship. The header features a colorful graphic with the text "MILTON FISHER SCHOLARSHIP For INNOVATION and CREATIVITY". A navigation menu on the left includes links for home, about the scholarship, application, previous winners, about Milton Fisher, F.A.Q., and additional help. The main content area contains the following text:

**Application deadline is May 1, 2018.**

**TO APPLY:** [Start Your Application](#)

To access your saved application, [click here](#)

A four-year scholarship!

We offer up to \$20,000 (up to \$5000 per year for four years)

The scholarship is open to exceptionally Innovative and Creative High School Juniors, Seniors and College Freshmen who are:

- from Connecticut or the New York City metro area (and plan to attend or are attending college anywhere in the U.S.)

OR

- from any part of the U.S. who plan to attend (or are attending) college in CT or NYC

Apply for this scholarship if you are . . .

- a student who has solved an artistic, scientific, or technical problem in a new or unusual way
- a student who has come up with a distinctive solution to problems faced by your school, community or family

The Milton Fisher Scholarship for Innovation and Creativity is administered by the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven.

Source: <https://www.ctphilanthropy.org/resources/scholarships-youth-opportunities>

# College...

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Costs and Financial Aid

## COSTS AND FINANCIAL AID

Maximize Scholarship Consideration

Apply Now

Freshman Admission Criteria

Costs and Financial Aid

Deadlines and Important Dates

Financial Aid Estimator

Division of Financial Aid Website

## Freshman Scholarships

Purdue awards freshman scholarships based on academic merit as well as financial need. For maximum consideration, students must meet admission and financial aid deadlines. See [important steps for maximum scholarship consideration](#).

### University-Wide Merit Scholarships

Freshman merit scholarships are awarded based on a holistic review of all information provided via the admission application. Factors considered include:

- Grades in core academic coursework and strength of your high school curriculum (in the context of courses available at your school)
- Grades in coursework that is critical to success in your intended major
- Application essay and Purdue-specific questions
- SAT or ACT score (Scores must be sent directly from the testing agency. We accept old or new SAT or ACT. We do not require a writing score.)
- Recommendation (if provided)
- Evidence of commitment to the academic program to which you applied
- Evidence of leadership, service, and other accomplishments; activities, and awards
- Personal background and experiences
- Information provided by your high school

Source: <https://www.admissions.purdue.edu/>

# Scholarship Resources



## Search on-line...

- State Commission on Higher Education
- Military
- Collgeboard.org
- Fastweb.com
- Petersons.com
- Scholarships.com

# Beware of Scams

- You don't have to pay for help finding money for college
  - Commercial financial aid services may cost \$1000 or more
    - What's being promised
    - Is the service worth the money
    - Too good to be true
    - Are they delivering what they promised
  - Federal Trade Commission
    - [www.consumer.ftc.gov/financialaid](http://www.consumer.ftc.gov/financialaid)

## **BEWARE**

Buy now or  
miss this  
opportunity

## **BEWARE**

I've got aid for  
you, give me  
your credit  
card

## **BEWARE**

We guarantee  
you will get aid

Source: [studentaid.ed.gov](http://studentaid.ed.gov)



# Retaining Your Scholarship

1. Meet the deadlines
2. Understand requirements and stipulations
  - Grade Point Average (GPA and Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP))
  - Full-time status
  - Service requirements
  - Designated field of study
3. Communicate
  - Ask questions
  - Time off from school
  - Unforeseen circumstances

# Let's Review

## Prepare

- Begin Search Early
- Beware of Scams
- Understand Requirements
- Stay Committed and Organized

## Apply

- Details – Details – Details
- Review – Review – Review
- Cast a Big Net
- Confirmation

## Follow-up

- Renewable or One-Time
- Thank You Letter
- Missed Opportunities
- Sit Back and Relax

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# Thank You for Attending

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