



Scholarship 101

How to Help Students
Get Free Money for College

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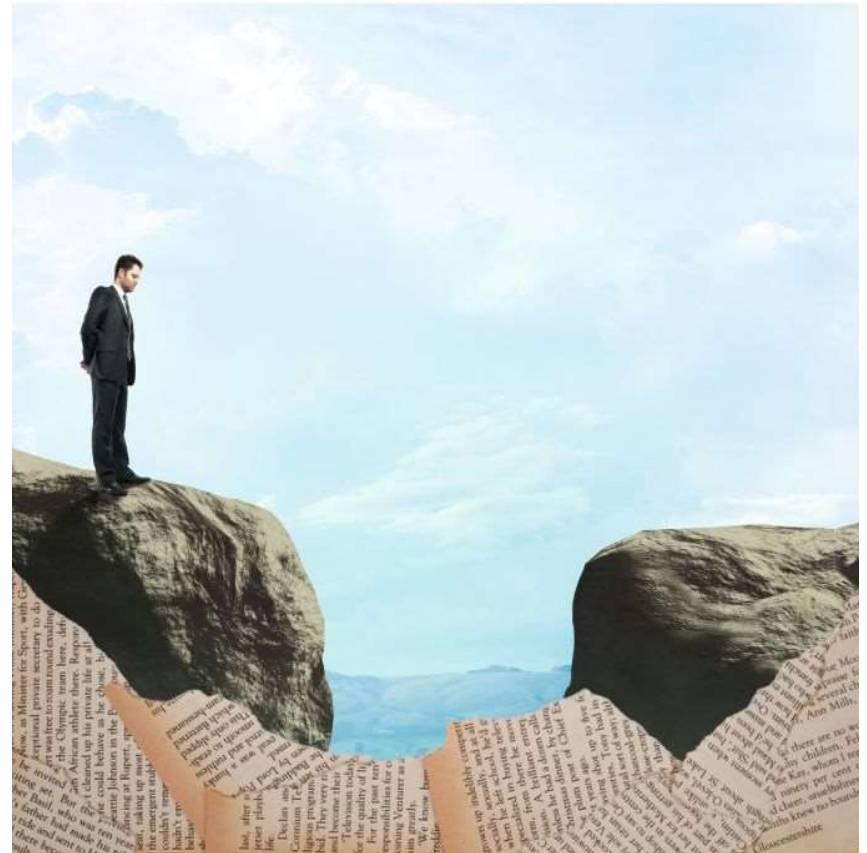
Bridging the gap

What students are facing today



The Landscape of Education

- Average affordability gap
- Student debt climbs
- Less students are attending college

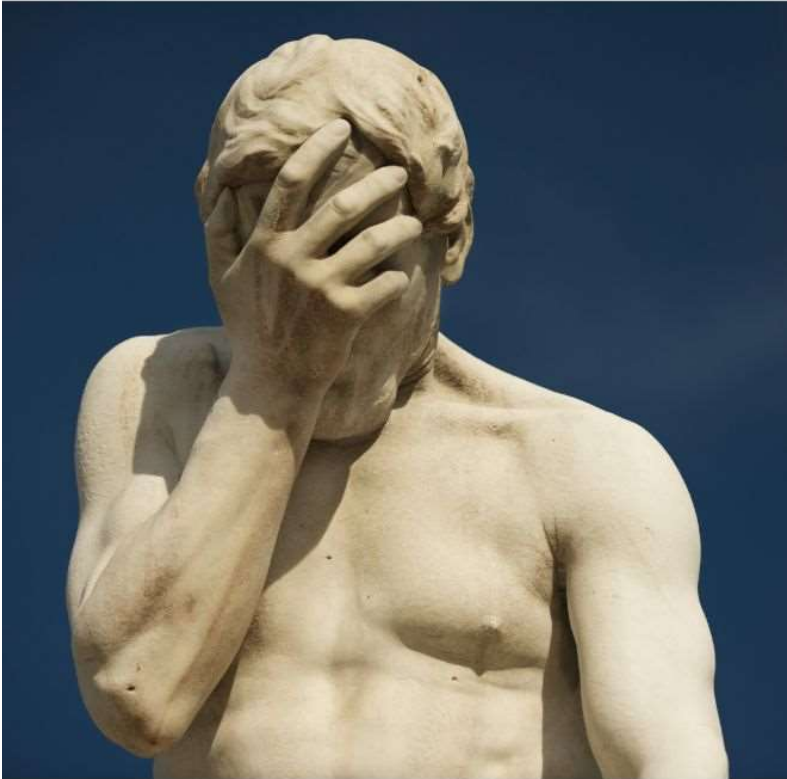


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Common Misconceptions

“Scholarships just aren’t for students like me”





Common Misconceptions

- Only for those with
 - low SAIs or high financial need
 - perfect scores and lots of extracurricular activities
 - incredible stories of perseverance or service
 - minority status
 - high school seniors
 - undergraduate students
- I haven't found any = they don't exist
- Scholarships are free and easy money
- It's not worth trying, I didn't get any last year

Financial Aid Truth:



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Scholarships are for
***all* students.**



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Enable and empower

Supporting students to realize their full potential



Resource Idea: Application Preparation Guide

Includes:

- List of materials to prep
- Tips on writing a personal statement
- Common short-answer questions
- Spaces for tracking awards, achievements, work experience, and volunteering
- Tips on preparing a resume
- General tips on searching for scholarships
- Scholarship database links

Typical Application Materials

Be best prepared by writing/compiling:



- Personal statement
- Draft answers to commonly asked short-answer questions
- Resume
- Letters of recommendation
- Copy of FAFSA Submission Summary
- Copy of transcripts

- List of
 - Activities, awards, and achievements
 - Community service work
 - Leadership experience
 - Work experience

Personal Statement: Where to Start



Think about...

- What makes you **unique**?
- What kinds of **subjects** interest you?
- What kind of **career or training** would you like to pursue?
- What **community service** have you done?

Short-Answer Essay Questions

1. Why do you want to attend college? or Why is education important?
2. What will you do with your degree?
3. Why do you deserve this scholarship?
4. What are your academic goals?
5. Tell us about overcoming your greatest challenge.

Personal Statement Tips to Share



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- 4 Use examples (show, don't tell)

Things to Remember

- **The smaller** the pool of candidates, **the better** your chances of winning.
- Small prizes add up — \$1,000 may not seem like much, but win multiple awards and **it adds up quickly**.
- **Don't disregard** an award **based on the giver**. If you meet the requirements, apply.

Things to Remember

- Preparing, searching, and applying for scholarships **can be difficult!**
- Prioritizing scholarships will require a **time commitment.**
- Some scholarships are super niche and therefore require **extra preparation.**
- Many undergraduate scholarships are **available to graduate students** as well - read the fine print!

Narrow the Search

- Where you live
- What you excel at
- What you are interested in
- Who you are
- Who you are connected to



Search Strategies

Chemistry scholarships



Intel employee scholarships



Oregon first gen scholarships



Theater/drama scholarships



Places to Start

National

CareerOneStop.org
CollegeBoard.org
fastweb.com

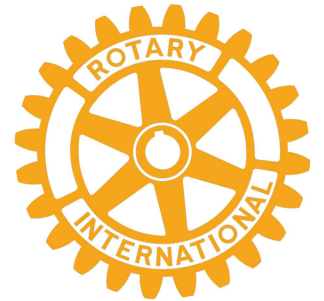


State

oregonstudentaid.gov/scholarships
OregonGoestoCollege.org
Oregoncf.org

Local

Service clubs, churches,
businesses, foundations;
check with HS counselor



Colleges

College websites
fa.georgefox.edu

Resource Idea: Flyers

Create a Reusable Scholarship Template!!

Follow our scholarship resource guide to help you prepare for the upcoming application season!

While applications may be daunting, a template will allow you to consolidate all of your information and materials in one place so you can apply for as many scholarships as you want to with ease!

GETTING STARTED

DRAFT PERSONAL RESPONSES

Typically, the most time-consuming parts of a scholarship application are the essays and short answer questions*. While not every scholarship requests a personal statement, developing one can serve as an excellent foundation to adapt for each specific opportunity.

It's also a good idea to prepare answers for commonly asked scholarship questions. Some of the content from your personal statement can be incorporated here. For short answer questions, aim to elaborate on points you briefly mention in your personal statement. You can then tailor these responses to align with the specific scholarship application.

*Visit the Academic Resource Center for help with your short answers and essays!

GATHER SUPPORTING MATERIALS

You will need to provide your history and achievements on each application, along with supporting documentation. This includes:

- Extracurricular activities (sports, clubs, music, theater, academic groups, spiritual groups, professional organizations)
- Community service
- Awards and achievements
- Leadership experience

You may also be asked to include a resume, letters of recommendation, your FAFSA Submission Summary, and your academic transcripts. Take time to collect these materials and add them to your prep packet.

FILL IN YOUR PREP PACKET

Save our template in your Google Drive to keep all of your scholarship resources in one place for future academic years!



SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST 2025-2026

Get started by applying for the scholarships listed here.

Next, start your own research to find other scholarships you might be eligible for. Use our resources below to help you in your search!

OSAC SCHOLARSHIPS

NOV 01

- More than \$10 million awarded annually across 600+ scholarships
- Must be an Oregon resident to apply
- Final deadline on March 3



FORD SCHOLARS PROGRAM

DEC 01

- Must be a resident of Oregon or Siskiyou County, CA
- Programs available for high school seniors, transfers, and parents
- Final deadline on March 3



TRINITY SCHOLARSHIPS

TBA

- All George Fox undergraduate students are eligible to apply
- Must commit to the Trinity Scholars Program assessments and coaching support
- Application opens soon - check back in January!



DONOR-FUNDED SCHOLARSHIPS

MAY 01

- All incoming George Fox traditional undergraduates eligible to apply
- Final deadline on June 1



LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Try local businesses, credit unions, community foundations, parents' employers, or churches

REGIONAL DATABASES

- OregonGoestoCollege.org
- Oregoncf.org
- CFSWW.org

NATIONAL DATABASES

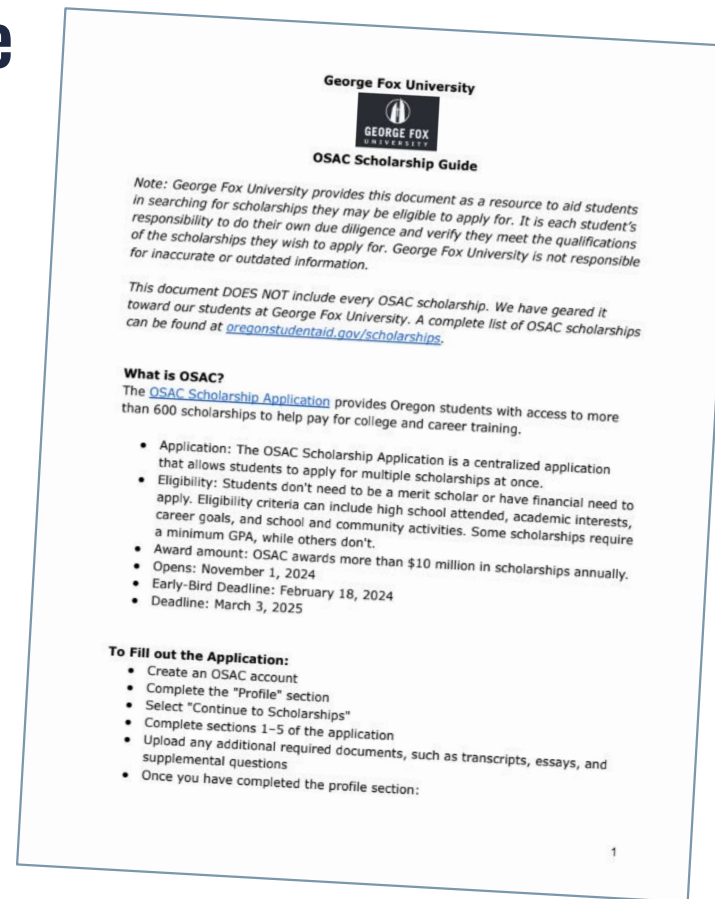
- Bold.org
- CollegeBoard.org
- CareerOneStop.org
- Scholarships.com
- GoingMerry.com

Follow for more information on outside scholarships!



Resource Idea: OSAC Guide

Help students navigate the OSAC portal by **filtering** applicable scholarship for **your** student population



Resource Idea: Application Tracker

Students can keep track of scholarships they are eligible/have applied for

The screenshot shows a web interface for tracking scholarships. At the top, it says "College Scholarship Application Tracker" and "GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY". Below this, there are summary statistics: Scholarships Tracked (2), Scholarships Applied (1), Scholarships Received (0), Next Due Date (3/1/2025), Amount Applied For (\$2,750), and Amount Received (\$0). There are instructions to replace examples with own scholarships and a link to get a new copy. Below is a table with columns for Scholarship Name, Application Materials Required, Scholarship Amount, Application Deadline, Date you applied, Scholarship Website, Contact Info, Applied (checkbox), and Received Scholarship! (checkbox). Two example rows are shown.

Scholarship Name	Application Materials Required	Scholarship Amount	Application Deadline	Date you applied	Scholarship Website	Contact Info	Applied	Received Scholarship!
Example scholarship name	Essay, application, 2 references	\$2,000.00	3/1/2025	12/15/2024	Scholarship Website	example@example.ex	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Example #2	Application only	\$750.00	2/1/2024		Other scholarship website	503-123-1234	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Include:

- Organization name
- Materials required
- Due date of scholarship
- Amount of scholarship
- When you applied

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Say wha?

Scholarships you didn't know existed



Vegetarian Resource Group College Scholarship

Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, The Vegetarian Resource Group each year will award college scholarship money to graduating U.S. high school students who have promoted vegetarianism in their schools and/or communities.



Tall Clubs International Scholarship

In order to be accepted as a potential scholarship recipient, all applicants must meet the following requirements:
Meet the minimum height requirements for membership in Tall Clubs International— 5'10" (178 cm) for women and 6'2" (188 cm) for men in stocking feet.



United States Navy Memorial Scholarship

The United States Navy Memorial received an endowment from the widow of a Chief Petty Officer with the purpose of awarding scholarships to the grandchildren of deceased Chief Petty Officers (E7, E8, or E9). Each year, application packages will be reviewed and graded by a group of active-duty Master Chief Petty Officers in the Washington, DC area to award a minimum of one but no more than three \$5,000 scholarships.



Duck Callers Memorial Scholarship

Honoring the memories of Stuttgart's legendary champion duck callers and duck calls makers, Chick and Sophie Major, the competition began in 1974 with a single \$500 scholarship given to the winner. The contest is associated with the World's Champion Duck Calling Contest and will take place on the Main Street Stage beside the Stuttgart (Arkansas) Chamber of Commerce.



Stuck at Prom Scholarship Competition

Get ready to create the ultimate prom attire with duct tape! With the Stuck at Prom Scholarship, you'll be literally stuck at prom using Duck brand duct tape to assemble your outfit.





National Marbles Tournament

Fellow mibsters – a.k.a. marble shooters – the National Marbles Tournament awards 4 college scholarships per year. The requirements? Applicants must be between the age of 7-14 and have won a local marble championship. Gamers unite in Wildwood, New Jersey for a tournament of over 1,200 marble games for this wacky college scholarship contest.

STARFLEET Scholarship

Star Trek fans can apply for these unique STARFLEET Scholarships worth \$1,000. Applicants must have been members of STARFLEET for at least one year before applying for this unusual scholarship. STARFLEET is made up of hundreds of local chapters with the aim of providing a base for Star Trek fans to interact.



American Fence Scholarship

The American Fence Association awards these little-known college scholarships each year at FENCETECH. Recipients must either be employed in the fence industry or be the immediate family member of an employee in the industry.



See Ya Later Scholarship

The organization provides a handful of scholarships for student in Yamhill County and designates a specific number of scholarships for each high school (for example, 2 for Newberg High, 1 for Yamhill-Carlton High etc.)



Women in Architecture Scholarship

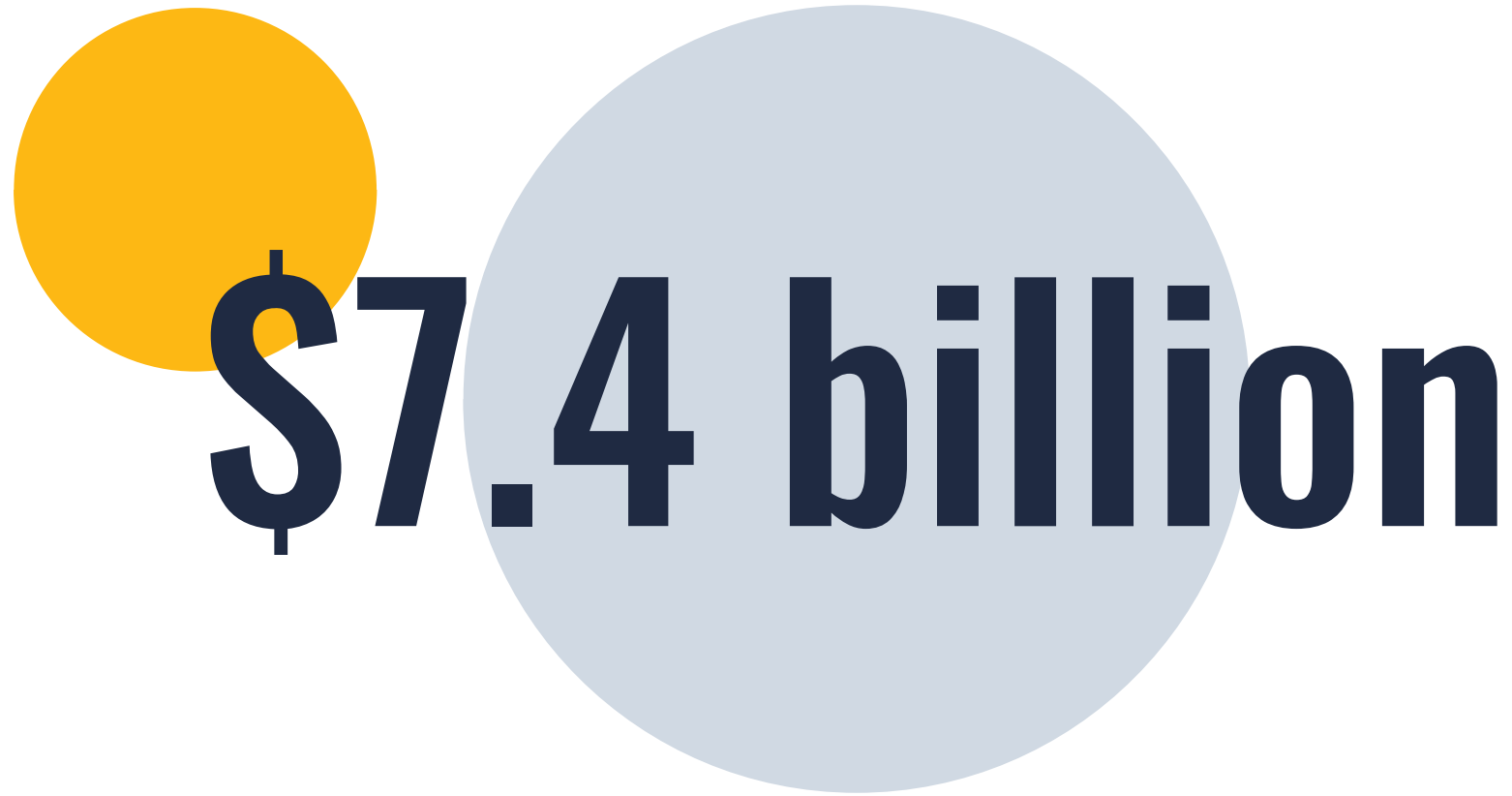
Open to both undergraduate and graduate students who are studying architecture. An award of \$2,500 will be given annually.

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1.7 million



\$7.4 billion

**Thanks for
listening!**



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