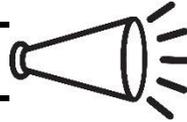


Your Scholarship



Call to ACTION!

If you're looking for scholarship opportunities now is the time to act! Beware that scholarship deadlines can be as early as October, and some run as late as April. Along with an application, many scholarships will require additional steps including: a well-written and compelling essay, teacher recommendations, transcript and submitting the FAFSA. Also, setting up a professional email address and checking it at least 3 times per week is critical to this process. We've prioritized a Scholarship "Call to Action" list below to help you get started!

#1

NHS COUNSELING OFFICE. You only need your Naviance log-in to see the scholarships posted by our counseling office. They also offer assistance with completing many scholarship requirements.

HAVE YOU...

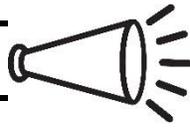
- Logged on to Naviance to research scholarships?
- Stopped by the counseling office scholarship carousel for opportunities?
- Received the Feb. local scholarship newsletter?
- Requested transcripts be sent via Naviance to colleges to which you've applied?
- Completed the brag sheet to assist with recommendations?
- Requested teacher/counselor recommendations (if applicable) via Naviance for colleges to which you've applied?
- Reported your awards to the counseling office?

#2

YOUR COLLEGE. It's important to learn as much as you can about additional financial opportunities from the colleges to which you've applied. College scholarships may be merit or need based, or a combination. SOME college scholarships are renewable (often based on student performance) each school year.

HAVE YOU...

- Called your Admissions Counselor?
- Visited your colleges' financial aid websites for important information and **deadlines**?
- Determined if you have an additional application to submit for scholarship consideration?
- Added your colleges to receive your ACT scores?
- Determined if departments within your colleges offer additional scholarship opportunities?
- Read the Scholarship/Financial Aid Odds & Ends handout for OSU-N and COTC, if applicable?



#3

LICKING COUNTY FOUNDATION. The Licking County Foundation scholarship website goes live in November with a deadline in January. Applications and supporting documents are submitted electronically at www.thelcfoundation.org.

HAVE YOU...

- Reviewed available scholarships and determined the ones for which you will apply?
- Set up your username and password?
- Prepared and proofread your essay?
- Planned to submit at least 2 days before the deadline to avoid last minute frustrations?

#4

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES. Think close to home. Leave no stone unturned!

HAVE YOU...

- Asked parents/guardians if their employers offer scholarships for high school seniors?
- Checked with your church youth group or local youth-focused club like 4-H and Girl/Boy Scouts?
- Reached out to local service organizations like Kiwanis, Rotary, American Legion, Elks, Lions Club, or Freemason?
- Asked trade organizations (i.e. BIA, FFA) if scholarships are available?

#5

A CALL TO COLLEGE. The Last Dollar Grant application process is very simple. You are encouraged to complete the steps below by May 1.

HAVE YOU...

- Submitted your FAFSA (after 10/1)?
- Provided a copy of your Student Aid Report from the FAFSA?
- Provided a copy of your college's Financial Aid Award Letter?
- Completed and submitted the 1 page Last Dollar Grant Application to A Call to College?

#6

NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS. These are HIGHLY competitive. Consider the total time you plan to commit to scholarship applications and give this the least amount.

HAVE YOU...

- Signed up for an account at www.fastweb.com?
- Used Big Future to search at: <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>?
- Signed up for an account at www.scholarships.com?

Gift aid rarely covers the entire cost of college. It's just part of the picture — a picture that may include loans, family savings and other sources of money. This list is not exhaustive and is intended only to guide students to possible scholarship sources.