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How To Search For A College Scholarship

By Garrick Banks

With thousands of scholarships available, the task of finding all of the scholarships that apply to you can be quite troublesome. Luckily, there are several ways you can go about efficiently finding all of the scholarships that apply to you.

In the United States athletic scholarships are largely regulated by the National Collegiate Athletic Association, which sets minimum standards for both the individuals awarded the scholarships (in terms of GPA's and standardized test scores for recipients), and for the institutions granting them (in terms of the proportion of scholarship recipients who must ultimately earn degrees).

In 1973, the NCAA split its membership into three divisions: Division I, Division II and Division III. Under NCAA rules, Division I and Division II schools can offer scholarships to athletes for playing a sport. Division III schools may not offer any athletic scholarships. Generally, larger schools compete in Division I and smaller schools in II and III. Division I football is further divided into I-A and I-AA.

Ironically, institutions that engage in misconduct may be stripped of the ability to award a certain number of athletic scholarships. Although this damages the ability of that institution to compete in sporting events, the greater impact is on the ability of student athletes, who may lose their only avenue to higher education.

1. Financial Aid Office

The most obvious first place to start looking is the financial aid office of the school you are interested in. This office usually contains useful texts as well as consellers that can help to start you on your quest for scholarships and financial aid.

2. Internet Scholarship Search Sites

There are numerous web sites out there that will let you, for a small price, apply to all of the scholarships that you qualify for. After filling out a few forms and answering some common questions a list will appear and you can check off that ones you would like to apply to electronically.

For example, CollegeNets Mach 25 Search is a free version of the WintergreenOrchard House Scholarship Finder database. Although they don't allow you to electronically file for applications it is still a great listing of over half a million unique scholarships and over \$1 billion dollars is given to students annually.

3. Other Places You Can Try

- Bulletin board of the financial aid office - Admission office booklets and pamphlets - The athletic department and school team coaches - The library - High School Guidance Counselors

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Free Scholarship Search Can Help

By Low Jeremy

Many would believe that if you pay for scholarship search sites (usually you pay for the membership fee and have access to thousand of scholarship listings worth more than a million dollars), there is a 100% guarantee that you can get the scholarship. To tell you the truth, registering with these scholarship searches would never ever give you assurance to win a scholarship. Since these scholarship grants are given to qualified applicants, not anyone who becomes a member of the scholarship search site would be able to win a guaranteed scholarship.

So what's the use of paying just to be able to search for scholarships without the guarantee of winning a scholarship? Are there any incentives when you pay for scholarship search compared to free scholarship search?

It may not occur to you that free scholarship search serves only the same purpose as those scholarship search sites that ask for payment. Since many would believe that if you pay for something, you can get more. Yes, it is true on many things but it is not true with scholarship search. Then why pay?

If you want to search and locate for the best pre college, college, graduate, and post graduate scholarships, there is only one place to go: scholarship search. Well, as mentioned, scholarship search could be free and or with a membership fee. And realizing that there is no need to pay in order to access thousands of scholarship listings, we can now settle for free scholarship search.

Using free scholarship search requires you to sign up as a member. This is like signing up for paid scholarship search. The only difference is, you don't have to key-in your credit card number.

Once a member, you can access the site's database and find the type of scholarship that fits you. Remember, all you have to do it to register and you are given the chance to apply for scholarship without releasing money.

And another thing to remember: The success of your search will never depend on the site but to your will to find one. The free scholarship search will only help you find those scholarships, it is your job to make sure that you apply for it and make sure that throughout the process of your application, you do good and bring out all your best. In this way, your chances of winning the scholarship are bigger.

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