

College Scholarship Information

Get Ready!

Get Organized!

Get Going!



Where to Start?

- www.waynecountyschools.org
 - Individual HS websites
 - www.waynecountyschools.org →
 - navigate to “*Academics*” in the top toolbar, then “*Military Child Education*”
 - Click in left toolbar= “*Scholarships & Grants*”
- Scholarship search engines
 - www.cfnc.org - general information and also refer to “Military/Military Dependent” section
 - www.FASTWEB.com
 - www.Scholarships.com
 - www.collegeexpress.com
- Students should check ***OFTEN*** with their School Counselor—they’re a helpful resource. 😊

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.gov

- Create an account to apply. [FAFSA Worksheet](#) is helpful!
- IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer financial information for eligible applicants (tax info)
- As early as October, as late as June...First come, First served
- FAFSA's website includes section on [Aid for Military Families](#)
- **Step 1 in paying for college!**
 - i.e. federal grants, work-study programs, loans

Helpful Tidbits

- Searching for scholarships= a full-time job!
 - reading through all eligibility requirements
 - filling out lengthy applications & writing essays
 - obtaining recommendations
- Never pay for scholarship searches!
- Scholarships → need-based or merit-based
- Scholarships may also involve other factors: choice of major; gender; religion; talents; race; disability; parental affiliations (employment, organizations); student affiliations (clubs, hobbies, employment).

Helpful Tidbits

- Volunteer/community service is almost always an eligibility requirement.
- Dropping/failing courses can adversely affect your chances of getting a scholarship.
- Leadership and experiential programs can greatly benefit.
- Scholarships are **VERY** competitive!

Do's and Don't 's

- ***Don't*** miss your deadline!
- ***Do*** read & follow directions carefully.
- ***Do*** check your grammar!
- ***Do*** have a general essay prepared in advance that highlights you—and you can enhance for various scholarship essays.
- ***Do*** let your essay be a true reflection of you, not what you think they want to hear.

Do's and Don't 's

- ***Don't*** be overly confident or arrogant in your essay—humility goes a long way.
- ***Do*** have a teacher review the essay or a parent/counselor review the application to make sure that nothing is missed. Also, use www.tutor.com/military for essay review!
- ***Don't*** ask teachers/counselors for recommendations at the last minute!
- ***Do*** have a student résumé to give to your recommender.