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The Scholarship Report

Searching for Scholarships: Go Local!

Searching for scholarships takes time. And you have to know where to look. Talking to your guidance counsellor will help you in your search. But have you also considered searching in your own backyard?

Many scholarships can be found in your local community. And the odds of receiving a local scholarship are much greater than those in a national competition since most local scholarships target a narrower group of students.



Check out:

Extra-curricular clubs — Do you participate in any extra-curricular activities outside of school such as athletic and service organizations, bands, academic clubs, etc.? Ask the leaders about scholarship funds.

Community clubs, civic organizations, local businesses — Community groups often sponsor scholarships that are open to all students as a way of serving their communities. Be sure to ask your

parents if they are involved in any civic or local organizations. Both local and national scholarships may be available. Contact larger businesses in your area and ask them if they have a scholarship program that is open to area high school students. The yellow pages are a good resource for listings of organizations, clubs, and businesses in your area.

Religious / faith organizations — Are you or your parents members of a religious or faith organization? Or maybe you are considering going to a religious institution. Check with the leaders to see if a scholarship is offered.

Employers — Many businesses have scholarships for employees and their dependents as part of their benefit package. As well, one of your parents may belong to a union that has scholarships available for the children of their members. Ask your parent to investigate! Students who work part-time should also check with their own employer. Sometimes larger companies will contribute if they feel your future studies will benefit the company.

Google search — Type in the name of your local community, the words “high school” and then “scholarship,” “bursary,” or “grant” and see what comes up. Don’t just stop on the first page — keep going!

OK, time to start searching! Ready, set, go! †

Your goals are the road maps that guide you and show you what is possible for your life. — Les Brown