



1. Various Scholarship have different deadlines. You'll have to balance completing scholarship applications, with your senior year, so start early.
2. While there are tons of scholarship search engines, with a plethora of national scholarships, be sure to look for local scholarships as well. They'll have a smaller pool of people competing.
3. Look for scholarships provided directly from the schools you are applying to.
4. Double check the eligibility requirements, and make sure that you meet them.
5. Request letters of recommendation as soon as possible!
6. If you are going to reuse an essay, be sure it fits, and is tailored to the specific scholarship.
7. Edit application, have someone else look at it, and revise.
8. Don't miss a deadline!

Scholarship Resources:

*Apply to the DSF (If Applicable) <http://www.denverscholarship.org/Document.Doc?id=410>

Denver Scholarship List of Scholarships:

<http://www.denverscholarship.org/Page.aspx?pid=773>

Here you can find scholarships sorted by their deadlines

Collegeinvest List of Colorado Scholarships:

https://content.xap.com/media/3721/2012-2013_scholarship_booklet.pdf

This offers a strong list of local scholarships to apply for

List of more Scholarships:

http://schools.bvsd.org/p12/FairviewHS/CounselingDepartment/PostGradCenter/Documents/Schps/Scholarships_FullList.htm



1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible, after January 1st
 - a. Some money is awarded on a first come first serve basis, so don't procrastinate on filling it out.
 - b. *See Attached FAFSA Guidelines Page
2. Colleges that you've been accepted to will send you a financial "award letter" that indicates how much aid they're offering you.
 - a. Part of this aid may contain work-study, which is a campus job around 10 hours/week that helps subsidize college expenses
3. Select the college you want to attend, and inform awarded scholarship organizations
4. As with Scholarships, be mindful of all deadlines!
5. In the event that the amount of aid you're receiving from the government, the school, and any scholarships, doesn't cover your tuition, another option to consider are student loans.
 - a. To learn more about students loans, and to determine if that is an option for you, go to <https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action>
6. As you make the transition to college, and trying to fund it, you should **BE IN CONTACT WITH THE FINANCIAL AID PERSON AT YOUR SCHOOL!**
 - a. Always be honest and explain your situation, because these people will often be able to help you the most.
7. As you're in college, continue to seek out scholarships awarded to undergraduate students.

Financial Aid Resources:

Financial Resources from U.S. News

- <https://creditcards.usnews.com/student#us-news-survey-college-students-may-use-credit-cards-to-build-credit-but-many-are-carrying-a-balance>
- <https://loans.usnews.com/student-loans>
- <https://loans.usnews.com/student-loans-consolidation-refinancing>

Free Application for Federal Student Aid

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Denver Scholarship Foundation Info

<http://www.denverscholarship.org/Page.aspx?pid=934>