

These **Tips** will assist you in **getting scholarships to help pay for college**:

1. **Start ASAP and Apply Early** - Many scholarships have early application deadlines, so don't miss out on these opportunities.
2. **Search Locally** - A local scholarship is probably your best chance for getting a college scholarship. There are special scholarships just for locals, meaning it will be less competitive, as there are usually less applicants. Local banks, grocery stores, clubs, businesses, organizations, and churches are all potential sources for community scholarships.
3. **Read the Requirements** - Make sure you are eligible right from the start, so you're not wasting your time. Also, never pay to apply for a scholarship, these are usually scams.
4. **Follow Instructions Carefully** - Any errors right off the bat can get your scholarship application easily denied. Proofread it. Have someone else proofread it.
5. **Neatly Presentable, Neatly Packaged** - Send the scholarship application via certified mail or better yet, FedEx, making your application look professional and stand out from others.
6. **Communicate** - Make sure the application is right. If you are not sure about something in the scholarship application, don't hesitate to ask.
7. **Check School Specific Scholarships** - Check with the college you would like to attend. Usually there are many school-specific scholarships available. This alone may be able to help you in your school decision making.
8. **Be Active, Stay Active** - Being in a sports team, club or some type of community service will always better your chances at receiving a college scholarship.
9. **Maintain your GPA** - Keep your grades up. A higher GPA will make you eligible for more scholarships, on top of increasing your chances of receiving funds.