Applying for Scholarships
For college and career preparation
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Introduction

The scholarship application process can seem intimidating and scary, but it really is simple and can be a lot of fun.

Scholarships vs. Loans

A scholarship is a grant of financial aid awarded to a student for the purpose of attending a college.

In other words: Money for college that DOES NOT need to be paid back!

A loan is a form of financial assistance which is offered to college students.

In other words: Money for college that DOES need to be paid back.

- A scholarship should also always be free to apply for. If a website tries to charge you, don’t use it!
- Always pay attention to a scholarship’s deadline! If you’re late, you won’t get the scholarship!
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Types

There are many kinds of scholarships! Such as ....

- **Academic**
  Scholarships awarded based on your grades and test scores.

- **Athletic**
  Scholarships awarded based on how well you perform in sports & physical activities, and you may be invited to join that college’s team.

- **Skills-based**
  Scholarships awarded for skills in art, music, technology, etc!

- **Demographic-based**
  Scholarships awarded based on gender, religious affiliation, military service, major, state, etc.

and many more...
Apply

For this activity, we will be browsing and applying to scholarships at UniGo.com. There are a variety of different scholarships through UniGo.com. You can apply for a Superpower Scholarship, Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, GPA Scholarships, and much more.

Scholarships requirements can range from writing small essays of 250 words or less, larger essays, or even ones with no required essay.

Let’s get started!

Get Started
1. Go to “UniGo.com”
2. Click on “Sign Up” at the top right
Apply

Sign Up
1. Select “Student”
2. Select “Planning to Attend College”
3. Select “Graduation Year”
4. Enter birthday, email, password, name
Apply

**Browse**

1. When you’re finished signing up, click on “Easy Scholarships” at the top.
2. Browse scholarships, choose one that’s right for you!
Additional Scholarships

$15,000 Tallo Scholarship  https://tallo.com/scholarships360/

CollegeXpress “One Question” Scholarship Contest  https://www.collegexpress.com/reg/

Congressional App Challenge  https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/

Do Something  https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships

Doodles for Google  https://doodles.google.com

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes  https://barronprize.org/apply/

Home Depot Foundation’s Path to Pro Scholarship by SkillPointe Foundation ($2,000)  https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation?mc_cid=d95f64ace7&mc_eid=465918c146

The Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award  https://fromthetop.org/apply/scholarship-opportunity-jack-kent-cooke-young-artist-award/

Letters About Literature  https://www.read.gov/contests/

MATHCOUNTS Competition Series  https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series

The Paradigm Challenge Scholarship  https://www.projectparadigm.org

Patriots Pen  https://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/

Prudential Spirit of Community  https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/selecting-honorees

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards  https://www.artandwriting.org/what-we-do/the-awards/how-to-enter/

We the Future Contest  https://constitutingamerica.org/contest-categories
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Tips

Scholarships providers need to make sure they are awarding money to the right person. They will ask for your name, address, phone, and birth date to confirm eligibility. Make sure your information is accurate.

Draft the answers or essay for each scholarship question in Word or Google Docs so that you can access formatting, grammar, and spell check tools. Once you are happy with your writing, copy and paste your final product into the scholarship form.

Create a Google Sheet or Excel Spreadsheet to keep track of the scholarships you have applied for. Note any links, deadlines, or other items you might need to submit for that scholarship and how much it would be worth. Use this spreadsheet to keep track of award information and to remind yourself if you need to reapply at any point.

Remember to double check the deadline of each scholarship you apply for!
Contact GEAR UP Idaho

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