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# The best websites to find college scholarships

Applying to college and figuring out how to pay for it can be tough. These websites provide a plethora of free resources for high school students.

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## 6 Best Websites to Find College Scholarships in 2026

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Scholarships are essential for millions of students, but finding out which you qualify for can seem like an ordeal of its own.

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Jefferson Pestronk, executive director of the [Modern States Education Alliance](#), told CNBC Select. “You’ve got to put in the legwork to find the ones that match who you are,” Pestronk says.

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## Going Merry

Going Merry, now owned by student loan lender Earnest, was first created by Raymond Murthi and Charlie Maynard. Ray saw a gap in the market when helping his girlfriend apply for scholarships for her master's program. Charlie faced similar issues during his undergraduate and master's programs. Together, they were inspired to create an online service that not only aggregates scholarships but also allows users to apply for them directly through the website.

Rather than fill out multiple scholarship forms, high school students can set up a profile by entering some basic information about themselves. Once they've established a profile, they can apply for multiple scholarships through Going Merry. Users can alter the info for each application and may be required to answer different questions depending on the application.

Going Merry will use the information in your profile to recommend scholarships. Users can also use the search function to filter scholarships by categories like number of recipients, the deadline and competitiveness.

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## Fastweb

**Fastweb** (Financial Aid Search Through the Web) claims to be the first scholarship search website. Founded in 1995 by Canadian entrepreneur Larry Organ, it has over 1.5 million scholarship opportunities listed. Its team of researchers decides which scholarship opportunities are posted and makes sure that none are scams. None of the scholarship applications have fees and none require you to enter personal information.




Students can set up a profile, and Fastweb will recommend scholarships based on the information provided. There's also a database of scholarships organized by student type,

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**Apply** (formerly Cappex) is a website that matches students up with potential scholarships and also helps them discover and learn about different colleges.

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The website makes a point to educate students about the college process. It has quizzes that help students understand what college majors they might be interested in and explainer articles about specific majors.

For example, the [article about social work majors](#) details what type of coursework you might take in college and info on entry-level salaries.

The scholarship search function allows students to search by different factors like ethnicity, first-generation status and the reward amount.

## The Fair Opportunity Project

The [Fair Opportunity Project](#) was founded in 2016, by Harvard students Luke Heine and Cole Scanlon. They started the organization to help high school students of all socioeconomic backgrounds gain access to college application resources.

The Fair Opportunity Project works a little differently than the other sites, as it doesn't match students to scholarships. Instead, it offers a [comprehensive guide](#) for high school students that includes information about letters of recommendation, how to compile a college list and examples of college essays that worked.

The Fair Opportunity Project also offers a mentorship program free to students from underserved and underrepresented communities in the United States. Mentors are volunteers

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Mos is set up like a dating app, but for scholarships. Students can download the app for free and create a profile by taking short quizzes that ask questions about things like desired majors,

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designed to make finding scholarships easier.

According to its website, Mos' database has \$160 billion in [financial aid](#), some of which is exclusive to the app. Students interested in more personalized support can opt for Mos Premium membership (\$9.99 per month or \$49.99 per year) to get access to a financial aid advisor who can help with things like filling out scholarship applications, reviewing aid offers and drafting tuition negotiation letters [the website only includes a quick mention to a premium membership in the terms and conditions but describes users getting a personal advisor on the home page. not sure if the premium membership still exists].

## Scholly

[Scholly](#), now owned by student loan lender [Sallie Mae®\\*](#), is another free mobile app that matches students with scholarships based on their interests, background and accomplishments. Founder Christopher Gray won \$1.3 million in college scholarships and realized how time-consuming the scholarship hunt could be, so he started Scholly to make the process easier.

### Sallie Mae Student Loan

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\$1,000 up to 100% of the cost of attendance

### Loan terms

5 to 15 years

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Students have used the platform to earn over \$100 million in scholarships, according to its website [couldn't find on website but found [here](#). Seems to be from 2021]. The platform has also provided access to exclusive scholarships from major companies like [Amazon](#) and [Google](#).




Users share information about their interests and qualifications, and Scholly provides them with a tailored list of relevant scholarships to consider. Thousands of scholarships are added to its database every month so even long-time users can find new scholarships easily.

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years to get a bachelor's degree. Students can get college credit through approved classes or college-level examination programs, which can allow students to start their college careers even a year ahead of schedule.

"That 25% is going to make the difference for a lot of students who otherwise can't afford it," Pestronk says.

He also highlights [College Promise](#), a non-profit organization that provides "last dollar scholarships" to students who already qualify for financial aid and grants. College Promise programs, which are available in certain geographic areas across the country, then cover the remainder of the student's out-of-pocket costs to allow that student to attend college without cost.

Pestronk recommends that students use tools that estimate how much attending a certain college will cost them and how that translates into loan debt. If you're looking for a [private student loan](#), CNBC Select named [College Ave](#) as a top [low-interest student loan](#) lender thanks to its competitive interest rates, as well as no application, origination or prepayment fees. Eligible borrowers also receive hardship protections like deferment, forbearance and grace period options.

## College Ave

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\$1,000 up to the cost of attendance (\$180,000 lifelong maximum)

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5, 8, 10, 15 years for undergraduate loans, up to 20 years for graduate loans

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