



# SCHOLARSHIPS— Free Money

College&CareerPathways2024

# What we'll cover

- **3** keys to success
- **4** steps in the search
- Things to consider



# But first . . .

- Scholarships defined
- Types of scholarships
- What role can scholarships play in paying for college?



# Common myths

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My grades aren't  
good enough.

I'm not athletic.

My parent makes  
too much money.

I haven't chosen  
a major yet.

# Three keys to success

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# Typical timeline for search

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- Junior year—Research and some national deadlines
- Senior year
  - College deadlines
  - Monthly check-in with school counseling office for new applications
  - VSAC timelines



# Your college or university

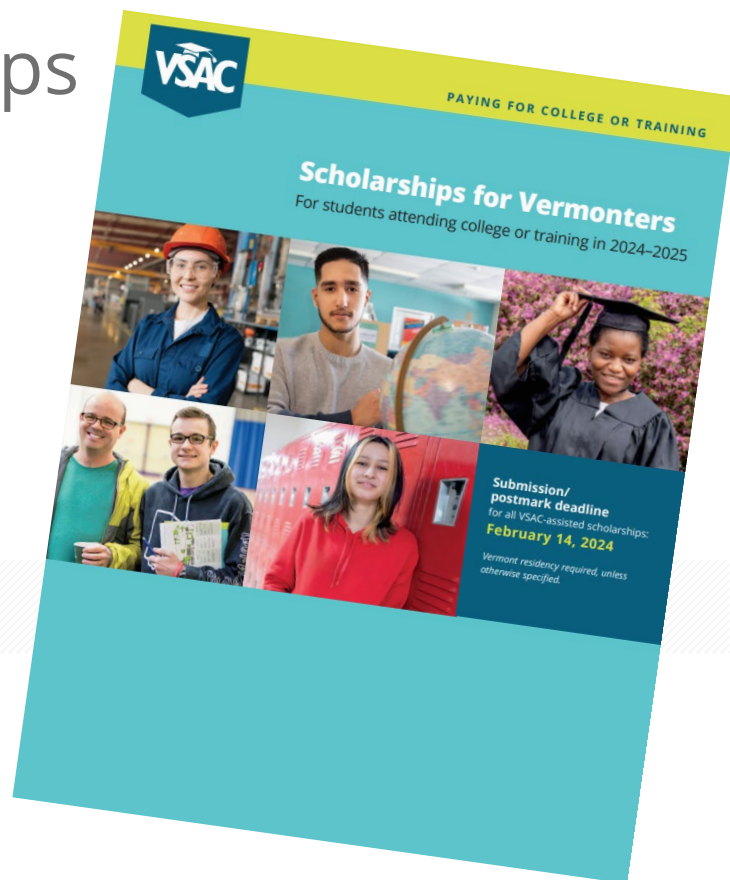
- **Remember:**
  - Meet college deadlines
  - Check with each college to learn how receiving a scholarship will affect other financial aid.



# VSAC scholarships booklet

- Read and follow instructions.
- VSAC-assisted scholarships
- Other scholarships

Available online  
& in print  
October 2024





# Focus on local sources

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- High school
- Town offices
- Employers
- Community groups



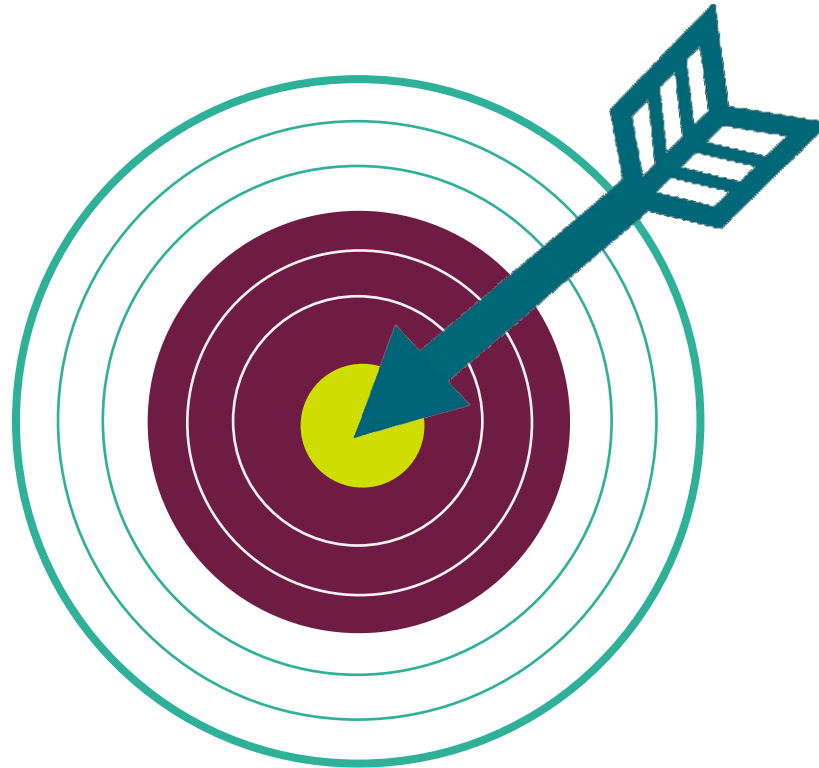
# Consider global searches

- fastweb.com
- collegeboard.org  
Big Future  
Scholarships
- raise.me
- unigo.com
- bold.org

The collage displays four different scholarship search platforms. At the top is fastweb.com, which has a dark blue header with navigation links like 'SCHOLARSHIPS', 'INTERNSHIPS', 'FAFSA', 'ONLINE LEARNING', 'STUDENT LOANS', 'STUDENT DEALS', and 'ARTICLES'. Below the header is a banner stating 'Fastweb is your connection to scholarships,'. Below that is the BigFuture logo and a search bar. The second screenshot is the BigFuture 'Scholarship Search' page, showing a navigation bar with 'Home / Pay for College / Grants & Scholarships / Scholarship Finder' and a 'Scholarship Search' heading. The third screenshot is the RaiseMe website, featuring a blue background with the text 'Find a clearer path to college, earlier' and 'Earn micro-scholarships from colleges for your achievements as early as 9<sup>th</sup> grade'. It also has a 'Sign up—it's free!' button and a 'Log In' button. The fourth screenshot is the Unigo website, which has a green header with navigation links like 'COLLEGES', 'SCHOLARSHIPS', 'EASY SCHOLARSHIPS', 'MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIPS', 'STUDENT LOANS', 'ARTICLES', 'LOG IN', and 'SIGN UP!'. Below the header is a banner for 'COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS' stating '3.6 million college scholarships and grants worth over \$23 Billion' and a 'START YOUR SEARCH' button. There are also smaller ads for AARP and a Software Development Degree.

# Types of scholarships

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# What about scams?

- May I have your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship?
- *"You're a finalist"* (in a contest you never entered).
- We'll do all the work.



# Four simple steps

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STEP 1 **Identify** eligible scholarships.

STEP 2 **Read & follow** instructions.

STEP 3 **Submit** on or before the deadline.

STEP 4 **Confirm** receipt of documents.



# Next steps

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- Selection
- Notification



# Remember . . .

## Competition-based

- Be the best applicant.

## Scholarship searches

- Consider global, but focus local.

## Be aware

- Effect of scholarships on other aid.
- Scholarship scams.



# VSAC resources

- VSAC website: [vsac.org/scholarships](https://vsac.org/scholarships)
- College & Career Pathways workshop resources: [vsac.org/ccp](https://vsac.org/ccp)



## College & Career Pathways 2023

2023 FAMILY EVENT	2023 HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS	COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING VIDEO LESSONS	ADDITIONAL RESOURCES
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Below you can find more details and resources for each of the live workshops that will be offered at the four weekday events. Click on each workshop name to find the description and resources for that session.

*Click on each green bar below for event details and additional resources.*

### Event Schedules

- ✓ Bennington College on Tuesday, February 7
- ✓ Vermont State University Lyndon Campus on Thursday, February 23
- ✓ Saint Michael's College on Thursday, March 16
- ✓ Vermont State University Castleton Campus on Wednesday, April 5

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