



SCHOLARSHIPS— Free Money

College&CareerPathways2023

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

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



Typical timeline for search

- 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

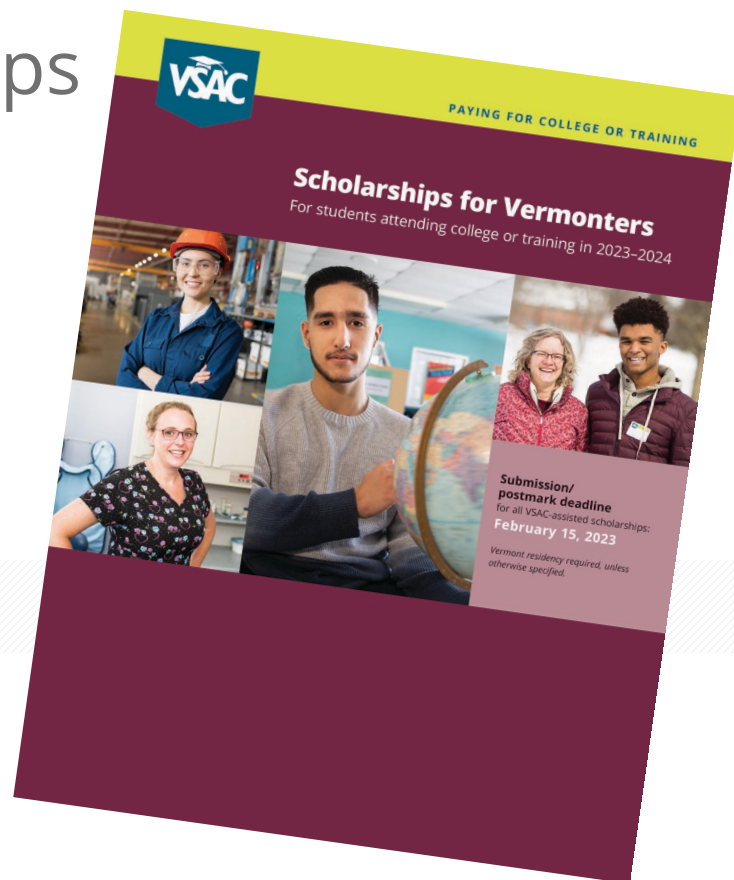
- **Remember:**
 - Meet college deadlines
 - Check with each college to learn how receiving a scholarship will affect other financial aid.



VSAC scholarships booklet

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

Available online
& in print
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Focus on local sources

- High school
- Town offices
- Employers
- Community groups

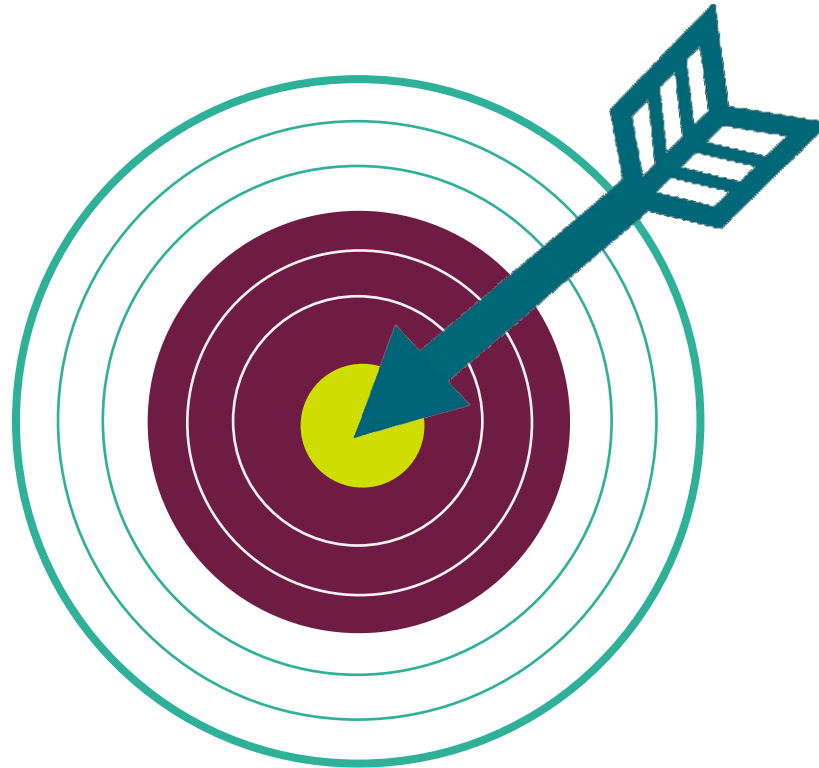


Consider global searches

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

The collage displays four prominent scholarship search platforms. At the top is fastweb.com, featuring a dark blue header with navigation links and a banner stating 'Fastweb is your connection to scholarships,'. Below it is the College Board BigFuture site, which has a white header and a 'Scholarship Search' section. The third site is RaiseMe, with a blue header and a banner encouraging users to 'Find a clearer path to college, earlier'. At the bottom is Unigo.com, which has a green header and a large teal banner at the bottom that reads 'COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS' and '3.6 million college scholarships and grants worth over \$23 Billion', with a prominent orange 'START YOUR SEARCH' button.

Types of scholarships



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

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

- 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
- College & Career Pathways workshop resources: 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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