

Applying for Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to students based on their academic record/merit, leadership ability, talent, community involvement, or financial need. Since the larger scholarships are awarded by colleges, students should apply directly to their college. Information will be on their financial aid or admissions web site. Other sources of scholarship aid are your parents' employers, labor unions, civic and religious organizations, professional associations, and other private groups. Renewable scholarships will have continuing eligibility requirements, such as maintaining a certain level of academic or athletic performance or showing evidence of continuing financial need.

Check Naviance Student for all scholarship opportunities vetted by FCPS. Go to Colleges > Scholarships & Money > Scholarship List. You can sort by several categories including: grade-level, major, leadership, and education. All the scholarships listed in the weekly Career Center News that is emailed to students and parent/guardians will also be listed in Naviance Student.

Also, look for South Lakes only scholarships, such as the SLHS Athletics and the SLHS PTSA scholarships, or the Reston Scholarship Fund, just to name a few. These will have a smaller applicant pool! Look for typeable applications either on the scholarship website, on Naviance Student, or in the Career Center.

Scholarships are either for 2- or 4-year colleges or both. Below is one of many scholarships that are offered. Stay tuned to the Career Center News and check Naviance Student scholarships weekly.

Reston Scholarship Fund - \$3,000 renewable and up to \$16,000 total- due around May 1 every year. Applicants must have a 2.75 minimum GPA, show financial need and be a South Lakes senior attending a 2-year college or technical school. Finalists are interviewed at SLHS afterschool. Application needs to be sent to the sponsor. Applications are available on line at <http://www.cfnova.org/scholarships/other-scholarships/reston-scholarship-fund> and in the Career Center.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

The following websites provide financial aid resources and information on grants and scholarships. Set up an account and you will be provided with targeted scholarships based on skills, activities, and interests listed in your profile. This is good for students from all grade levels.

The follow list includes, but is not limited to:

<http://www.fastweb.com>; <http://www.scholarsnapp.org> , <http://www.scholarships.com>;
<http://www.latinocollegedollars.org> ; Hispanic Scholarship Fund: <https://hsf.net> ;
<http://www.studentscholarships.org/newsletter.ph> ; American Indian College Fund:
<http://www.collegefund.org> ; <https://www.uncf.org/scholarships>; <http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html> ; <https://www.collegedata.com> ; <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>;
<https://petersons.com> ; <https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/> ; <http://www.aie.org/pay-for-college> ;
<http://www.schoolsoup.com> ; www.chegg.com ; www.scholarships360.org

There are many scholarship search engines but be please be aware. NEVER give payment information or your social security number. Be cautious with giving out any contact information and read through privacy policies before creating profiles. Also, make sure to keep all login information in a secure place so you don't forget!

ACADEMIC COMMON MARKET

The Academic Common Market (ACM) is a tuition-savings program that is administered by the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) and 16 member states. The arrangement allows students to pay in-state tuition rates at out-of-state public institutions while studying in select programs not available in their home state. The following states are partners - Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. States and institutions have the discretion to remove or restrict its participation and access to degree programs at any time. For more information visit:

http://www.sreb.org/page/1304/academic_common_market.html.