

Paying for College

There are various forms of financial aid. While some aid is gift aid, other forms of aid, such as student loans, must be paid back. There are many ways to find and apply for scholarships. Most colleges and universities have information specific to their school posted on their website. Below are some resources to get you started. This is not an exhaustive list, so be sure to check with the school you want to attend.

Taking the SAT or ACT (2017)

Does your university or college require test scores for admission or financial aid? You may take these tests more than once. Here are the deadlines for the fall semester. **Ask your high school counselor if you are eligible for fee waivers.**

SAT www.collegeboard.org
Fall registration deadlines
Aug 26 Nov 4
Oct 7 Dec 2

ACT www.ACT.org
Fall registration deadlines
Sep 9 Dec 9
Oct 28



Scholarship Opportunities

University of Hawaii Applications
www.uhsys.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com
www.star.hawaii.edu/scholarship
www.hilo.hawaii.edu/financialaid

Hawaii Community Foundation
www.hawaiicomunityfoundation.org

Kamehameha Schools
www.apps.ksbe.edu/financialaid

Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund
www.apiasf.org/scholarships

Gromet Foundation
www.grometfoundation.org

Search Engines

Find more opportunities by looking online.

BigFuture (College Board)
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org

Chegg
www.chegg.com/scholarships

Unigo
www.unigo.com

Scholarship Guidance
www.scholarshipguidance.com

Fastweb
www.Fastweb.com

Scholarship Application & Essay Tips

- Apply only if you are eligible.
- Start early so you have plenty of time to write & revise.
- Keep a calendar of task & deadlines for each application.
- Use a professional email address to track all your applications.
- Read prompts & follow directions carefully.
- Write about the specific rather than the general.
- Focus on the positive; even hardships teach a lesson or make you stronger.
- Avoid predictable or dogmatic answers, & don't repeat information that is available elsewhere in your application.
- Avoid over- or under-statement; accuracy & sincerity are best.
- Use only words or ideas that are familiar to you.
- Use language appropriate for an academic audience.
- Grammar, punctuation, spelling & neatness matter.
- PROOFREAD. Before submitting applications, have someone else proofread it, too.

Federal Aid & Financial Need

In order to qualify for federal financial aid, including grants and loans, and to demonstrate financial need, complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid at fafsa.gov.

FAFSA application opens October 1

Letters of Recommendation

Give your recommenders your resume, personal statement, etc., and plenty of time to write a strong letter of recommendation.

Your applications represent YOU!

Submit neat, timely, and complete applications.