

# Grants & Scholarships

*They're not just for freshman!*

Don't make the mistake of limiting your search for college funding to freshman year only. Grants and scholarships are available to students of all ages and stages of their education.

If you fear you may not graduate because of limited finances, here are some ways to find more money for school.

## How to Find Grants

The federal government, state agencies, and colleges generally award grants based on financial need. You may not need to repay this type of financial aid award.

### Federal Grants

Research available federal grant opportunities from the federal government and learn how to apply by visiting [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

### State Grants

**Contact your state agency** that focuses on education. They can tell you about the grants available in your state.

### Campus-Based Grants

Contact your school for additional information on receiving a grant.

## How to Find Scholarships

Scholarships are available for various reasons, including high achievement in academics, athletics, music, and art. You usually don't need to repay this financial aid award.

### Try Fastweb's Free Scholarship Search

Fastweb is a **free** scholarship search platform that connects students to college scholarships, trade school scholarships, and financial aid tools. You must register and sign in to use this service, which matches you to scholarship opportunities based on your activities and interests.

Visit [FastWeb.com](https://fastweb.com) to get started.

**TIP:** Be wary of potential scholarship scams. You shouldn't have to pay anything to apply for a scholarship.