



# SCHOLARSHIPS— Free Money

College & Career Pathways 2025

# 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.

My parent makes  
too much money.

I'm not athletic.

I haven't chosen  
a major yet.

# Three keys to success

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**Communication**

**Eligibility  
requirements**

**Competition**

# 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

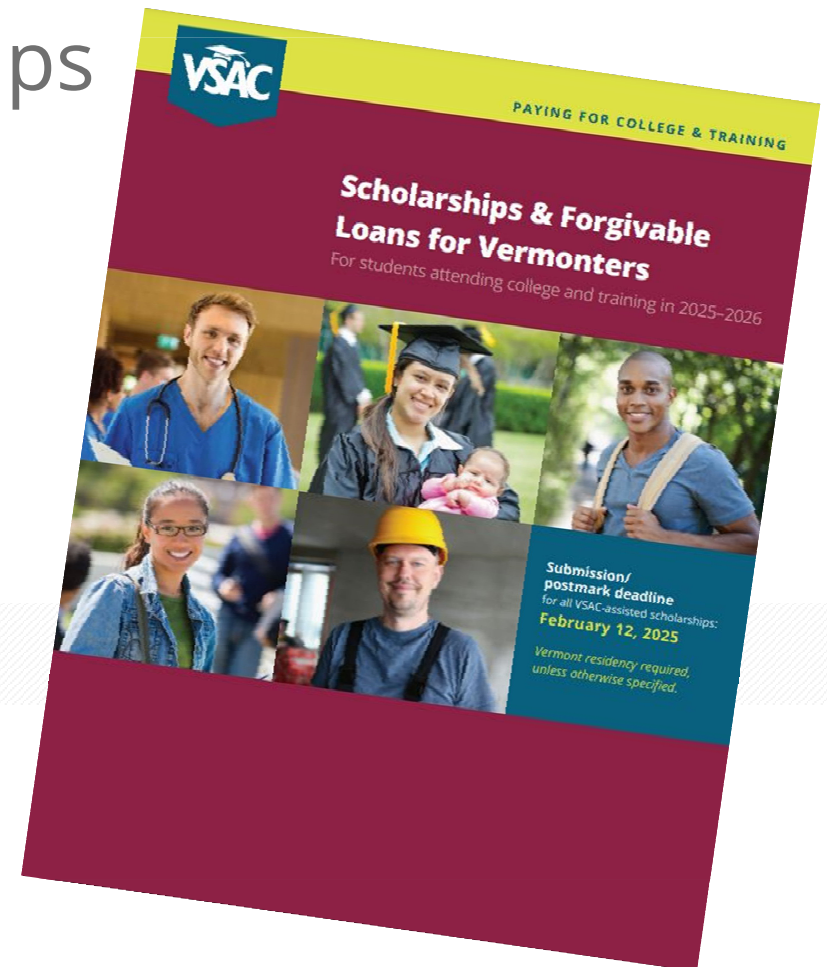
- **Remember:**
  - Meet college deadlines
  - Check with each college to learn how receiving a scholarship will affect other financial aid.



# VSAC scholarships booklet

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

Available online  
& in print  
October 2025





# 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 screenshot shows the fastweb.com website with a navigation bar containing links for SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, FAFSA, ONLINE LEARNING, STUDENT LOANS, STUDENT DEALS, and ARTICLES. A search bar is visible with a 'Sign In' button and a search icon. The main content area features a 'BigFuture' section with a 'Scholarship Search' heading and a breadcrumb trail: Home / Pay for College / Grants & Scholarships / Scholarship Finder.

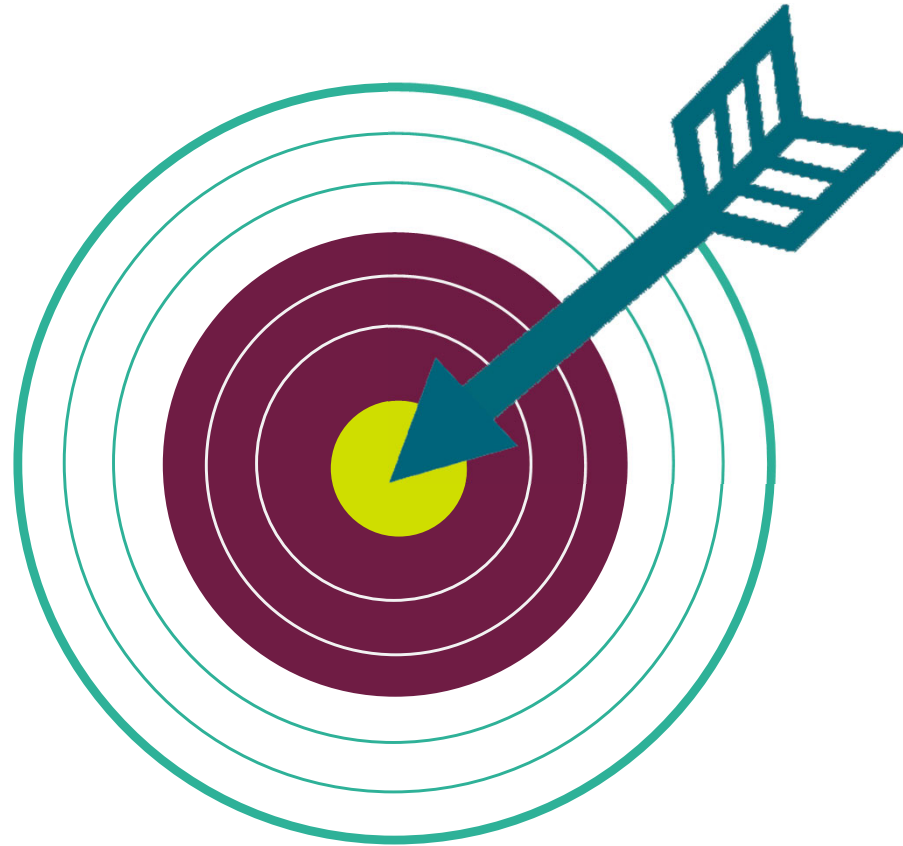
The screenshot shows the RaiseMe website with a navigation bar containing links for How it Works, Students, Educators, and Resources. A 'Sign up—it's free!' banner is prominent, along with a 'Log In' and 'Sign Up' button. A form for 'I'm a Student' is visible.

The screenshot shows the UNIGO website with a navigation bar containing links for COLLEGES, SCHOLARSHIPS, EASY SCHOLARSHIPS, MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT LOANS, ARTICLES, and LOG IN. A 'SIGN UP!' button is visible. Below the navigation bar, there are two promotional banners: one for AARP offering a 25% discount on AARP membership, and another for WGU offering a Software Development Degree.

The screenshot shows a large banner for COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS with the text '3.6 million college scholarships and grants worth over \$23 Billion' and a 'START YOUR SEARCH' button with a right-pointing arrow.

# 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)

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2025 FAMILY EVENT | **2025 HIGH SCHOOL EVENTS** | COLLEGE & CAREER PLANNING VIDEO LESSONS | ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Below you can find more details and resources for each of the live workshops that will be offered at the 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**

- ✓ [Landmark College on Thursday, March 13](#)
- ✓ [Saint Michael's College on Thursday, March 20](#)
- ✓ [Vermont State University Lyndon Campus on Monday, April 7](#)
- ✓ [Vermont State University Castleton Campus on Wednesday, April 9](#)

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