



Department of Guidance and Counseling

SCHOLARSHIPS 101

Scholarship categories, how to identify trustworthy search engines, options for applying and techniques to stand out.

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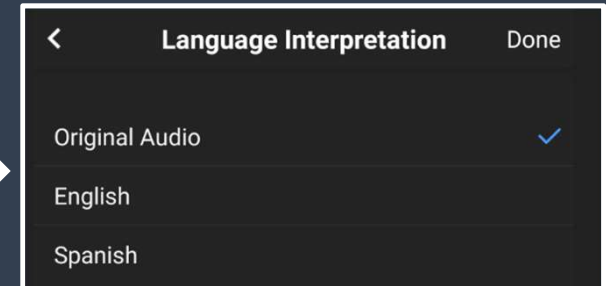
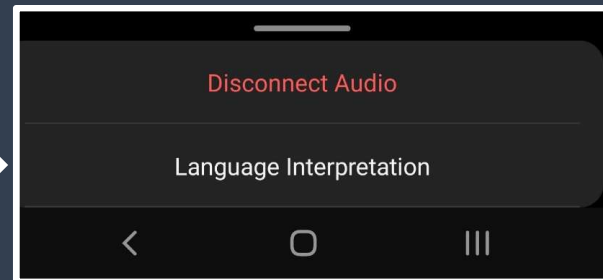
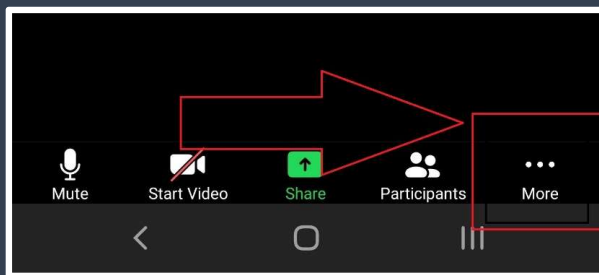
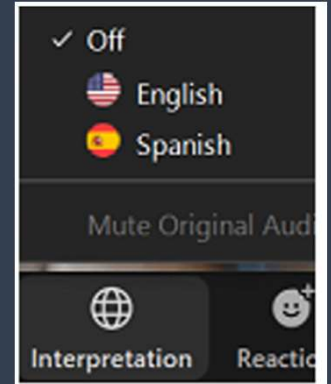
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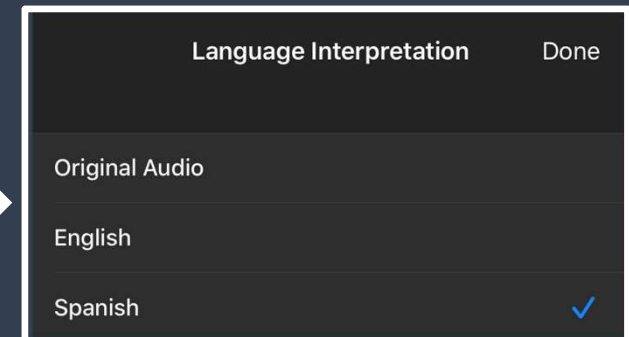
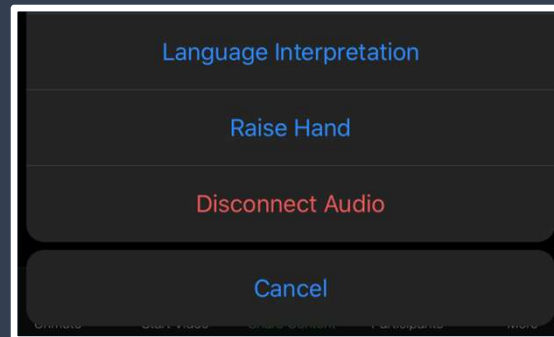
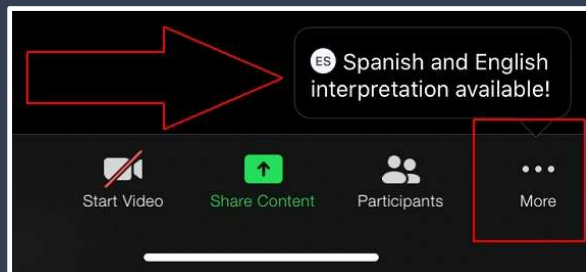
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Scholarships Defined



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Engines, Avoiding
Scams, Scholarship
Opportunities



Questions



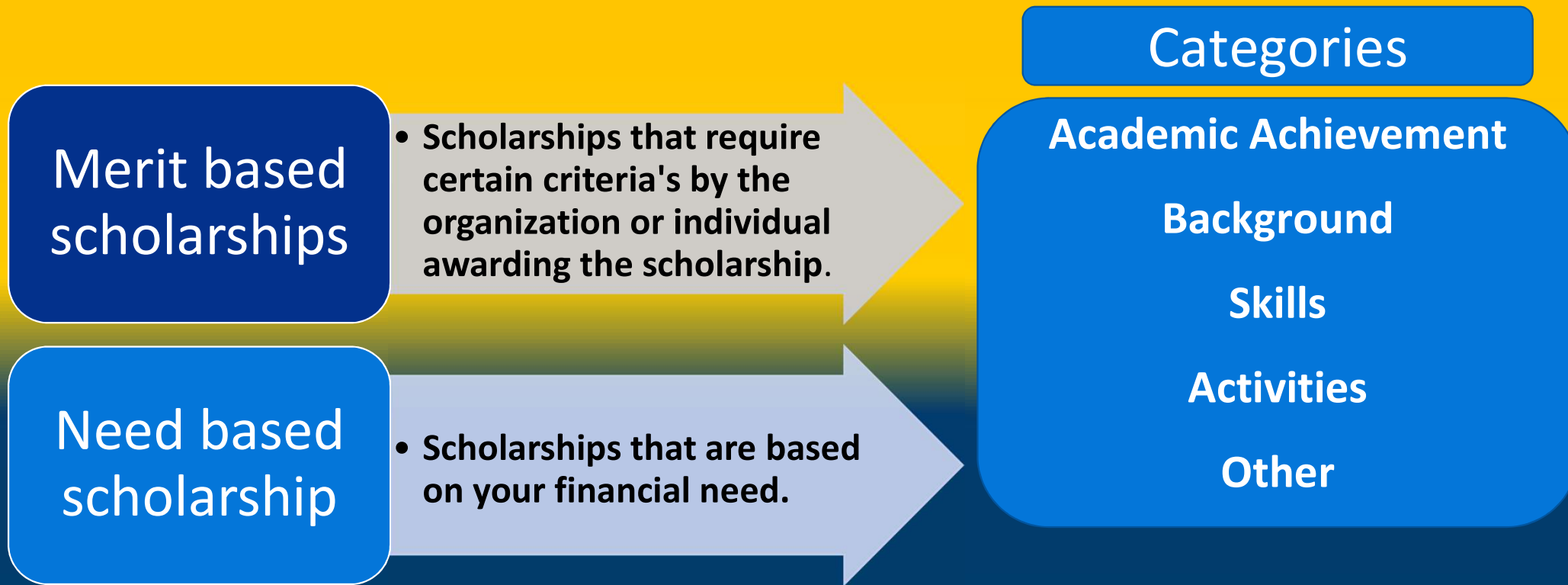
When to Start Your
Scholarship Search



The Scholarship
Application & Ways to
Stand out



Scholarships are moneys that do not have to be repaid.



Trivia Question

What are Scholarships?

- A. Money you borrow to help pay for college.
- B. Free money awarded based on academic, financial need and/or other achievements to help pay for college.
- C. Loans that are awarded based on your academic, financial need and/or other achievements to help pay for college.
- D. Free money awarded based solely on academic achievement to help pay for college.



WHEN CAN I START THE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH?

ELEMENTARY/ MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Due to privacy laws (COPPA) web sites avoid posting scholarship information for students 13 and younger, but there are [scholarships](#) available to elementary and middle school students.

The Texas Match The Promise Foundation

- Students in Grades 5-9 can participate in the Match the Promise Scholarship.
- It offers competitive matching scholarships and tuition grants for students who are beneficiaries of a Texas Tuition Promise Fund.

* For more Information:

<https://comptroller.texas.gov/programs/education/match/scholarship-types.php>

WHEN CAN I START THE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH?

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

- Most scholarship websites allow you to begin your search as early as freshman year.
- Underclassmen can look for microscholarships.
- Example: doing volunteer work, getting good grades, participating in extracurricular activities.
- [Website: Raise.me](#)

Where can I find Scholarships?



Local Resources



Colleges & Universities Website



Trivia Question

What is a Lottery Scholarship?

- C) Lottery Scholarships are chosen at random, meaning every student who applies has an equal chance of winning.**
- A) Lottery scholarships select a winner based on their academic qualities including academic excellence.
 - B) Lottery scholarships select a winner based on their financial need.
 - C) Lottery scholarships select a winner at random.
 - D) Lottery scholarships Select a winner based on a scratch off method.

How to Recognize Scholarship Scams

- **If the service is asking for money to help find you money for college or career School.**
 - **Common Language include:**
 - “This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back.”
 - “I’ve got aid for you: give me your credit card or bank account number.”
 - “We will do all the work.”
 - “Millions of dollars in scholarships go unclaimed each year.”

Trivia Question

True or False

You should pay for scholarship search assistance if they guarantee your money back after failing to find you scholarships.

- A. True
- B. False



Scholarship Opportunities

- **Major Scholarship Opportunities**
 - **Jack Kent Cooke Foundation College Scholarship Program**
 - This program is available to high-achieving high school seniors with financial need who seek to attend and graduate from selective four-year colleges and universities.
 - **Coca-Cola Scholarship**
 - The program supports students who excel academically and are actively involved in their schools. Other requirements apply.
 - **The Gates Scholarship**
 - It is a highly selective, last-dollar scholarship for outstanding, minority, high school seniors from low-income households.
 - **Dell Scholars Program**
 - This program focuses on low income highly motivated students who demonstrate a desire and ability to overcome barriers and achieve their goals.

Scholarship Opportunities Cont'd

- **Major Scholarship Opportunities**

- **The College Board Opportunity Scholarship**

- This program guides students through the applying to college process. If students complete all 6 scholarship steps, they will be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship.

- **Major Scholarship Funds**

- **United Negro College Fund**

- UMCF is the nation's largest private scholarship provider to minority-group members. It also manages a variety of scholarship programs. Requirements varies depending on scholarship.

- **Hispanic Scholarship Fund**

- HSF seeks to equip Hispanic families with the knowledge and resources to successfully complete a higher education while providing scholarships and support to as many outstanding Hispanic American students as possible.

- **The Terry Foundation**

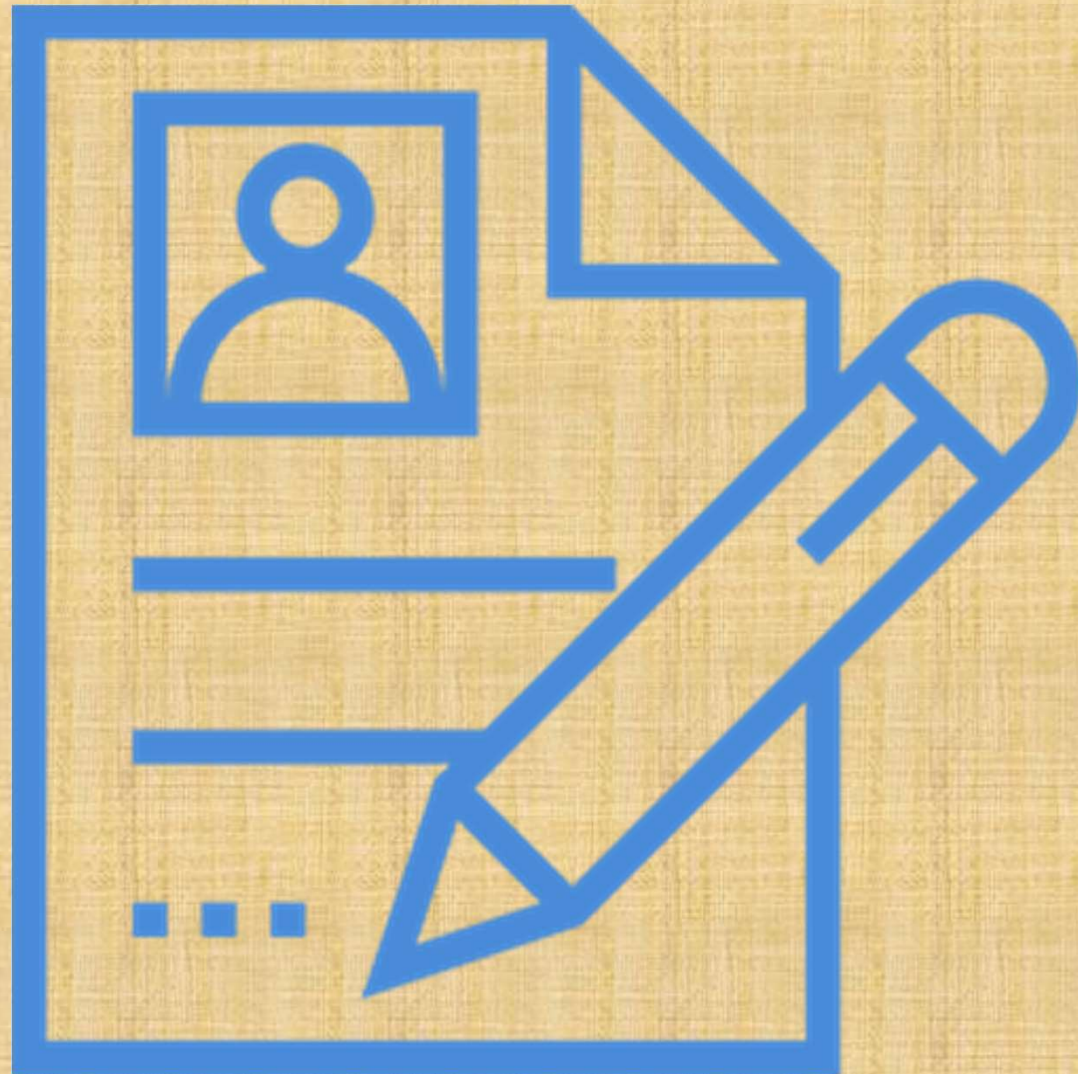
- Seeks to develop future leaders of Texas through access to education. It is awarded to Texas high school seniors who have been accepted for admission to one of the Terry-affiliated public universities in Texas. Requirements and deadlines differ depending on affiliated institution.

Scholarship Opportunities Cont'd

- **Major Scholarship Fund**
 - **Horatio Alger Association**
 - These need-based college Scholarships help deserving students overcome adversity and pursue their dreams through higher education. (national, targeted, career and technical, state scholarships)
- **Scholarship Resources for Undocumented Students**
 - **Golden Door Scholars**- provides scholarship opportunities for undocumented students.
 - **MALDEF**- provides an extensive list of scholarships, including many that do not inquire about immigration status.
 - **THEDREAM.US**- is the nation's largest college access and success program for DREAMers.
 - **College Greenlight**- in addition to providing scholarship opportunities for citizens, it provide scholarship information for undocumented students.

Scholarship Opportunities Cont'd

- One time award vs. reoccurring award
 - **One time award** = the student will receive the scholarship 1 time.
 - **Reoccurring award** = the student will receive the award annually.
- Automatically considered vs. scholarship application vs. additional scholarship application.
 - **Automatically considered** = There is no separate scholarship application
 - **Additional scholarship application** = completing additional forms that require submission.
 - **Scholarship application** = Complete separate application to be considered for the scholarship.



Application Materials

- **High School transcript**
- **Standardized test scores**
- **Financial aid forms such as the FAFSA or CSS Profile**
- **Parents' financial information, including tax returns**
- **One or more essays**
- **One or more letters of recommendation**
- **A small photo**
- **Proof of Eligibility for Scholarship (proof of membership in a group)**
- **Resume and/or brag sheet**

Ways to Stand Out

- **Draft a good resume to show volunteer, leadership, extracurricular and work experience.**
- **Be aware of your online presence.**
- **Make sure you fit the criteria.**
- **Read the directions carefully.**
- **Do your research.**
- **Don't be afraid to let yourself shine.**
- **Go the Extra mile.**
- **Get your letters of recommendation ready.**
- **Have someone else review your application.**

Don't Forget:

Our district loves to acknowledge students who work hard and receive scholarships so please make sure to provide your counselors with proof of scholarship awards. Speak with your individual campuses on how they would like for you to submit this information.



Announcements:

- **December 1 Financial Aid/scholarship Deadline**
- **GenTx Week of Events: Military Round Table Nov. 18th**
 - Register here: English- <https://conta.cc/2ZD8mTO> Spanish- <https://conta.cc/32utqxA>
- **Certifications and Technical Programs Nov. 19th**
 - Register here: English- <https://conta.cc/2ZERxYC> Spanish- <https://conta.cc/35BdBal>

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