Paying for College

A Path to Financial Stability
Ways to Pay for College

• YOU (family, savings, job)
• Loans
• Grants (e.g. Pell)
• Federal Work Study
• Student Worker
• SCHOLARSHIPS
Types of Scholarships

• Merit based (GPA, service)
• Need based (SES)
• Special Population
  • Demographic (race/ethnicity, gender, parent, left-handed)
  • Field of Study
  • Family relationship
• Promotional (Milk Moustache)
Where to Look for Scholarships

- Maricopa Community Colleges Foundation [https://mcccdf.org](https://mcccdf.org)
- GateWay’s Scholarships [http://www.gatewaycc.edu/financial-aid](http://www.gatewaycc.edu/financial-aid)
- Fastweb [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- Scholarships [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- College Success Arizona [collegesuccessarizona.org](http://collegesuccessarizona.org)
- Hispanic Scholarship Fund [www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)
- UNCF [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)
- Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund [www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org)
- Jack Kent Cooke [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org)
When Applying for a Scholarship...

- **Read the criteria** – do you qualify?
- **Deadline** - know when it’s due!
- **What is needed to complete the application?**
  - Transcript?
  - Letter of recommendation?
- **If there is an essay**
  - Be clear on essay focus
  - Make meaningful connections between the focus and YOU
  - Use specific examples
  - Length/word count
  - PROOFREAD
Scholarship Essay Examples

*How have you been a leader or displayed leadership skills?*

**Bad Example:**

- *I am a leader through my volunteerism for HOPE.*

**Good Example:**

- *At GWCC, I am an engaged member of the student club for volunteerism, HOPE. During the holidays, I organized a toy drive for ACME Kid’s who has over 150 youth in their afterschool program. To maximize impact, I collaborated with REACH, a local non-profit organization. We met to establish a clear goal and action plan. Through effective communication, flexibility and commitment, HOPE and REACH raised over 500 toys to give ACME Kid’s. Organizing the toy drive, I developed necessary leadership skills not only to meet our goal, but to set and achieve greater goals in the future.*
Scholarship Assignment

• Discussion Board
  • Find Scholarship
  • Apply for Scholarship
  • Share scholarship