

## Looking for Scholarships

#### Financing Your Education

**Anderson High School** 



### **Financial Aid Basics**

- Scholarships
- Grants
- Loans
- Work-Study

Merit-based vs. Need-based aid

### **Financial Aid Process**

- Students apply to a college or university (or a few)
- 2. Students **complete the FAFSA** (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*). You can send up to 10 schools.
- 3. FAFSA (the federal government) determines your SAR (Student Aid Report) & your EFC (Expected Family Contribution)
- 4. The student's **SAR & EFC** and information in your FAFSA is reported to the schools to which you applied
- 5. **Schools use** your **FAFSA** info along with **their COA** (*Cost of Attendance*) and other options to build the student's financial award offer
- 6. Students and families **accept** or **deny** the offers from schools
- 5. Students make the FINANCIAL AID OFFICE a place of contact!

## TASFA

- The TASFA is available for Texas residents who cannot complete the FAFSA due to citizenship and SS# issues but want to apply for state aid programs.
  - DACA Recipients and non US Residents or Citizens
  - Students are eligible for financial aid from the state government only
  - First come first serve
  - Need to Request 2018 Tax Transcript
- Check with the institution to determine which form to use
  - Paper copy FAFSA
  - Paper copy TASFA
  - www.collegeforalltexans.com

## Military

- Military/Veterans Legacy Funding for Dependents
- Veteran tuition programs
  - https://www.tvc.texas.gov/
  - Hazlewood Act application
    - https://www.tvc.texas.gov/education/hazlewoo d-act/

# Scholarships Merit-based financial aid

- Common types of scholarships
  - Academic/Departmental
    - University
      - Merit: automatic, nomination, separate application
    - Companies
    - Churches
  - Athletic
  - Performance, e.g. Music, Theatre
  - Do your research
    - Deadlines
    - Requirements
    - Free scholarship searches
    - Beware of scholarship scams

## **Example Automatic**

#### Texas - New Arkansan NRTA

 The NRTA scholarship covers the majority of the difference between out-of-state tuition and instate tuition and is automatically granted to eligible degree-seeking students

#### Awara Amount

New Freshmen

Transfer Students

Award Amount	Eligibility Criteria
90%	3.60 GPA and 28 ACT / 1310 SAT
80%	3.40 GPA and 26 ACT / 1240 SAT
70%	3.20 GPA and 24 ACT / 1160 SAT

# Does scholarship need counselor nomination

#### University of Dayton:

Simply <u>nominate</u> graduating seniors with a passion for personal development and a commitment to service to receive a \$10,000 <u>Leadership in Service scholarship</u> (\$2,500 per year for four years). While the chosen students need to meet our admission standards, we are looking for students with an innate desire to learn and grow in service to others — not necessarily ones with the highest GPA.

## How

- Find the scholarship and ask yourself:
  - First, are they looking for me?
  - Second, am I willing to do what they are asking?
- Print the information and decide when to work on them:
  - Read the information from beginning to end
    - Highlight the important stuff
- Complete the application
  - Keep your information in a folder or binder
  - Make copies
  - Remember quality counts

# Scholarship Application Process

- What Establishes a Completed Application
  - Application completed
    - Be concise and answer all question
    - Be neat
  - Letters of Recommendation
    - Unless there is a limit, send 2-3
    - Make copies
  - Transcript
  - Essay
  - Resume
  - Interview
    - If an interview is require, dress appropriately

### Before You Submit

- Make sure you have all requested information
- Read directions thoroughly and make sure you have followed them
- Make sure everything you submit is clear, concise and positive
- Observe priority deadlines check with colleges/universities you are applying to

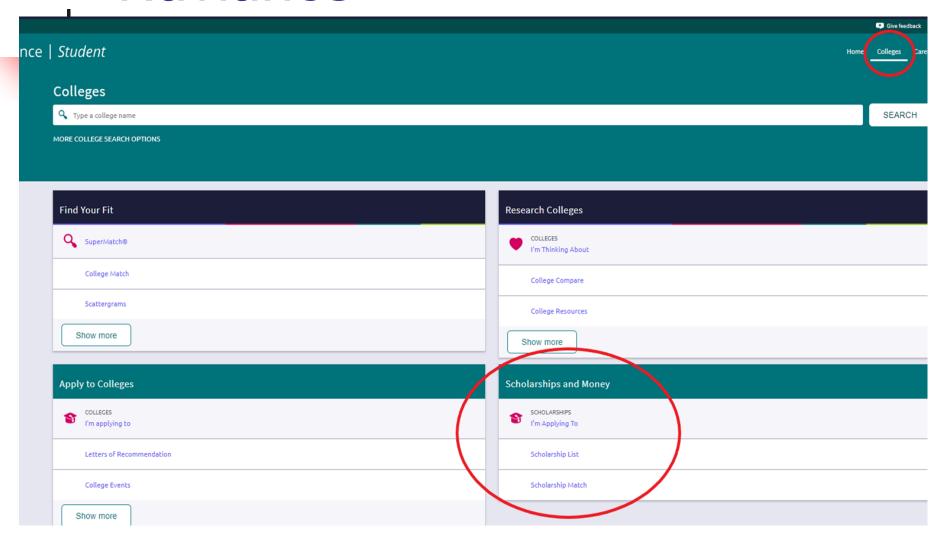
## Tpp ways NOT to get a scholarship

- Missing the deadline
- Waiting until the last minute
- Writing a Ho-Hum essay
- Failing to follow the instructions
- Not keeping up with your grades
- Not preparing for your interview

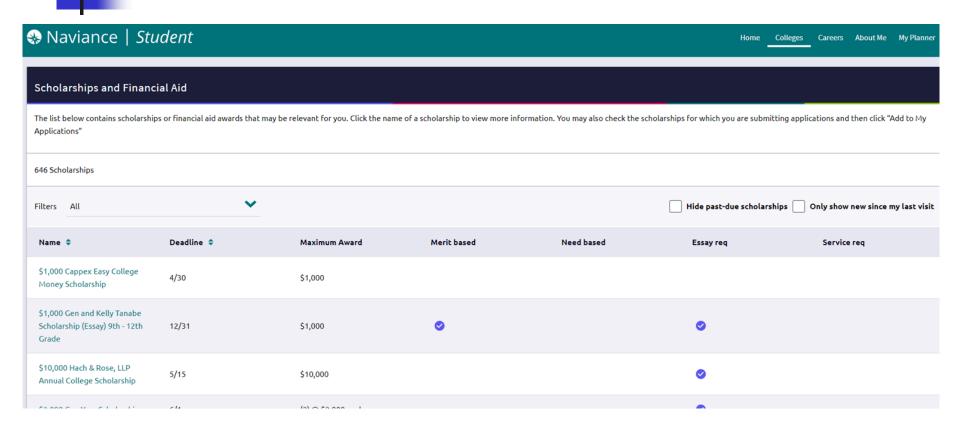
### **Useful Information Sites**

- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.scholarshipsforhispanics.org
- Search scholarships at <u>bigfuture</u> by The College Board
- Don't forget about scholarship search in Naviance located under Colleges tab! A lot of the local and regional awards go unclaimed because students don't apply.

### **Naviance**







## Examples of a scholarships

- A+scholarship
- https://aplusfcu.org/scholarships
- 1,000 Cappex Easy College Money Scholarship <a href="https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/">https://www.cappex.com/scholarships/</a>
- Don't mess with Texas
  - http://www.dmwtscholarship.org/

# Questions