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Scholarship Opportunities

Understanding the possibilities...

Counseling Department

Ballston Spa Central School District

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Who is awarded Scholarships?

While GPA, class rank and test scores are important, scholarships are most often awarded to students who are also involved in school and community activities. Scholarship committees look for involvement in meaningful activities and for depth of commitment in these activities.

What kind of Scholarships are available?

- **National:** (i.e. Coca-Cola, Toyota)
- **State:** (i.e. New York State Lottery)
- **Regional:** (i.e. Golub Corporation, Capital District Counseling Association)
- **Affiliations:** (i.e. CSEA, Capital Communications Federal Credit Union, Military)
- **Local:** (i.e. Local Community Scholarships)
- **College/University:** (i.e. Merit Based)

Where do I find Scholarship Opportunities?

Scholarship Search Engines are free to register

www.fastweb.com - Scholarship search engine. Over 1.3 million scholarships are available to apply for on the Web site.

www.schoolsoup.com - SchoolSoup has the largest scholarship database in the world. The search engine will find scholarships that match your interests and profile by searching through \$32 billion worth of scholarships. Scholarships with the best matches are listed first.

www.scholarshipexperts.com

This database has 2.4 million scholarships available

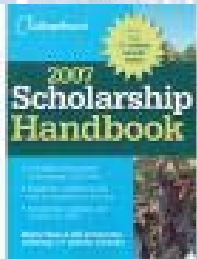
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Additional *Free* Scholarship Websites:

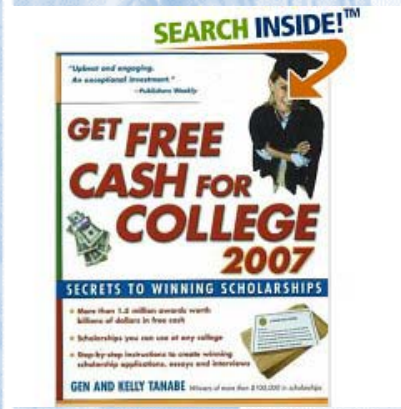
- www.petersons.com – The Peterson site is sponsored by Thomson Publications, a major publisher of educational materials.
- www.ja.org – Sponsored by the Junior Achievement organization. 8,000 private scholarship programs.
- www.scholarships.com - 2.7 million scholarships & grants.
- www.brokescholar.com - BrokeScholar, the home of 650,000 scholarship award listings.
- www.scholarshipexperts.com - Get unlimited access to our scholarship database of 2.4 million scholarships.

Reference Books

Many Scholarship Reference Books are available
Examples include...



- College Blue Book 33 6 Vol. Set Publishing MacMillan, Manufactured by Macmillan Publishing, Hardcover - **33RD, Edition.**
- College Board Scholarship Handbook 2007. Author: **College Board.** Edition: 10th. Format: Paperback. Publisher: Henry Holt & Co.
- Get Free Cash for College 2007 by Tanabe, Kelly & Tanabe, Gen ISBN: 1932662162.



School Guidance Department

- A wide variety of Scholarships are posted through guidance offices and updated regularly.
- Check with your School Counselor often.



Where else should I look for Scholarships?



- Religious Organizations
- Clubs and Organizations you are affiliated with
- Library
- Local Newspapers



Organization is Key



- *Compile* appropriate information (transcript, resume, letters of recommendation, etc.)
- *Understand* the organization that is granting the scholarship
- *Write* effective and compelling essays – triple check edit and look for typos...
- Make sure applications are *complete* – *Don't leave blanks.*
- *Assemble* the application in order – Neatness counts...
- *Copy* the application prior to sending
- Adhere to *deadlines*

Scholarships

- Start Early - Prioritize
- Compile the application – including letters of recommendation
- Commit to the time it takes
- Stay Organized
- Neatness Counts – Proofread
- Meet the Deadlines
- Be awarded the Scholarship!
- It's that easy!

