

# SCHOLARSHIPS & HOW TO APPLY



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Elizabeth Student Scholarships

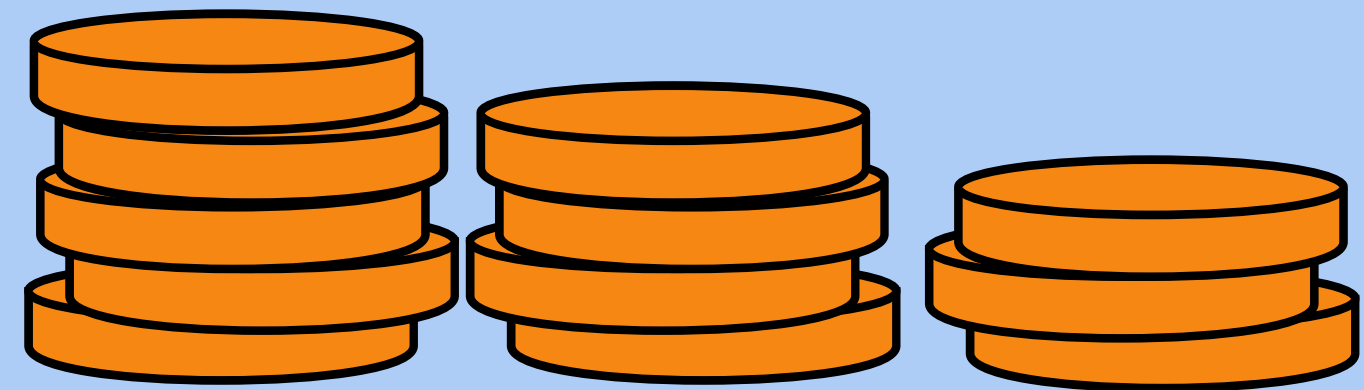
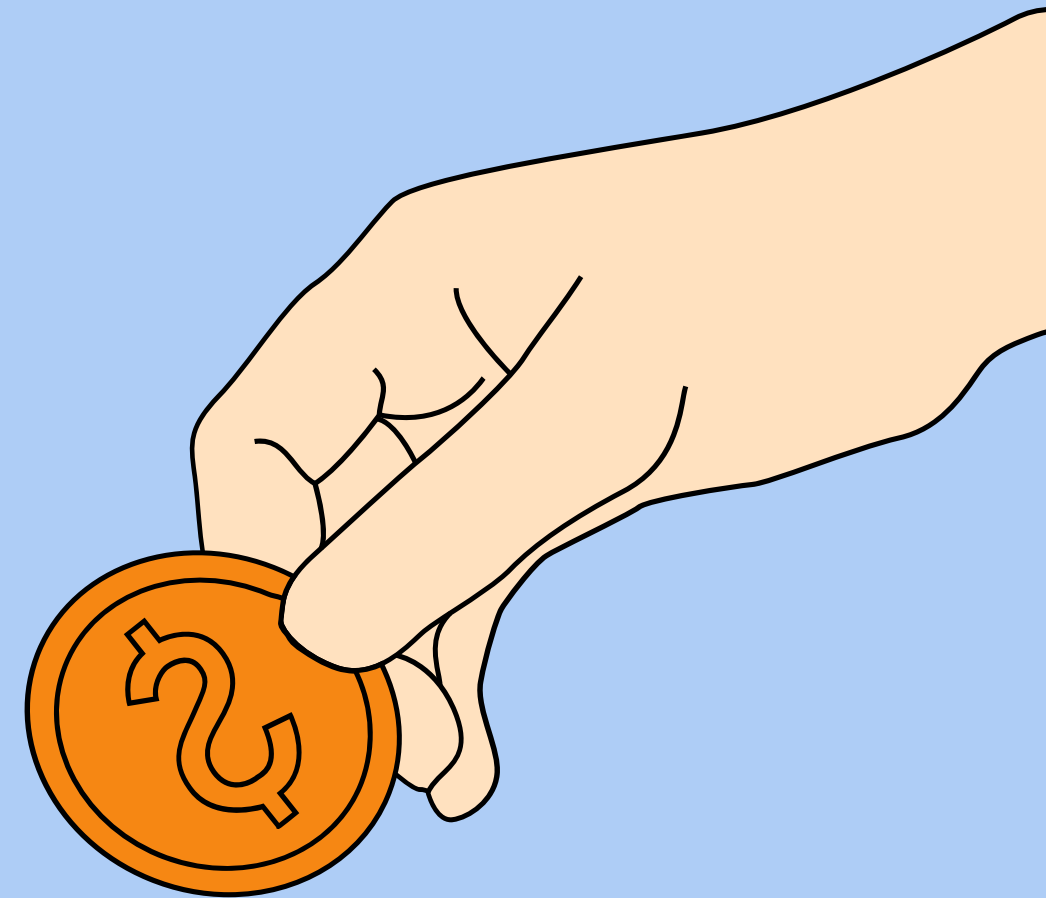
# Why Applying for Scholarships is Important & Maximizing Aid



- Reduce Student Debt – Scholarships help minimize the need for loans
- More Opportunities – Increases access to higher education
- Recognizes Your Achievements – Awards based on merit, leadership, or community service
- Maximizing Aid:
  - Apply for multiple scholarships to increase chances of funding
  - Combine scholarships with federal/state financial aid
  - Maintain eligibility by meeting GPA and requirement criteria
  - Seek renewal scholarships to sustain funding each year

# Where to Find Scholarships

- Going Merry ([www.goingmerry.com](http://www.goingmerry.com))
  - Scholarship search platform for NJ students
- Fastweb ([www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com))
  - National database with filters for NJ-based awards
- Scholarships.com ([www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com))
  - Comprehensive scholarship search engine
- Cappex ([www.cappex.com](http://www.cappex.com))
  - Matches students with scholarships based on their profiles
- Community Foundations
  - Local scholarships (e.g., Community Foundation of NJ)
- High School Guidance Office
  - Many schools have exclusive local scholarships
- College Financial Aid Offices
  - Many colleges offer institutional scholarships
- Professional Organizations & Unions
  - Many industry groups offer scholarships for students pursuing related careers



# More Scholarship Resources

- Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF) ([www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net))
  - Merit-based awards for Hispanic students
- MALDEF ([www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org))
  - Offers resources and scholarships for undocumented students
- Latino Action Network Foundation Scholarship ([www.lanfnj.org](http://www.lanfnj.org))
  - NJ-based award for Latino students
- Esperanza Scholarship Fund ([www.esperanzafund.org](http://www.esperanzafund.org))
  - For first-generation Hispanic students
- Ron Brown Scholar Program ([www.ronbrown.org](http://www.ronbrown.org))
  - National, merit-based scholarships for Black students
- United Negro College Fund (UNCF) ([www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org))
  - Multiple scholarships for Black students
- National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Scholarships ([www.naACP.org](http://www.naACP.org))
  - Various awards for academic and leadership excellence
- New Jersey Black Issues Convention (NJBIC) Scholarship ([www.njbic.org](http://www.njbic.org))
  - NJ-based scholarship for Black students
- TheDream.US Scholarship ([www.thedream.us](http://www.thedream.us))
  - Provides funding for undocumented students
- Golden Door Scholars ([www.goldendoorscholars.org](http://www.goldendoorscholars.org))
  - Scholarships for DACA and undocumented students
- New Jersey Tuition Equity Program
  - Allows some undocumented students to pay in-state tuition and access state financial aid

