

**Attention: Juniors**  
**Have you started your scholarship search?**

It takes time to conduct a successful scholarship search, but it is well worth the effort when you are awarded a scholarship to help fund your higher education.

- Check with local organizations within your community including churches, community groups, fraternal organizations, clubs, and employers.
- Ask your parents to check with groups with which they are affiliated and with employers.
- Consult with your high school counselor.
- Consider electronic scholarship searches. You can begin by searching for scholarships at [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org).
- Don't fall for scholarship scams. Be wary of organizations that require you to pay a fee in order to find scholarships. For further information, go to [www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml).

**Attention: Sophomores**  
**Have you started thinking about how you'll fund your college education?**

- To improve your chances of obtaining scholarships, you need to plan ahead.
- Complete a rigorous high school curriculum. Talk to your high school counselor about coursework required to be designated as a State of Kansas Scholar.
- Get involved in extra-curricular activities and assume leadership roles.
- Work hard in school – grades are an important factor in earning scholarships.
- Take the ACT your junior and senior year to get the best possible score. Consider ACT preparatory classes.
- Begin searching for scholarships during your Junior year.