



# APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

## ABOUT

Find and apply for as many scholarships as you can, it's free money for college or vocational schooling. There are thousands of scholarships offered and they do not need to be repaid.

## HOW TO FIND SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit scholarship research engines such as: Bigfuture, Fastweb, scholarships.com, studentscholarships.org, etc. You may also search the financial aid/scholarships office (online or in person) at the college/university you plan to attend. Here at RSJHS, you can find scholarship information at: the scholarship binder located inside the counseling department and the RSJ scholarship google classroom.

## TYPES OF SCHOLARSHIPS

There are scholarships for all types of students. Scholarship requirements can be based on any of the following: merit, community service, sports, financial need, heritage, religious affiliation, employer, school alumni, talent, future study, career interest, etc.

## WHEN AND HOW TO APPLY

Every scholarship will have its own application deadline and requirements so be sure to stay on top of this information. The scholarship's website or application will tell you who qualifies, how to apply and important deadlines.

## COMMON APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Be prepared, most scholarships require students to submit the following: completed application form, essay response or resume and at least one letter of recommendation.

## LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

You will need to request letters of recommendation for your scholarship applications. Give your recommender (teacher, counselor, coach, advisor/mentor) at least a 2-3 week advance notice to ensure the best possible recommendation. Be prepared to provide your recommender with a completed questionnaire with necessary personal information and accomplishments.

## FAFSA/CADAA

Many scholarship applications require that you submit the FAFSA/CADAA application, especially those based on financial need.

## WHEN/IF YOU WIN A SCHOLARSHIP

Congratulations! If you are chosen as a scholarship recipient, bring a copy of your award letter to your counselor. The scholarship will be added to our senior awards list to recognize you at our Senior Awards Night.