

# Resources to Fund Your College Education

## Fafsa.gov

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, commonly known as the FAFSA is the key application to determine college financial aid. Filling it out unlocks access to federal aid and many institutions also use this form to determine their own need-based financial aid awards. Use FAFSA4caster to see how federal student aid can help you pay for college. Pay attention to the deadlines! There are federal and state deadlines, and your colleges may also have a deadline. Deadline for D.C. residents is May 1, 2018

## DCTAG

To apply for DCTAG (**DC Tuition Assistance Grant**) <https://osse.dc.gov/dctag> residents must use the DC OneApp, an online application college-bound District residents use to apply for funding from the District of Columbia's Tuition Assistance Grant (DCTAG). The DCTAG expands higher education choices for District residents by providing grants of up to \$10,000 toward the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition at public colleges and universities (two-year and four-year) throughout the US, Guam and Puerto Rico. DCTAG also provides up to \$2,500 per academic year toward tuition at private colleges in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) nationwide. All public institutions, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), and private nonprofit colleges and universities within the Washington Metropolitan area are eligible to participate in the DCTAG. Complete the DC OneApp and submit supporting documents by May 31, 2018 for priority consideration.

## FinAid.org

It's the first stop on the web for students looking for ways to finance their education. It is a comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools. Loans, scholarships, calculators, and information on ways to save and fund your college education

## Fastweb.com

Fastweb.com is a website that focuses on scholarships, internships, and career advice. It's considered to be one of the best sites on the web for finding scholarships to help pay for college. They also have a great internship job search, which is another way to boost your skills (and income) while in school.

## Edvisors.com

Edvisors is another great resource on planning for college. They have a focus on financial planning, but cover financial aid advice, student loans, scholarships, and more. They are a leader in figuring out the best ways to plan and pay for college. They also maintain resources on borrowing money for college and repaying your student loans.

## Scholarshipowl.com

ScholarshipOwl is an innovative platform designed to dramatically speed up the scholarship application time by providing direct access to the scholarships you need the most. They'll match you with the award opportunities that best match your personality, grades, lifestyle, and more. Once you've narrowed down your options, they'll take the information from your initial application and put it into the appropriate places on the scholarships of your choice.

## Collegeboard.org

Collegeboard covers college planning and it also has an arm that focuses on scholarships called Big Future, <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college>. There is a huge database of scholarships on the website, so it is critical to fill out as many details as you can in the profile that is used for searching.