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SELF-GUIDED SCHOLARSHIP LESSON



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Introduction

The scholarship application process can seem intimidating and scary, but it really is simple and can be a lot of fun.

Scholarships vs. Loans



A **scholarship** is a grant of financial aid awarded to a student for the purpose of attending a college.

In other words: Money for college that **DOES NOT** need to be paid back!



A **loan** is a form of financial assistance which is offered to college students.

In other words: Money for college that **DOES** need to be paid back.



- *A scholarship should also always be free to apply for. If a website tries to charge you, don't use it!*
- *Always pay attention to a scholarship's deadline! If you're late, you won't get the scholarship!*

SCHOLARSHIPS



Types

There are many kinds of scholarships! Such as



Academic

Scholarships awarded based on your grades and test scores.



Skills-based

Scholarships awarded for skills in art, music, technology, etc!



Athletic

Scholarships awarded based on how well you perform in sports & physical activities, and you may be invited to join that college's team.



Demographic-based

Scholarships awarded based on gender, religious affiliation, military service, major, state, etc.

and many more...

Apply

For this activity, we will be browsing and applying to scholarships at UniGo.com. There are a variety of different scholarships through UniGo.com. You can apply for a Superpower Scholarship, Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, GPA Scholarships, and much more.

Scholarships requirements can range from writing small essays of 250 words or less, larger essays, or even ones with no required essay.

Let's get started!

Get Started

1. Go to "UniGo.com"
2. Click on "Sign Up" at the top right

The screenshot shows the UniGo website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for COLLEGES, ONLINE COLLEGES, SCHOLARSHIPS, EASY SCHOLARSHIPS, STUDENT LOANS, and ARTICLES. A search icon and 'LOG IN' and 'SIGN UP!' buttons are also present. Below the navigation bar, there is a banner for 'Create Static or Dynamic QR Codes with Logo, Color, Design, Frames, Tracking and many more' with an 'OPEN' button. The main banner features the text 'UNIGO - Find Over 3.6M Scholarships & Grants' and '650K College Reviews, College Stats & more to help you pay for college.' with a 'JOIN FOR FREE' button. Below this, the 'HOW UNIGO WORKS' section is divided into three steps: 'Create A UniGo Account', 'Complete Your Scholarship Profile', and 'Apply for Scholarships'. The 'SPONSORED PARTNERS' section includes ScholarshipPoints, NITRO, and NICHE, each with an 'APPLY NOW' button. A green box on the right side of the sponsored partners section says 'TODAY, JUNE 30 IS THE LAST DAY to enter Nitro's \$2,000 June Scholarship' with an 'Apply Now' button. The 'UNIGO SCHOLARSHIPS & WINNERS' section features four circular portraits of winners with their names, locations, and the scholarships they won. At the bottom, there is a section titled 'LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT COLLEGE FOR YOU?'.

Apply

Sign Up

1. Select "Student"
2. Select "Planning to Attend College"
3. Select "Graduation Year"
4. Enter birthday, email, password, name

UNIGO COLLEGES SCHOLARSHIPS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES STUDENT LOANS APPLY NOW

SEARCH LOGIN

Create your free account to get started

Already signed up? Log in now.

Or use your social media credentials

We won't post without your permission. We promise.

* I am a:

Student or Alum Parent or Guardian Counselor or Educator

* Enter Email

* Create Password

* Confirm Password

* First name

* Last name

* Zip

Be in the know!
Get notified about news, jobs, and scholarships.

CREATE NEW ACCOUNT

By signing up, you agree with our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms and Conditions](#).

Apply

Browse

1. When you're finished signing up, click on "Easy Scholarships" at the top
2. Browse scholarships, choose one that's right for you!

The screenshot shows the UNIGO website's 'Our Scholarships' page. The navigation bar includes 'COLLEGES', 'ONLINE COLLEGES', 'FINANCIAL AID', 'EASY SCHOLARSHIPS', 'STUDENT LOANS', and 'APPLY'. The main heading is 'Our Scholarships' with the subtext 'Millions of Scholarships, personalized results'. Below this is a 'START YOUR SEARCH' button. The page displays several scholarship cards:

- DO-OVER SCHOLARSHIP**: Amount \$1,500, Application Deadline June 30, 2021. Includes an 'APPLY NOW' button.
- UNIGO \$10K SCHOLARSHIP**: Amount \$10,000, Application Deadline December 31, 2021. Includes an 'APPLY NOW' button.
- FLAVOR OF THE MONTH SCHOLARSHIP**: Amount \$1,500, Deadline July 31, 2021. Includes a 'VIEW SCHOLARSHIPS' button.
- MAKE ME LAUGH SCHOLARSHIP**: A scholarship for comedians, with a 'VIEW SCHOLARSHIPS' button.

On the right side, there is a sidebar with a 'Make it big.' section and a 'SAVE TIME. LET US SEARCH FOR YOU.' section, which includes a 'START YOUR SEARCH' button. At the bottom right, there is a 'SCHOLARSHIPS' list:

- Athletic Scholarships
- College-Specific Scholarships
- Company-Sponsored Scholarships
- Grants for College
- Merit-Based Scholarships
- Minority Scholarships
- Our Scholarships
- Scholarship Contests & Sweepstakes
- Scholarships By Major
- Scholarships By State
- Scholarships By Type
- Scholarships For Graduate Students
- Scholarships For High School Students
- Scholarships For Undergraduate Students
- Weird Scholarships

Additional Scholarships

\$15,000 Tallo Scholarship <https://tallo.com/scholarships360/>

CollegeXpress “One Question” Scholarship Contest <https://www.collegexpress.com/reg/>

Congressional App Challenge <https://www.congressionalappchallenge.us/students/>

Do Something <https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships>

Doodles for Google <https://doodles.google.com>

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes <https://barronprize.org/apply/>

Home Depot Foundation’s Path to Pro Scholarship by SkillPointe Foundation (\$2,000)
https://www.myscholarship.app/home-depot-foundation?mc_cid=d95f64ace7&mc_eid=465918c146

The Jack Kent Cooke Young Artist Award <https://fromthetop.org/apply/scholarship-opportunity-jack-kent-cooke-young-artist-award/>

Letters About Literature <https://www.read.gov/contests/>

MATHCOUNTS Competition Series <https://www.mathcounts.org/programs/competition-series>

The Paradigm Challenge Scholarship <https://www.projectparadigm.org>

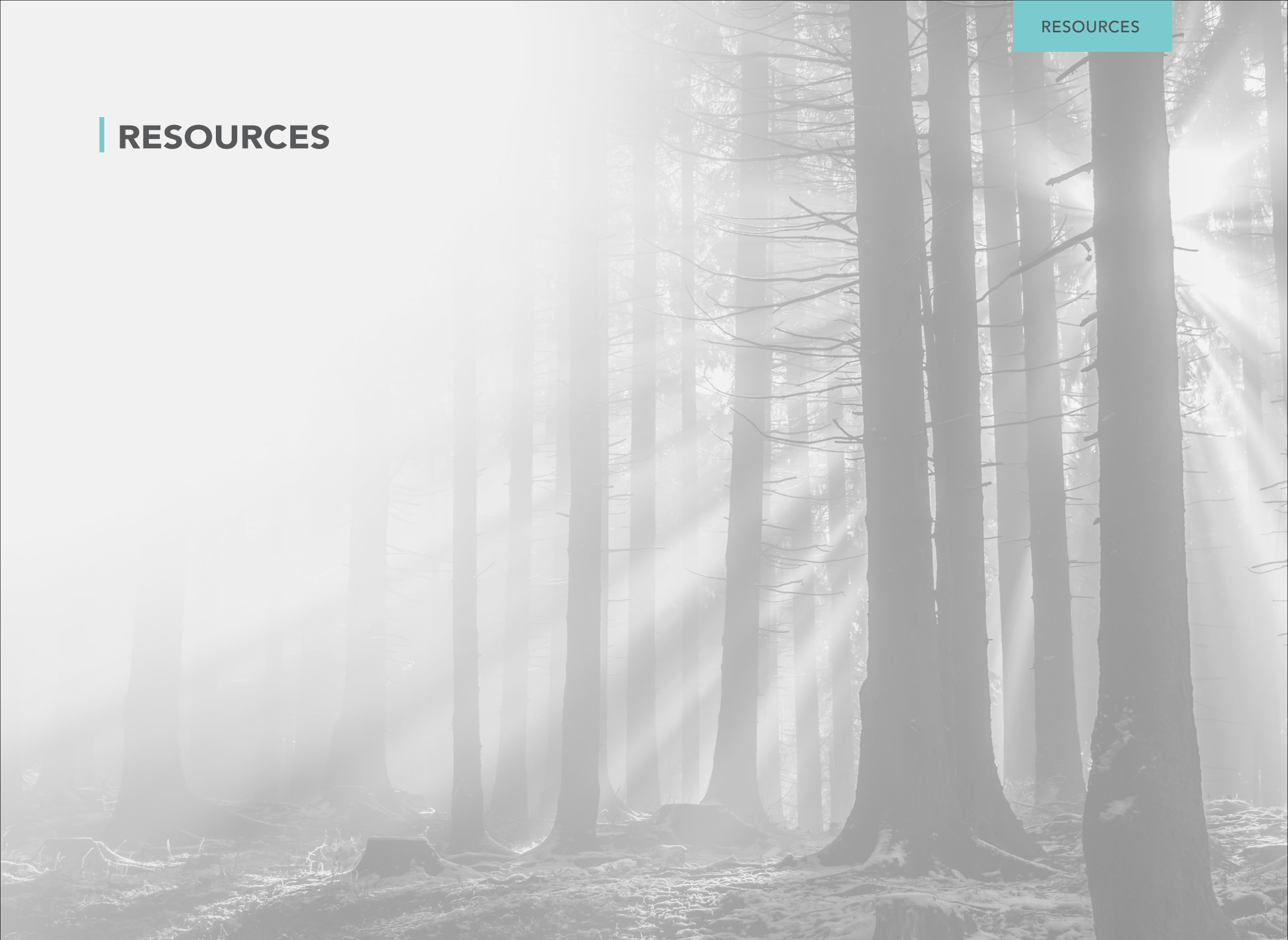
Patriots Pen <https://www.vfw.org/PatriotsPen/>

Prudential Spirit of Community <https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/selecting-honorees>

Scholastic Art & Writing Awards <https://www.artandwriting.org/what-we-do/the-awards/how-to-enter/>

We the Future Contest <https://constitutingamerica.org/contest-categories>

RESOURCES



Tips

Scholarships providers need to make sure they are awarding money to the right person. They will ask for your name, address, phone, and birth date to confirm eligibility. Make sure your information is accurate.

Draft the answers or essay for each scholarship question in Word or Google Docs so that you can access formatting, grammar, and spell check tools. Once you are happy with your writing, copy and paste your final product into the scholarship form.

Create a Google Sheet or Excel Spreadsheet to keep track of the scholarships you have applied for. Note any links, deadlines, or other items you might need to submit for that scholarship and how much it would be worth. Use this spreadsheet to keep track of award information and to remind yourself if you need to reapply at any point.

Remember to double check the deadline of each scholarship you apply for!

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