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The Scholarship Search

Millions of dollars are awarded each year in private scholarships. There are literally thousands of scholarships available to students of every make and model. The key is finding the scholarship that matches your criteria. Scholarship searches can be huge research projects and there is really no way around the work, but it can be well worth your effort with the free money you may find! Here are some quick tips to help you get started.

Ask Everyone

Talk to everyone, all your family and friends, about your scholarship search (we mean everyone – neighbors, postman, minister etc). Ask them to check with their employers, churches, clubs and organizations. Also ask them to check with their friends and family. You also want to make sure your guidance counselor knows you're interested in scholarships (a lot of scholarships come from guidance nominations). ***You want to cast a wide net.***

Look Everywhere

Of course you want to look in the obvious places like the guidance department, local libraries, scholarship books and on the Internet. But you should also check out retail establishments, churches, community centers, local newspapers and trade publications. Treat the search as a treasure hunt, you may not find the treasure each time but you may find a clue to the treasure. ***Always keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities!***

Be Diligent

Again, this can be a lot of research, so stick with it. You can't accomplish it all in one day. It's better if you devote a small amount of time, (15-30 minutes) two to three times a week, just looking for scholarships. You will probably be able to get more done and you won't get as frustrated. ***Stay focused on your goal.***

Follow Up and Follow Through

These are two critical tips because good opportunities can go right out the window if you don't do what you're supposed to. Don't lose out on money because you didn't return a call, submit an application or missed a deadline. ***DO THE WORK!***

Jump-start your search by checking out
www.Rischolarships.com.

Remember, start early and continue your search through college
GOOD LUCK!

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