



*Applying to College:
Admissions and
Scholarships*

Class of 2020



Get Ready for Next Year- Make a Game Plan

- ❏ Log into Naviance
- ❏ Click on the “About Me” tab> Postsecondary Plans> Game Plan

Consider Your:

- Goals
- College/Career Interests
- References for future letters of rec

The screenshot displays the Naviance Student interface. At the top, there is a teal navigation bar with the text "Naviance | Student" on the left and "Home Courses Colleges Careers About Me My Planner" on the right. The "About Me" tab is highlighted with a red box. Below the navigation bar, the main content area is titled "Game Plan" and "Game Plan - Your Answers". A yellow banner contains the text: "Below is a series of questions that are designed to help your counselor work with you to develop a game plan for achieving your goals after graduation. Once you have finished answering these questions, please click the 'Save' button to save your answers. You can update your answers to these questions at any time even after you indicate that you are finished." The first section is "Goals After High School" with the question "What is your general goal after you graduate from high school?". The current answer is "Unknown". Below this is a prompt: "Please select the two occupational areas that most closely relate to your planned college major or future career goals." There are two dropdown menus labeled "Career Interest 1" and "Career Interest 2". At the bottom, there is a section for "College Interests". On the right side, a sidebar menu is visible with options: "ABOUT ME Home", "DEMO HOLECHEK My Account", "My Stuff", "My Assessments", "My Surveys", and "Postsecondary Plans". The "Postsecondary Plans" option is highlighted with a red box.

Create or Update Your Brag Sheet

☐ Click on the “About Me” tab > My Surveys

Select the Letter of Recommendation Brag/Info Survey

Fill out the survey as thoroughly as you can to help your future recommenders write solid letters for admission/scholarships.

The screenshot displays a web interface titled "My Surveys". At the top, there is a dark blue header with the text "My Surveys". Below the header, there is a "Filter by" section with a dropdown menu currently set to "Not started". The main content area contains several survey cards, each with a title and a "NOT STARTED" button. The cards are: "EOP Recommendation Information", "Graduation Survey", "Letter of Recommendation Brag/Info Survey" (highlighted with a red border), and "UC Application Completion". There is also a partially visible card at the bottom with a "NOT STARTED" button.

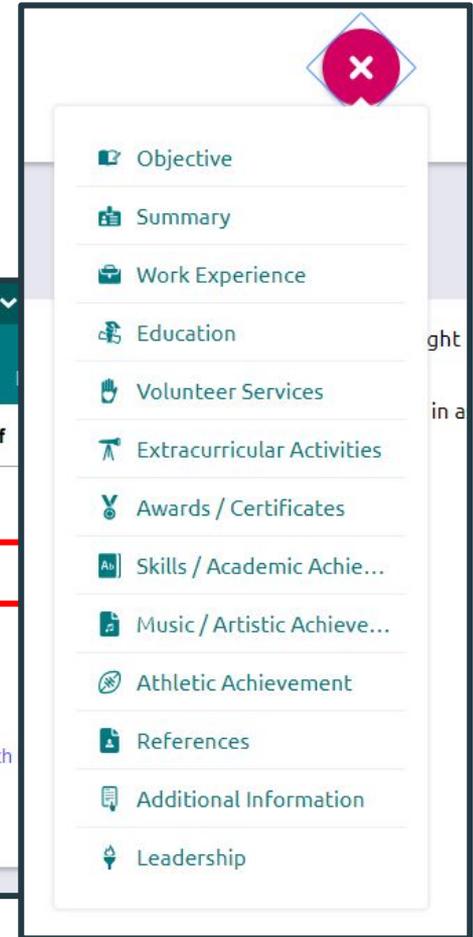
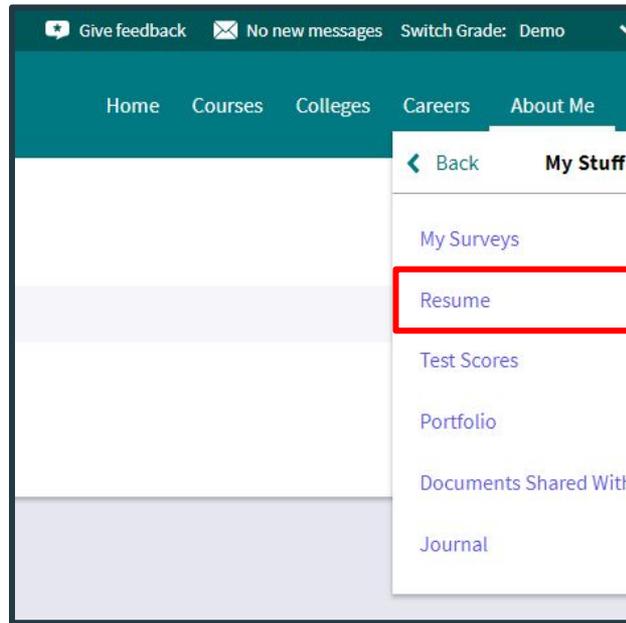
Create or Update Resume

Click on the “About Me” tab > My Stuff > Resume

Click the pink + sign to add sections.

Think about all of your awards, community service, athletic or club involvement, leadership, work experience, etc.

You can use this later on applications/scholarships.

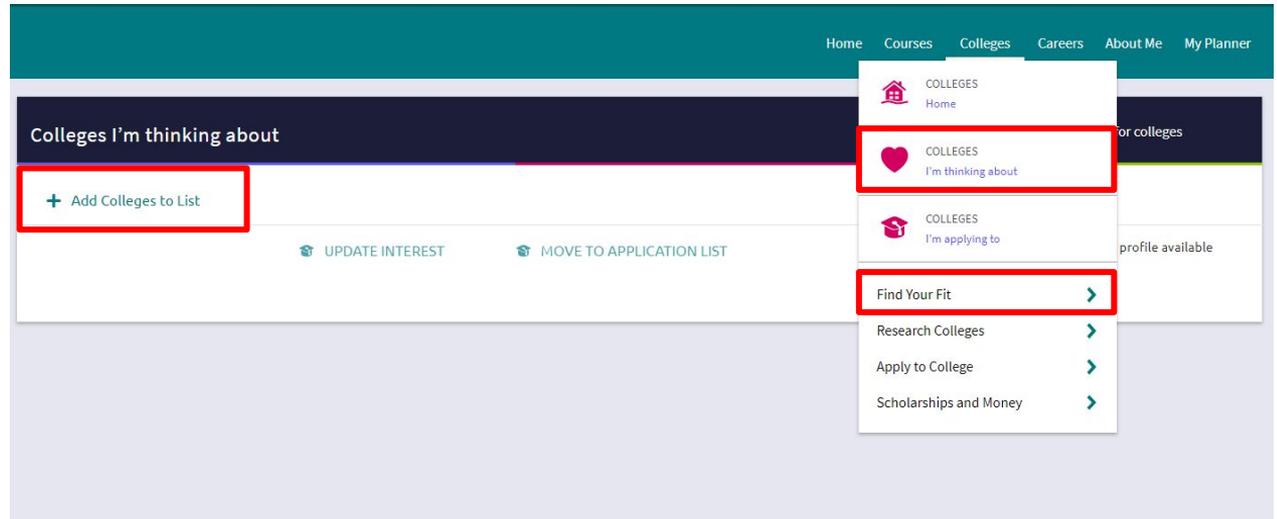


Think About Which Colleges Interest You

- Click on the “Colleges” tab > Colleges I’m Thinking About

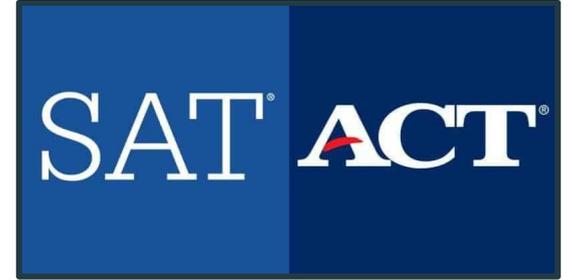
Add Colleges to your list

If you’re not yet sure, access the “Find Your Fit” tab and click on “Super Match” to discover college options that fit you.



The screenshot shows a website interface with a teal header containing navigation tabs: Home, Courses, Colleges, Careers, About Me, and My Planner. The 'Colleges' tab is selected. Below the header, a dark blue bar reads 'Colleges I'm thinking about'. A red box highlights a '+ Add Colleges to List' button. Below this are two buttons: 'UPDATE INTEREST' and 'MOVE TO APPLICATION LIST'. A dropdown menu is open from the 'Colleges' tab, listing options: 'COLLEGES Home', 'COLLEGES I'm thinking about' (highlighted with a red box), 'COLLEGES I'm applying to', 'Find Your Fit >' (highlighted with a red box), 'Research Colleges >', 'Apply to College >', and 'Scholarships and Money >'.

Register for SAT/ACT Exams



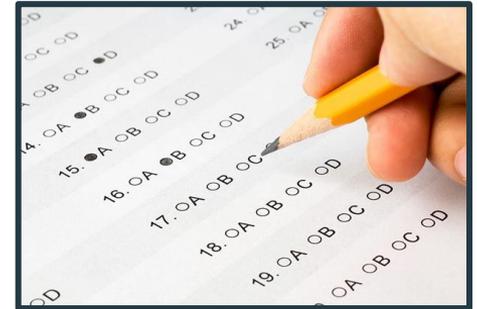
Create an Account and Sign-up on the Following Sites:

- ❑ SAT: <http://collegeboard.org>
- ❑ ACT: <http://actstudent.org>

Free Test Prep

- ❑ SAT Prep- Khan Academy: <https://www.khanacademy.org> (Use Helix email to sign up)
- ❑ ACT Prep- Naviance Test Prep Course

If you need a fee waiver, see the College Center or your GLT.



Applying to College- General Timeline

August:

- UC and Common App Open Up (8/1)
- Make sure all of your prep work is done- Game Plan, Brag Sheet, Register for Tests, etc.

September:

- Create list of “Colleges I’m Applying to”
- Register for/Take SAT/ACT
- Request Letters of Recommendation (if needed)

October:

- CSU Application Opens (10/1)
- FAFSA and Dream Act Applications Open (10/1)

November:

- UC open to submit (11/1-11/30)
- Take SAT/ACT

December:

- Update Naviance with colleges you’ve applied to
- Set-up college portals
- Submit supporting paperwork/test scores to colleges that ask for it.



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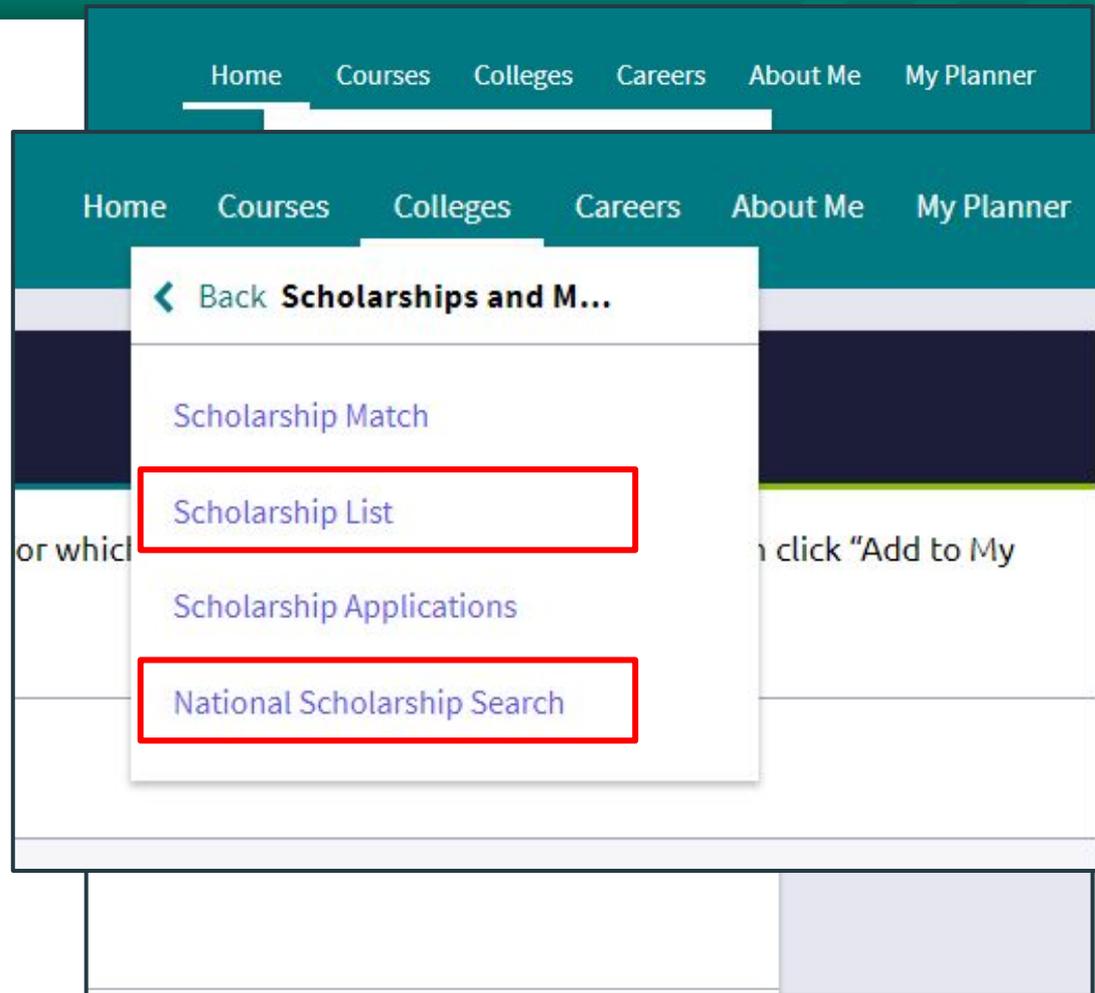
Scholarships

- There are billions of dollars available for undergraduate students.
- Use some of the following tools to find ones that apply to you:
 - Naviance
 - Fastweb
 - College Websites (Check out the colleges you applied to and see if they have institutional scholarships)



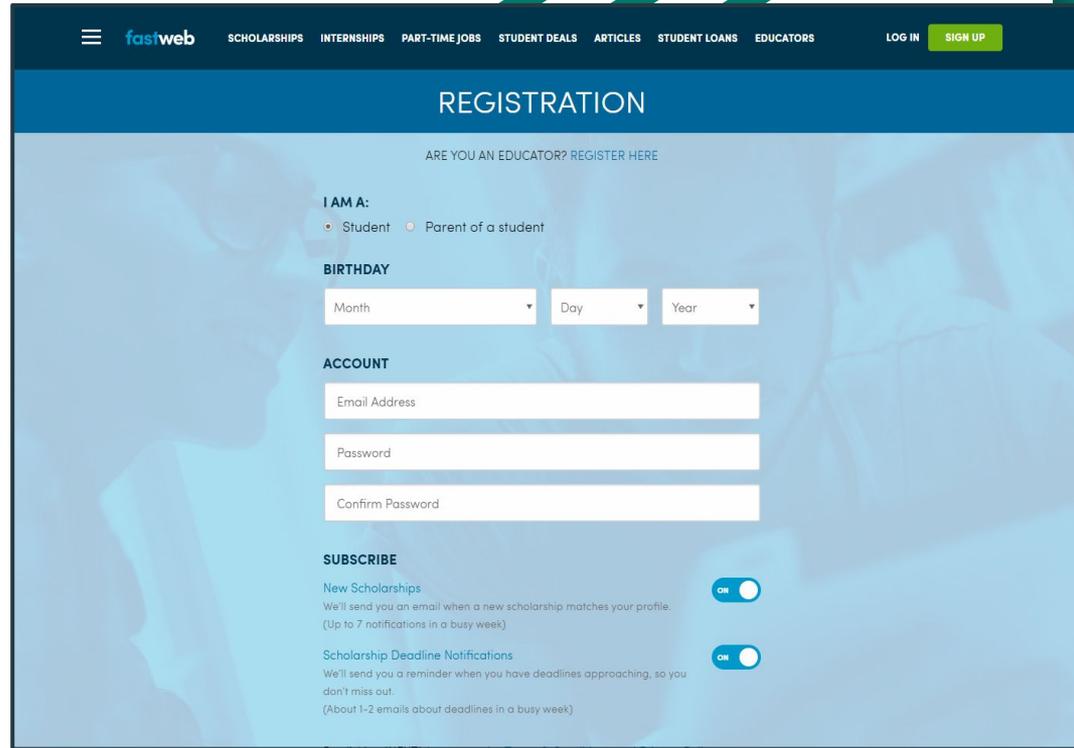
Naviance

1. Click on Colleges
2. Select Scholarships and Money
3. You can explore Scholarship List and National Scholarship Search



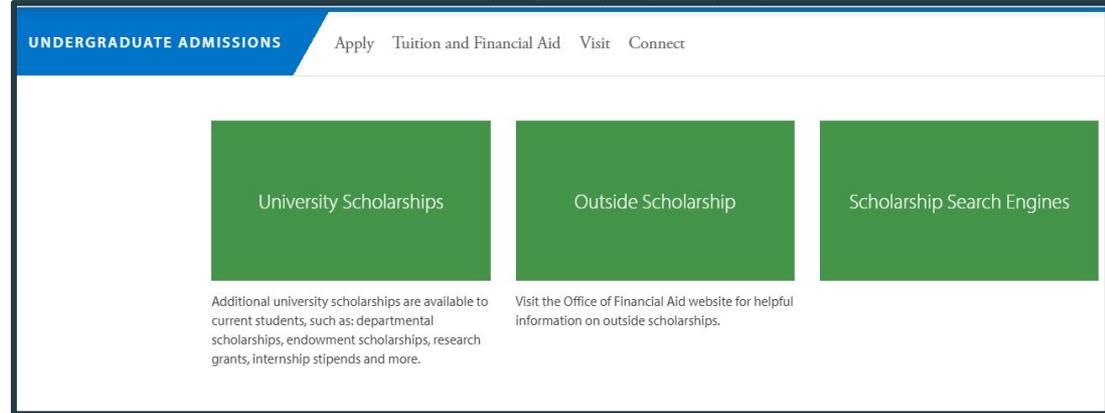
Fastweb

1. Access <https://fastweb.com>
2. Click Sign-Up
3. Register and Fill out your profile
4. Search thousands of scholarships.

A screenshot of the Fastweb website's registration page. The page has a dark blue header with the Fastweb logo and navigation links: SCHOLARSHIPS, INTERNSHIPS, PART-TIME JOBS, STUDENT DEALS, ARTICLES, STUDENT LOANS, EDUCATORS, LOG IN, and a green SIGN UP button. Below the header is a blue banner with the word "REGISTRATION" in white. The main content area has a light blue background with a faint image of a person. It features a registration form with the following sections: "I AM A:" with radio buttons for "Student" (selected) and "Parent of a student"; "BIRTHDAY" with dropdown menus for "Month", "Day", and "Year"; "ACCOUNT" with input fields for "Email Address", "Password", and "Confirm Password"; and "SUBSCRIBE" with two toggle switches for "New Scholarships" and "Scholarship Deadline Notifications", both of which are currently turned on. The "New Scholarships" toggle is accompanied by the text "We'll send you an email when a new scholarship matches your profile. (Up to 7 notifications in a busy week)". The "Scholarship Deadline Notifications" toggle is accompanied by the text "We'll send you a reminder when you have deadlines approaching, so you don't miss out. (About 1-2 emails about deadlines in a busy week)".

College Websites

1. Access each college's homepage and click on admissions or scholarships tab.
2. Many have scholarships listed on their site. Some will also direct you to outside scholarships.



Stay Organized- Tips

- ❑ **Create a college email**
 - ❑ Be sure it's professional
 - ❑ Create folders to stay organized- one for each college you apply to, one for scholarships, one for testing information, etc.
- ❑ **Keep track of all log-ins** (usernames/passwords) in your college accounts template or separate doc.
- ❑ **Keep a college account application folder** for important paperwork, like your transcript.



Applications Open:

Private Schools: August 1st (Common App)

University of California: August 1st

California State University: October 1st

Recommended Timeline:

Now - July 30th:

- [Common Application basics](#) and essay can be started now
- Brainstorming for [UC PIQs](#) can be started now

August 1st - September 30th:

1. Complete and submit [Common Application](#)
2. Complete [UC application](#)

October 1st - November 1st:

- Complete and Submit [FAFSA/CADAA](#) application
- Complete and submit [CSU application](#)
- Submit UC application (November 1st)

After all admissions applications are submitted, focus on scholarships.

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

Free Money For Getting College Ready!

College Board Opportunity Scholarships

- ❑ College Board is now offering hundreds of new scholarships to students simply for preparing for college.
- ❑ 50% of all scholarships go to students, whose families earn less than \$60,000/year
- ❑ **You can get entered into scholarships for doing the following tasks:**
 - ❑ Build a list of colleges you want to apply to
 - ❑ Study for the SAT through Khan Academy
 - ❑ Submit your FAFSA
 - ❑ Apply to college

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The Scholarships

The more effort you put in, the more opportunities you have to earn a scholarship. Complete all six, and you're eligible to earn \$40,000. Scholarships will be awarded through monthly drawings to students who complete each action.



1. Build Your College List: \$500

Get started by [exploring colleges](#) you're interested in. [Learn More](#)



2. Practice for the SAT: \$1,000

Use [Official SAT Practice on Khan Academy®](#) to get ready for test day. [Learn More](#)



3. Improve Your Score: \$2,000

Show how practice pays off by improving your SAT score. [Learn More](#)



4. Strengthen Your College List: \$500

Make sure your college list has a mix of academic safety, fit, and reach schools. [Learn More](#)



5. Complete the FAFSA: \$1,000

Fill out the free government form to apply for financial aid. [Learn More](#)



6. Apply to Colleges: \$1,000

Apply to the schools you want to attend. [Learn More](#)



Complete Your Journey: \$40,000

Complete all six scholarship steps to be eligible for a \$40,000 scholarship. [Learn More](#)

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Build Your College List

100 scholarships given every month January to June!!

\$500 each

Link: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/build>

- Create a list of 6 colleges you are interested in applying to.
- First: Log-into Naviance to build your list under “Colleges I’m Thinking About”
- Once you have your Naviance list, enter the same schools onto Big Future-
<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/>
- Update your list in future months to receive further entries.



Practice for the SAT

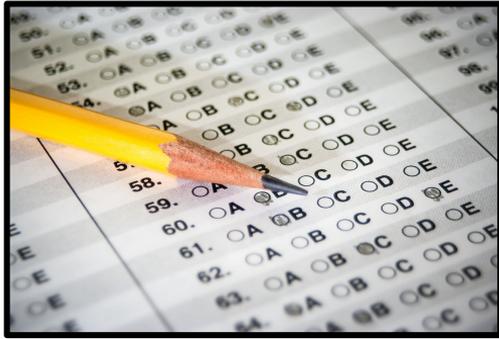
150 scholarships given every
month January to October!!
\$1,000 each

Link: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/practice>

- Practice for six hours on Khan Academy to earn an entry in the monthly drawing.
- Earn one entry for each additional hour you practice (up to 20)

Get Started

1. Join College Board Opportunity Scholarships program.
2. Sign in to your College Board and Khan Academy® accounts.
3. [Link your College Board and Khan Academy® accounts.](#)
4. Start practicing for the SAT on Khan Academy®.
5. Practice for six or more hours.



Improve Your Score

25 scholarships given after every
SAT starting in April!!
\$2,000 each

Link: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/improve>

- Practice for 12 hours on Khan Academy and improve your score by 100+ points.
- Either from PSAT to SAT or SAT to SAT.
- You can double dip your practice time with the “Practice for SAT” scholarship and earn extra entries



Strengthen Your College List

100 scholarships given every month from July to October
\$500 each

Link:

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/strengthen>

- Update your college list on Big Future to have a mix of safety, match, and reach schools.
- Opens in July 2019

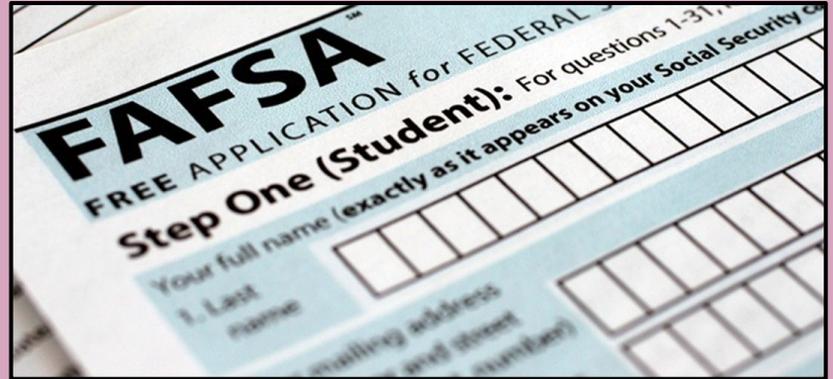


Complete the FAFSA

200 scholarships given every month from October to December and 100 from January to February!!
\$1,000 each

Link: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/complete>

- Fill out your FAFSA- probably the easiest one!
- You need to do this anyway to receive financial aid.
- You will receive an entry every month, so the sooner you file, the better!





Apply to Colleges

500 Apply scholarships given in
February 2020!!
\$1,000 each

Link: <https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/apply>

- Apply to two or more colleges for an entry.
- Opens in October 2019.





Complete Your Journey

25 scholarships given in February
2020!!
\$40,000 each

Link:

<https://opportunity.collegeboard.org/about/complete-your-journey>

If you complete the requirements of all six other scholarships, you will earn the chance to win a \$40,000 scholarship!!

