

**FEBRUARY FOR FAMILIES OF 11THGRADE STUDENTS**

**STUDENTS**

**NEWSLETTER TEMPLATE**

High School & Beyond Planning — News & Information

Scholarships found on [theWashboard.org](http://theWashBoard.org) are diverse and support a variety of students.

* Only 34% require a GPA higher than 3.0.
* 57% of listings are not based on financial need.
* 80% do not require the FAFSA.
* 23% of scholarships listed are renewable.

**Scholarships**

There are two types of scholarships--need-based and merit-based. Need-based scholarships are awarded to students with financial need. Merit-based scholarships are awarded for academic achievement, volunteer work, or a special talent, trait, or interest.

Many scholarships are geared toward particular groups of people; for instance, there are scholarships for women who want to pursue a career in science. Some scholarships may be available if your teen comes from a particular background.

A scholarship might cover the entire cost of tuition, or it might be a one-time award of a few hundred dollars. Either way, it’s worth applying for, because it’ll help reduce the cost of education.

Washington has a great scholarship search website that is administered by the Washington Student Achievement Council called [theWashBoard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org).

Unlike other web-based scholarship searching tools, the goal of [theWashboard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org/login.aspx) is to connect students with available local and state scholarships. [TheWashBoard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org/login.aspx) is free to use. They do not use spam, marketing ads or pop-up advertisements on the site.

[TheWashBoard.org](http://www.thewashboard.org/login.aspx) finds the best potential scholarship based on their self-created student profile. Users can also find scholarships that do not require a Social Security Number or ask about citizenship status.

**Did You Know?**

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Personnel: Click here to enter text.

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**Upcoming Events & Announcements**

* **Family Event:**
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# **MYTH:** Scholarship aren’t worth the effort.

**REALITY**: Crazy! If someone offered you a part-time job for $50 an hour, would you take it? Of course you would!

Think about applying for scholarships as a part-time job. If you spend 20 hours searching and applying for scholarships and are awarded just one $1,000 scholarship, you just earned $50 an hour for your efforts.

Do the math – scholarships are definitely worth your time!

Be sure to follow the directions, share your story, and have someone proofread your application. Use a free online scholarship search service, such as [theWashBoard.org](http://thewashboard.org/login.aspx), to help you identify the scholarships you are eligible for and then start applying.

Remember, if you don’t submit any applications, you won’t have a chance to win free money for college!

**Myth Buster**

**Student Checklist**

* **Update your profile on** [**theWashboard.org**](http://thewashboard.org/login.aspx) and discover your scholarship matches.
* **Continue preparing for the ACT/SAT.**

**Family Checklist**

* **Become familiar with** [**theWashboard.org**](http://thewashboard.org/login.aspx). Help your teen create or update a profile and start searching.
* **Help your child prepare for college admission tests**. Many juniors take college admission tests, such as the SAT and the ACT, in the spring so they can get a head start on planning for college.