

Scholarship Information

Scholarships are gifts. They don't need to be repaid. There are thousands of them, offered by schools, employers, individuals, private companies, nonprofits, communities, religious groups, and professional and social organizations. A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to further their education. Scholarships are awarded on various criteria usually reflecting the values and purposes of the donor or founder of the award. Please visit with your counselor or stop by the Success Center if you have any questions regarding scholarships. Also, please visit Success Center and view the bulletin boards for available scholarships.

TYPES

- **Merit - Based:** These awards are based on a student's academic, athletic, artistic, or other abilities. They often factor in an applicant's community service record and extracurricular activities. The most common merit-based scholarships, awarded by either private organizations or directly from the student's intended college, recognize academic achievement or high scores on the ACT or SAT standardized tests.
- **Need - Based:** These awards are based on the student and family's financial record and will require applicants to fill out a FAFSA to qualify if the scholarship is a federal award. Private need-based scholarships will also often require the results of a FAFSA. The FAFSA calculates a student's financial need through a formula looking at the expected family contribution. Please visit the Financial Aid link to learn more about the FAFSA.
- **Student - Specific:** These are scholarships where applicants must initially qualify by race, gender, religion, family and medical history, or many other student-specific factors. Minority scholarships are the most common awards in this category.
- **Career - Specific:** These are scholarships awarded to students planning to pursue a specific field of study.

NEVADA COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES SCHOLARSHIPS

[University of Nevada, Las Vegas](#)

[University of Nevada, Reno](#)

[Nevada State College](#)

[College of Southern Nevada](#)

[Great Basin College](#)

[Truckee Meadows Community College](#)

[Western Nevada College](#)

[Sierra Nevada College](#)

SILVER STATE OPPORTUNITY GRANT PROGRAM

The [Silver State Opportunity Grant Program](#) (SSOG Program) is a state-supported financial aid program. The SSOG Program is designed to ensure eligible low-income students can afford to go to college.

Grant award: \$200 to \$5500

Eligible institutions include NSHE community colleges and state college:

Nevada State College

College of Southern Nevada

Great Basin College

**Truckee Meadows Community College
Western Nevada College.**

To be eligible for an SSOG award, a student must:

- Be enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate;
- Enroll in at least 15 credit hours that apply to the student's chosen program of study;
- Be college ready based on placement or completion of entry-level, college-level mathematics and English;
- Be classified as a resident for tuition purposes;
- Meet institutional Title IV financial aid satisfactory academic progress requirements; and
- Complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) and have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 8500 or less.

To retain eligibility from the fall to the spring semester, you must successfully complete all 15 credits in which you are enrolled leading to a degree or certificate, maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative institutional GPA and meet institutional financial aid satisfactory progress requirements.

CCSD and NEVADA SCHOLARSHIP LINKS

[CCSD Scholarships list](#)

[The Public Education Foundation](#)

[Millennium Scholarship](#)

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

FAFSA provides [grants](#), [loans](#), and [work-study](#) funds for college or career school.

In order to apply for the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), the following criteria must be met

- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number;
- register (if you haven't already) with Selective Service, if you're a male between the ages of 18 and 25;
- maintains at least a C average minimum GPA for federal student aid or a higher minimum set by the school for institutional aid eligibility;
- has a high school diploma or [GED](#);

- sign the certification statement stating that: **1)** not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant and **2)** federal student aid will only be used for educational purposes;
- has not been found guilty of the sale or possession of illegal drugs while federal aid was being received.

FAFSA Changes for school year 2018-2019

OTHER SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH PORTALS

- [Beware of scholarship scams](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [FastWeb](#)
- [Cappex](#)
- [Unigo](#)
- [Questbridge](#)
- [Hispanic Scholarship Fund](#)
- [United Negro College Fund](#)
- [Asian & Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund](#)
- [Native American Scholarships](#)
- [Students with Disabilities](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS IN NAVIANCE

Scholarship Overview

Scholarship information can be found in the “colleges tab”

The screenshot shows the Naviance website interface with several callout boxes:

- Top Left:** Shows best scholarship matches from your district/school scholarship list. (Points to the 'scholarship match' link)
- Top Right:** Track your scholarship applications and request supporting documents from your counseling office. (Points to the 'scholarship applications' link)
- Bottom Left:** Shows your district/school scholarship list. Use the categories to search for scholarships. (Points to the 'scholarship list' link)
- Bottom Right:** Provides a link to Sallie Mae's National Scholarship search engine. Use this search to find scholarships outside your school/district list. (Points to the 'national scholarship search' link)

The website header includes 'View Student Summary' and 'Colleges'. The URL is 'https://connection.naviance.com/family-connection/colleges/'. The page content includes sections for 'resources' (transcripts, test scores), 'college research', and 'scholarships & money'. The footer identifies 'Las Vegas Academy of the Arts'.

