

# SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH CHECKLIST

## SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID

### RESOURCES



- ❖ Tahoma High School Website
  - [www.tshs.tahomasd.us](http://www.tshs.tahomasd.us)
  - Go to left hand side under student and click on career center link
  - Top of page click on scholarship and job information
  - Check bi-weekly for new additions
  
- ❖ Fastweb.com
  - Create free profile
  - Receive emails when your profile matches those in data bank
  
- ❖ Local Scholarship Packets
  - PTA provides a uniform application for all local organizations giving out scholarships to THS students
  - Packets available late February....listen for announcement in bulletin
  - Winners announced at Senior Awards Night in May
  
- ❖ FAFSA Form
  - Apply at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) your senior year
  - Apply **AFTER** December 31, 2007
  - Based solely on family income and financial need
  - Grants, student loans, parent loans and work study
  - Phone, write or email the Financial Aid Office of the college(s) or your choice. These offices can inform you of federal and state assistance programs but expect you to file the FAFSA first

- ❖ Be prepared by having the following ready to go:
  - Letters of recommendation
  - Current Resume
  - Save essays from college applications and all scholarship applications....many can be re-used.
  
- ❖ Talk with family members and friends. Employers, unions, churches, clubs, and lodges that offer scholarships to members' children
  
- ❖ See our list of scholarship websites
  - <http://www.finaid.org>
  - <http://www.fastweb.com>
  - <http://www.student-loans.com>
  - <http://www.studentservices.com>

### **How are scholarship recipients selected?**

- Financial Need
- Academic Achievement
- School & Community Leadership Activities
- Special Skills & Talents
- Special Populations
- Career Interests
- Character

#### **Scholarship Scams:**

The Federal Trade Commission urges students and parents to look out for signs of college scholarship scams:

- The scholarship is "guaranteed"
- You can't get this information from any other source
- We will need your credit card information or bank account number to hold this scholarship
- We'll do all the work for you
- The scholarship will cost money
- You've been selected by a national foundation to receive a scholarship or You are a finalist in a contest that you never entered.

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If you suspect that a scholarship offer may be a scam, you can confirm this on [SCAMA-L@finaid.org](mailto:SCAMA-L@finaid.org). You can also contact the state attorney general's office or the Better Business Bureau.