



Unlock College Dollars

Get started on the scholarship journey to unlock college dollars.

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School Counselor

Common about Scholarships

- Will I be eligible for a scholarship with a low GPA or low test scores?
- Since I don't have a 4.0, will I be eligible to receive any scholarships?
- How many scholarships can I earn?
- Where do I find scholarships?
- How do I apply for scholarships?



Did you know???

**“Discounts”
AKA
Marketing
Strategies**

**Automatic Awards
upon
applying based on
GPA/Test Scores**

**Automatically
consider you when
you apply**

**Designed to
entice you to
enroll...so be
enticing!**

**Some don't award
scholarships...only
NEED based
scholarships**

**Separate
applications.
WATCH Deadlines!**

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**Discover key scholarship opportunities for
students**



Merit-Based

Scholarships awarded for academic excellence and achievements

Need-Based

Financial aid determined by students' financial situations

Athletic

Scholarships for talented athletes in various sports

Specific Interest

Scholarships focused on unique skills or career paths

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Just **SOME** of the examples you can unlock



- Academic achievement (GPA, test scores, etc.)
- Talents, abilities, skills, athletics
- Community involvement and service
- Demonstrating Leadership
- Writing compelling essays
- Underserved populations
- First generation college student
- Low-income/Need-based
- Anticipated major
- Unique Characteristics (left-handed, tall, etc.)
- Organizational membership (club, PTSA, scouts, job, etc.)
- Location (Mableton, Metro-Atl, ES & MS alum, etc.)
- Competitions (duct-tape prom dress, duck-calling, etc.)

What will I need to submit for a scholarship?



Almost Always

- Application
- Transcript/GPA
- SAT/ACT Scores
- Resume or list of activities, awards, leadership, jobs, community service, etc.

Sometimes

- Essays
- Talent-based submissions (photography, recording, film, etc.)
- Letters of Recommendation
- Interviews
- Financial information (for need-based scholarships)

Some are “drawings” you enter and you **might** get chosen lottery-style – usually a gimmick to get your email address.

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Where to look for the scholarships

- **Naviance**
- **College financial aid websites**
- **College academic websites**
- **Scholarship search engines/websites**
- **Parent's employers or your employer**
- **Military & ROTC**
- **Corporations**
- **Veteran's associations**
- **Organizations that you or your family is affiliated with**
- **GOGGLE!**



- **Treasure Hunt!!**
- **Rarely land in your lap**
- **Don't always get what you apply for.**

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships>

www.collegenavigator.go

www.fastweb.com

www.unigo.com

www.collegexpress.com

<https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org>

www.tuitionfundingsources.com

www.scholarshipexperts.com

www.cappex.com

www.chegg.com

<https://myscholly.com>

www.collegeinvest.com

www.goingmerry.com

<http://tuitionfit.org>

www.thecollegesolution.com



BEWARE!

“Send us \$\$\$ for the chance to win this scholarship”

“You need to pay us to help you with your FAFSA or fill out applications”

“This scholarship is guaranteed or your money back!”

“You can’t get this information anywhere else!”

“We need your credit card, social security number, bank account number, etc. to hold this scholarship”

“You’ve been selected” by a “national foundation” to “join this exclusive organization” where you can pay to join and then “apply to win a scholarship”

“You’re a finalist” in a scholarship competition you’ve never entered

“You’ve been nominated!” and your nominator knows nothing about it
Misspelling, grammatical mistakes, links that go to other places

Common Mistakes to Avoid



Deadlines

Always check submission dates for scholarships carefully.



Application Completeness

Ensure all required documents are submitted on time.



WHEN
THE
MONEY
comes...

How the money will be sent:

- Personal Check
- Automatically sent to your college's account



What can you spend the money on?

- Tuition
- Fees
- Housing
- Food
- Bookstore
- “Bucks”
- Computer

***scholarship may dictact what you can spend it on**

If you spend 10 hours filling out applications and are awarded a \$500 scholarship--that is \$50 an hour for that work. WORTH IT!



Solid Seed Foundation

Solid Seed Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit dedicated to empowering students through scholarships, mentorship, and community support, helping them grow into the future leaders and changemakers of tomorrow.

Email

thesolidseedfoundation@gmail.com



More Info

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be considered for the Solid Seed Foundation Scholarship, applicants must meet the following requirements:

- **Graduating Senior:** Must be a current graduating senior from Pebblebrook High School
 - **Minimum GPA:** Must have a cumulative GPA of **3.00 or higher** (unofficial transcript required).
 - **College Acceptance:** Must be accepted and planning to attend an accredited college or university.
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SCHOLARSHIP AWARD DETAILS

The Solid Seed Foundation will provide **two scholarships** each academic year. Each selected recipient will receive a **\$1,000 scholarship** to support their educational journey.

- **Award Amount:** \$1,000 per recipient, per academic year.
 - **Number of Awards:** Two scholarships awarded annually.
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Check Out Our Application!



***Please complete and submit all documents/forms in **ONE EMAIL** to thesolidseedfoundation@gmail.com with **first & last name in subject title** no later than **April 17th, 2026**.

Please direct all **questions/concerns** to thesolidseedfoundation@gmail.com.

The Solid Seed Foundation Application & Guidelines

The Solid Seed Foundation Scholarship is awarded to two (2) graduating seniors attending Pebblebrook High School who are in need of financial aid and exemplify strong leadership qualities. Such leaders are individuals who exude and value initiative, creativity, strong communication, teamwork, responsibility, adaptability, integrity, resilience, and a commitment to service and community engagement to inspire and guide others positively. The purpose of this scholarship is to help aid students in their journey towards college or university as well as to inspire an attitude of entrepreneurship while pouring back into their communities.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a **graduating senior attending Pebblebrook High School** located in Mableton, Georgia in Cobb County
- Applicant must have a **minimum 3.0 overall GPA**.
- Applicant must have been **accepted and plan to attend an accredited college, trade school, or university**.

Awards:

Two recipients will be awarded **One (1) \$1000 scholarships** to help aid with college (tuition, textbooks, dorm, etc) or entrepreneurial (inventory, maintenance, marketing, etc) related expenses. Recipients will receive notification of their selection no later than **May 1st, 2026**.

Application Requirements:

- **Completed Application Form**
- **One letter of recommendation** from teacher, faculty, or coach (someone other than a family member)
- **500 Word Minimum Essay**
- **Current High School Transcript**
- **College Acceptance Letter**

"When you learn, teach. When you get, give."
Maya Angelou

The Solid Seed Foundation Scholarship Application

Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Last First M.I

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Email Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Gender: _____

College/University Planning to Attend: _____

Extracurricular Activities in which you are presently active:

Clubs/Organizations (including any leadership roles): _____

Community Activities/Volunteerism: _____

Other Involvement/Current Employment (if applicable): _____

Please write and attach a short essay (500 Word Minimum) describing two of the following:

- **Describe a financial or personal hardship** you have faced. How did this challenge or shape you, and what lessons did you learn from overcoming it?
- **Explain how receiving this scholarship** will support you in reaching your academic goals and assist in your journey through college.
- **Discuss the impact you have made on your community.** How have your actions contributed to the betterment of others, and what do you hope to achieve moving forward?

(OPTIONAL ESSAY - 300 Word Maximum; For Extra Points) Personal Statement describing:

- What is something you are most passionate about and how can you turn that into a business venture?
- What are you looking to major in, and how does that help you use that passion to reach your goals in the future?

I hereby state that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

Date