

College Scholarships

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SUBJECT(S): Career Development

GRADE LEVEL(S): 9, 10, 11, 12

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JUMP\$TART NATIONAL STANDARD: Spending and Saving, Standard 4

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COMMON CORE STATE STANDARD: CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.WHST.11-12.9

CONTENT STATEMENT: Students will explore college scholarship opportunities.

ESTIMATED TIME: 75-120 minutes

MATERIALS NEEDED: [Cornell Notes](#) (Included); [Resource Bank](#) (Included); [Scholarship Guide](#) (Included); Computers and Internet for every student; Projector

KEY VOCABULARY/TERMS: Scholarship – a grant or payment made to support a student’s education, awarded on the basis of academic or other achievement.

WHY THIS MATTERS TO YOU NOW: Student loans are emerging as a crisis. Scholarships can provide financial relief and opportunity for students to attend what would otherwise be an unaffordable opportunity.

1. Introduce students to scholarships using this [Khan Academy College Admissions > Scholarships and Grants](#) short video series.
 1. Distribute the Cornell Note guide, or review how to take Cornell Notes. Require students to take notes of the video clips using this note taking strategy.
2. Students continue to use Cornell Notes to gather information about college scholarship opportunities. Provide students with the Resource Bank of articles linked below:
 1. [The 10 best sites to search for college scholarships](#) – USA Today College
 2. [How to research scholarships](#) – Federal Student Aid: An Office of the U.S. Department of Education
 3. [How to avoid scholarship scams](#) – Federal Student Aid: An Office of the U.S. Department of Education
3. Have students use their Cornell Notes and resources linked in the previous exercise and complete the Scholarship Guide while exploring relative scholarship opportunities.
4. Students are to pull construct a student portfolio. Student portfolio’s can be constructed with binders and loose leaf papers or by using electronic options, such as [LiveBinders](#).

Suggested portfolio contents:

 1. Cornell Notes
 2. Completed Scholarship Guide
 3. Calendar or timeline relevant scholarship due dates
 4. Links to objective resources
 5. Example submissions of past scholarship winners
 6. Relevant scholarship material distributed by the school counselor

HOMEWORK / FURTHER EXPLORATION: Have students read [Smart Money — and College — Decisions Sometimes Require Sacrifice](#) and facilitate a classroom discussion.

OPTIONAL: Have students read [Dual Enrollment, Scholarships and Creative Ways to Cut Your College Tuition Bill](#) and ask students to write a reflection as to how the suggestions in the article relate to their own opportunities.

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