

# White Plains High School

Scholarships and Awards Presentation

# There are MANY different types of scholarships

- Local
- Regional
- New York State
- National
  - Corporate
  - Interest/affiliation based
- College/University for admitted students

# Local Scholarships

- Only White Plains High School Students (and in some cases surrounding high school students) are eligible to receive these scholarships)
  - Local Scholarship Packet
    - Rotary Club
    - Women's Club
    - El Centro Hispano
  - PTA Senior Recognition Awards
  - Others – they will be listed in the Guidance Website as they are made available to us (neighborhood associations, etc.)

# Regional Scholarships

- Only students in Westchester or the Lower Hudson Valley are eligible to receive these scholarships
- Examples:
  - Lower Hudson Valley School Personnel Administrators Award
  - Westchester County Board of Legislators Jandon Scholarships
  - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Westchester Alumnae Chapter Scholarship
  - Zonta Club of Westchester
  - Vietnam Veterans of America Westchester County Chapter 49

# New York State Scholarships

- Only students who are residents of New York State are eligible to receive these awards
- Examples:
  - New York State Women, Inc. Scholarship
  - New York State Public Housing Authority Director's Association Scholarship
  - NTA New York Scholarships
  - New York PTA
  - NYS Insurance Reciprocal Scholarships

# National Corporate Scholarships

- Buick Achievers Scholarship
- Citrin Cooperman Scholarship
- Ronald McDonald House Scholarships
- Coca Cola Scholarships
- Dell Scholars
- ATT
- General Electric
- Exxon Mobil Scholarships
  - Many, many more

# Affiliation Scholarships

- Parent may work for a corporation that awards scholarships to students of employees
- Parent may belong to a union that awards scholarships to children of members
- Parent may belong to a professional association that awards scholarships to children of members (Funeral Directors Association, etc.)
- Parent or grandparent a U.S. Military veteran
- Parent belongs to a sorority, fraternity or fraternal organization
- Ethnic affiliation: Irish, Italian, etc. scholarships
- Student is in or has been in foster care

# Special Interest Scholarships

- Irish dancer scholarships
- Caddy scholarships
- Left-handed person scholarships
- Scholarships available for students who bowl
- Scholarships available for students who fly fish

And many, many more

# Scholarships for Students Who Will Pursue Certain Degrees/Careers

- Education/Special Education
- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)  
Environmental studies
- Nursing
- Public Service
- Criminal Justice
- Business
- Architecture
- Pretty much any major you can name has at least some scholarship associated with it. You just have to look!!

# Scholarships from Colleges and Universities

Many colleges and universities offer merit/incentive scholarships to admitted students. They are often called “President’s Award” or “Scholar’s Award” or something of that nature. You can check the website of any college to search for these awards.

Book/medal awards. If your child was the recipient of a book award or a medal as a junior and goes on to attend the college or university that awarded that prize, there is usually a significant scholarship attached.

# How do you find them?

- Many books are available in the College and Career Center that list scholarships. You can also find these books on Amazon, at Barnes and Noble and at other bookstores
- Websites: the last slide lists many helpful websites that have scholarship directories
- Naviance includes a National Scholarship Search under the “College” tab
- The Monthly Guidance Bulletin linked to the HS Guidance Website <https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/Page/1223>
- Your own initiative. You need to ask your employer and any fraternal organization you might belong to if they offer scholarships to the children of their employees or members

# Let us help you!

Juniors and Seniors should fill out the Scholarships and Awards Survey in Naviance. The survey asks questions that help us match your children with scholarships for which they are qualified.

It takes only 10 to 15 minutes to fill out the survey, so please encourage your child to do it now!! Log into Naviance, go to the “About Me” tab and the link for the survey will be in the upper left-hand portion of the page.

The **deadline** for filling out the survey for Juniors is **January 11<sup>st</sup>, 2019.**

The **deadline** for filling out the survey for Seniors is **March 8, 2019.**

# What does it take to apply?

- First, take note of the deadline to be sure that your application is delivered in time to be considered
- Usually an application will require both a form and an essay
  - Be sure to fill out the application (paper or online) fully and accurately
  - Be sure that your essay is tailored to the scholarship for which you are applying. Often a single essay can be tweaked to serve a variety of purposes – but if a really narrow topic is required, you need to respect that and write something that meets the requirements
- Sometimes a resume will be required

# Some applications require more . . .

- Some require an interview (see the Local Scholarship packet)
- Some require an audition or audio/visual recording if they are performing arts-based
- Some require a portfolio if they are visual arts-based
- Some are actually contests: best essay on a given topic, design the best poster for a given theme, etc.

To be certain that you meet the criteria and that you provide a complete and compelling application, read all instructions carefully, take the time to do everything asked, and do it well

# Please don't be scammed!!

Any website, or any person who contacts you by email, snail mail, phone or any other way and asks you for money to find scholarships for your child is scamming you. Period. Even if (ESPECIALLY if) they “guarantee” that they will find you scholarship money.

Anything that they would do for you you can easily do for yourself at no charge. More importantly, your child can and should be participating in this effort.

# Please don't decide that none of this applies to you because . . .

- Your GPA isn't high enough. Plenty of scholarships are not based upon your GPA
- You don't believe that you have enough financial need. Plenty of scholarships are not based upon income or need
- Your parents don't work for a certain company or have a certain ethnicity and never belonged to a fraternal organization, etc.
- You don't think you are special in any way: not a sports hero, not an actor, not an artist, etc. As you can see from the prior slides, there are so many different types of scholarships and so many different qualifying criteria that it is highly likely that you are just perfect for one of them, if not a more than one.

# With all of the scholarships out there . . .

Do some digging. Investigate the possibilities. Use one of the scholarship matching tools or search engines listed on the final slide to help you find scholarships you are qualified for, and then get busy.

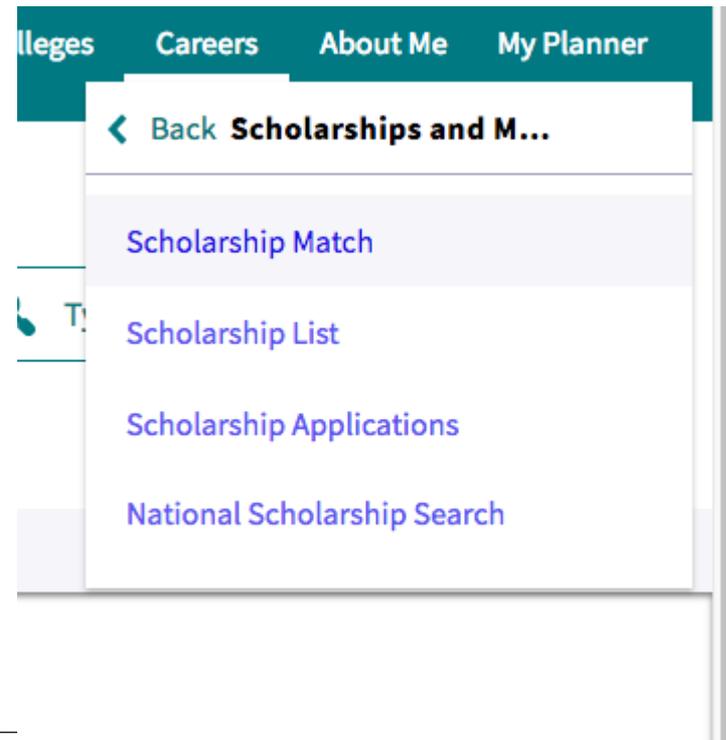
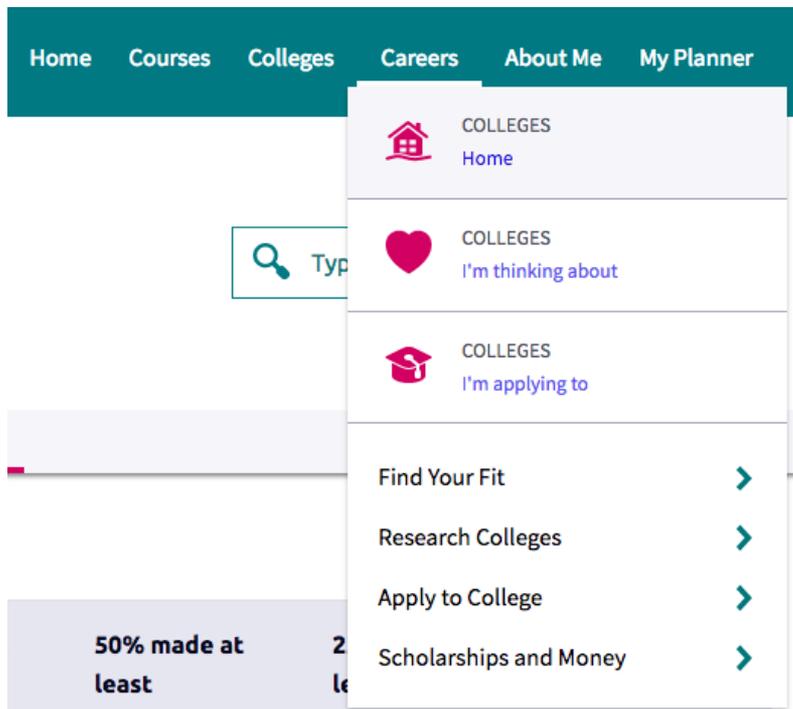
The only people who definitely will not be considered for any scholarship are . . .

The ones who don't apply.

# Naviance Scholarship

## Search

1. Click on the "Colleges" tab
2. Then click on "Scholarship and Money"
3. Then click on "National Scholarship Search"



# Helpful Websites

- <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>
- <https://www.salliemae.com/college-planning/tools/>
- <http://www.collegescholarships.org/>
- <https://www.scholarships.com/>
- <http://superscholar.org/scholarships/25-popular-college-scholarships/>
- <http://www.imfirst.org/> (GREAT resource for 1<sup>st</sup> gen. students for all things college-related, including scholarships and financial aid)

# Helpful Websites (cont.)

- <http://www.moneygeek.com/education/scholarship-search/>
- <http://www.gocollege.com/financial-aid/scholarships/>
- <http://www.schoolsoup.com/scholarship-directory/>
- <http://yescollege.com/2013/04/100-unique-and-weird-scholarships-worth-applying-for-2013/>
- <http://www.moneygeek.com/education/college/resources/scholarship-guide-for-students-with-disabilities/>