



## **Peekskill City School District**

*Our mission is to educate and empower all students to strive for excellence as life-long learners who embrace diversity and are contributing members of a global society.*

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## **Scholarship Search**

### **The Scholarship Search Outside Scholarship Overview:**



Scholarships are private sources of financial aid that require an application separate from your financial aid application(s). National and local scholarships are offered by corporations, local businesses, community-based organizations, and private foundations. Money awarded through an outside scholarship is an excellent supplemental source of aid that can reduce unmet need that institutional financial aid award may not cover.

### **TIPS FOR STARTING YOUR SEARCH:** Be Proactive!

- Many scholarships require three or more recommendation letters from adults who know you well. Recommenders can be teachers, counselors, and coaches, as well as program and work supervisors. Remember, recommendations can typically be used for multiple scholarships.
- Scholarships often ask for an official transcript of your grades and SAT scores. You'll need to request a copy from your school.
- It's best to print out applications once you find them. Doing so will save you time when you are ready to apply.
- Some colleges replace institutional aid with outside scholarships. Be sure to ask your college(s) how outside scholarships are processed with regard to financial aid awards.

### **Search Local Scholarships**

- Start your search by finding scholarships from your city, state or region.
- Your school, neighborhood, community organization, employer, or place of worship may have scholarships that they sponsor each year. Ask around!

### **Find Scholarships to Fit You**

- Look at the requirements for GPA, ethnic background, neighborhood of residence, family income, and leadership or volunteer experience to see if you qualify to apply. If not, move on to find scholarships that are a better fit.

### **Represent Yourself Well**

- Highlight your strengths, achievements, and goals, as well as challenges you have overcome.
- Read scholarship directions very carefully. Turn in everything on time.
- Applications should be typed or very neatly written in pen, and should not be crumpled, smudged, or foodstained.

### **Be Aware of Scams**

**Ignore Notices of winning a scholarship if you did not apply to it. You should never have to pay a fee!**



### **Navigating Scholarships in**

Naviance is a great resource for scholarship searches. National, regional and local scholarship opportunities are now available on Naviance.

The database, which provides an extensive list of available scholarships, will list entries by name, deadline, award amount, and merit vs. need-based and application requirements.

- ❖ Criteria and deadlines are specific for each scholarship.
- ❖ Some scholarships only use a resume and essay and other providers have their own application.
- ❖ Essays, transcripts, letters of recommendation may be a few of the requirements.
- ❖ Applications will be available online.

### **Log onto Naviance:**

- Enter your Login: e-mail or self-generated login.
- Enter your password: (if you do not remember it, please see your counselor or Mrs. Gordineer Once logged in:
  - Click on the “colleges” tab.
  - Scroll down to the bottom of the page click on “scholarship list”.
- You will have the ability to search through different categories on the pull down tab.

All of the current scholarships are (or will be) in Naviance: (Please be aware that some listings may not be updated in Naviance but you should check the Scholarships website for most recent posting).

1. Be sure to read the deadline given on Naviance.
  2. Be sure to read the description of the scholarship – this will also give you the required criteria.
  3. Applications may be available on the provider’s website or downloaded on Naviance.
  4. If you haven’t completed a Resume – you should do this immediately. Some of the local scholarships may require this information.
  5. Keep track of the scholarships that you have completed.
  6. Some scholarships will be mailed directly to the provider and other may need to be sent through Mrs. Gordineer.
- Questions or Concerns: Contact Mrs. Gordineer at 914-737-0201 Ext 3644 or email her [mgordineer@peekskillschools.org](mailto:mgordineer@peekskillschools.org)

**GOOD LUCK AND CHECK THE LISTINGS OFTEN FOR UPDATE!**