

Scholarship Process for Seniors at Charlotte ~~Xk~~ wcnSchool

At the beginning of the year, seniors should begin their search for scholarship money if they have a need for some financial assistance to attend post-secondary programs at a college, a university, or a technical

NOTE: Charlotte County sends senior transcripts to the state at the end of first semester in the senior year AND in JULY after seniors graduate because qualifying ACT/SAT test scores for seniors are still accepted from the June test dates AFTER graduation in May.

IMPORTANT SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION FOR SENIORS

WHAT KINDS OF SCHOLARSHIPS EXIST?

Depending upon the student and the student's family, scholarships MIGHT be available for seniors based upon disabilities, ethnicity, state of residence, military service, employer, etc. Scholarships are awarded based upon achievement, need, or both. Many scholarships have other requirements – they may only be offered to students who live in a certain locale, are interested in a certain major, or who have a certain disability.

Scholarships are available from different sources at the national, state, college/university, and local levels. Most scholarships have different requirements. Students must READ the specifics for each scholarship opportunity and comply with every requirement, e.g. an attached transcript or letters of recommendation or deadline date or requested essay. Many scholarship committees reject applications that are not completed as they request.

Students need to aggressively research scholarship opportunities.

- Florida Virtual Campus (FLVC) is a state operated site offering students several scholarship websites. Financial Aid information can be found under the Student Services Tab.
 - Some websites ask students to enter specific information about themselves so scholarship opportunities can be sent to them via email, for example:
 1. www.fastweb.com
 2. College Board Scholarship Search found at <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/pay-for-college/scholarships-grants>
 - The local newspaper often advertises scholarships available in the local community. Watch the Charlotte Sun especially during second semester.
 - Each college or university has a Financial Aid tab on its website pertaining to available scholarships and an explanation of the financial aid process. Students need to examine the websites of the schools to which they are applying or have been accepted. Deadlines are important in this process.
 - Parents should inquire at their places of worship and employment or from the organizations in which they participate to see if any scholarships exist for graduating seniors.
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