



## 12 Tips on Winning a Scholarship

(<http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships/articles/2963-12-tips-on-winning-a-scholarship>)

What if you had all the secrets to winning a scholarship? Would you tell the world — or keep them for yourself? Nationally recognized financial aid and scholarship expert, Mark Kantrowitz, does have all the secrets, and fortunately, he's spilling everything he knows. Kantrowitz has provided Fastweb with the top 12 tips on winning a scholarship:

1. Start searching for scholarships as soon as possible. Don't wait until spring of your senior year in high school to start searching, or you'll miss half the deadlines. There are many scholarships available to students in grades 9, 10 and 11, not just high school seniors. There are even scholarships for students in grades K-8. Continue searching for scholarships even after you are enrolled in college.
2. Answer all of the optional questions on a scholarship matching web site for about twice as many matches.
3. Use a free scholarship matching service like Fastweb.com. The Fastweb database is updated daily, and the site will email you notifications of new scholarships that match your personal background profile.
4. Look for local scholarships on bulletin boards near the guidance counselor or financial aid offices (BB announcements), or the library's jobs and careers section.
5. Apply to every scholarship for which you are eligible. Pursue less competitive scholarships, such as small awards and essay contests, since they are easier to win and the money adds up and helps you win bigger scholarships.
6. Don't miss deadlines. Use a calendar and checklist to get organized.
7. Tailor your application to the sponsor's goals. Read and follow the instructions carefully.
8. If you have difficulty writing essays, try recording yourself as you answer the question out loud, and transcribe the recording later. Most people can think and speak faster than they can write or type. Create an outline afterward to organize your thoughts.
9. Personalize your essay and be passionate. Write about something of interest to you. Make your application stand out from the crowd. Talk about your impact on other people. Give examples and be specific.
10. Google your name and make sure you have a professional online profile. Use a professional email address, such as [firstname.lastname@gmail.com](mailto:firstname.lastname@gmail.com). Clean up the content of your Facebook account, removing inappropriate and immature material.
11. Proofread a printed copy of your essay and the application for spelling and grammar errors.
12. Make a photocopy of your application before mailing it. Send the application by certified mail, return receipt requested or with delivery confirmation.



<http://www.fastweb.com/>

<http://www.cappex.com/>

<http://www.finaid.org/>



### SAT/ACT

**CARLYTON SCHOOL  
CODE: 390570**

- **SAT:**

[http://  
www.collegeboard.org/](http://www.collegeboard.org/)

*Next available test  
date:*

**December 3, 2016**

**Register by**

**November 3, 2016**

- **ACT:**

[http://  
www.actstudent.org/](http://www.actstudent.org/)

*Next available test  
date:*

**December 10, 2016**



*There are two kinds of gratitude:  
The sudden kind we feel for what we take;  
the larger kind we feel for what we give.  
Edwin Arlington Robinson*



You can use the U.S. Department of Education's college search tool, College Navigator, to find colleges and career schools that may fit your needs. You can search for schools by location, degrees offered, programs/majors, tuition and fees, setting, size, and much more. The search results for each school will give you a wide range of information, such as:

- general school information
- tuition, fees, and estimated student expenses
- types of financial aid provided, *net price*
- admissions requirements, retention and graduation rates
- accreditation*

College Navigator allows you to compare schools, save your session, and export your results into a spreadsheet. Choosing the right school involves a variety of factors including your interests, career goals, and financial situation, as well as the school's cost, size and location, and admissions requirements. See a list of things you should consider when researching schools.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/prepare-for-college/choosing-schools/consider>

Hello, Carlynton!

As the leaves are falling, the counseling department is very active and I would like to introduce myself. My name is Mrs. Popovski and I will be filling in for Mr. Canty in the school guidance department. I have experience in K-12 school counseling as well as with college admissions with a competitive university. I look forward to working with students and parents to prepare for their post-secondary plans. I am also here to support students with their present needs and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## Smart Borrowing:

[www.MySmartBorrowing.org](http://www.MySmartBorrowing.org)

PHEAA is asking students and parents alike to consider every potential financial aid option before borrowing for education. If they find that borrowing is absolutely necessary in affording higher education, then PHEAA encourages them to be "smart borrowers" and only borrow what is absolutely necessary. PHEAA's My Smart Borrowing public service campaign focuses on five key points to graduating on firm financial footing:

1. Research job availability in your chosen field, before selecting your major.
2. Research your expected salary in your future career, find an affordable school, and borrow realistically.
3. Consider all types of financial aid carefully.
4. Educate yourself on the many loan options available before borrowing.
5. Inconsistent or untimely loan repayment could affect your future.

As a key component to this campaign, the new My Smart Borrowing debt tool allows borrowers to plug in their potential career choice and school choice to determine the cost of their education and factor whether they'll be able to afford to repay their loans at their expected salary.

