## SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

- Most scholarship money will come from the colleges you apply to. Check colleges' websites, catalogs, mailings, and/or admissions offices to find out about any scholarships you may qualify for.
- To find other scholarships, check the following:
  - \* Internet (e.g. www.scholarships.com, www.sdfoundation.org/scholarships, www.finaid.org/otheraid/majors.phtml, www.fastweb.com) These searches allow you to enter information about yourself so you are shown only those scholarships for which you qualify.
  - \* Employers, clubs, associations, or other organizations (for you, your parents, and even your grandparents). You might want to check with other organizations in your area even though you have no connection with them.
  - \* Scholarship books (in the Counseling Office, bookstores, libraries, etc.)
  - \* Junior and Senior Stuffs I will assist in this process by regularly notifying you of scholarship opportunities that are sent to the Counseling Office.

It is recommended that you focus your time and energy on scholarships that are more specific to you (e.g. your ethnic background, intended major, county/city of residence, etc.). In other words, apply for a scholarship for San Diego County seniors before you apply for one for U.S. citizens with a 2.0 GPA.

## **Scholarship Tips** (from www.collegeanswer.com)

There is no magic formula for applying for and receiving a scholarship. But these tips can start you on the right foot.

- 1. Be organized. Stay on top of deadlines, gather all pertinent documents, and make copies of everything you submit. It is a good idea to send your applications by certified mail to ensure receipt.
- 2. Be honest. Don't exaggerate your grades, memberships, skills, or qualifications. It is better to focus on the scholarships for which you might be eligible.
- 3. Follow instructions carefully. Some scholarships require you to write an essay; others may want letters of recommendation. Send in what is requested and proofread everything. Typos and missing materials can cost you a scholarship.

## AVERAGE STARTING SALARIES FOR NEW COLLEGE GRADUATES

Many financial experts advise students not to borrow more for college than they can expect to earn as a starting salary in their career field.

Broad Category	2012 Median Salar
Business	\$47,748
Communications	\$40,022
Computer Science	\$56,383
Education	\$37,423
Engineering	\$58,581
Health Sciences	\$43,477
Humanities & Social Sciences	\$34,789
Math & Sciences	\$40,939
Overall	<i>\$42,569</i>

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