

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Scholarships are an important part of financial aid. There are many scholarships available for the students who qualify and apply for them early. **DEADLINES** are crucial!! Late applications are usually not even considered. Scholarships are available based on need and ability (academic, athletic, leadership, artistic talents, etc.). Community involvement sometimes is included in the selection as many scholarships are generated by community funds. Some scholarships merely require completing an application; others ask for application fees, essays, recommendation letters, or presentation of talents. So often, students do not apply if they have to write an essay or they wait too long before they start the writing process. It is important to start early and meet the application deadline.

Completing the scholarship application accurately, completely, and neatly is extremely important. **TYPE** the information whenever possible. When references or recommendation letters are required, a) be sure to give plenty of time to the person completing them for you; b) provide them with a copy of your recommendation form. Be sure to note whether the recommendation letter is to be sent with the application or in a separate envelope.

Scholarships are listed on Mrs. Weiss' website. Seniors are encouraged to look at these right away and do a monthly list of scholarships they wish to apply for. This procedure will help them to say on top of the application process. Pay close attention to **DEADLINES!!**

RELIABLE SCHOLARSHIP DATABASE SITES:

www.icansucceed.org

www.schoolsoup.com

www.collegeboard.org

www.anycollege.com

www.fastweb.com

www.finaid.org

www.ihaveaplaniowa.gov

www.gocollege.com

www.scholarships.com

NOTE: The internet and individual colleges will have additional scholarships available to you. Be thorough in your search, but be aware of scholarship searches that require a registration fee.