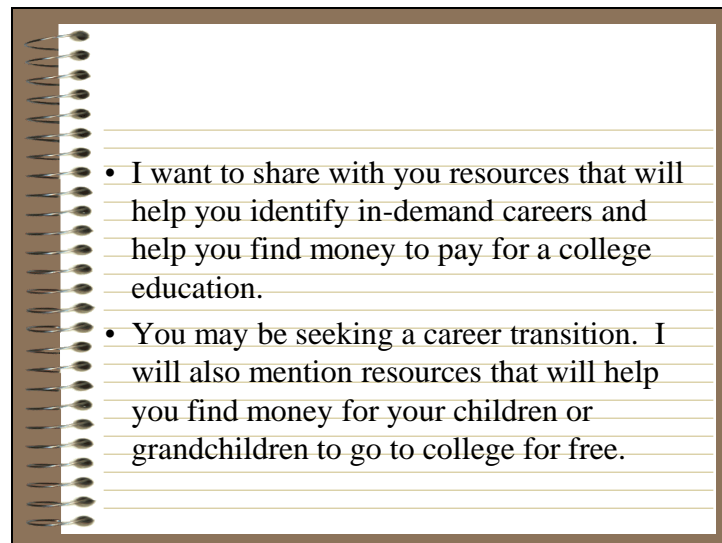


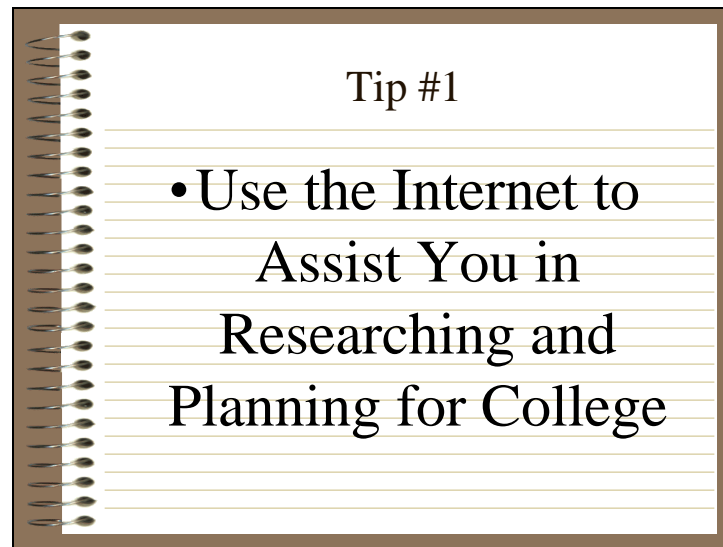
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### **Web Sites and Resources for Adults Returning to College**

<http://www.back2college.com/>

<http://www.adultstudentcenter.com/index.htm>

<http://www.collegeinfo.org/adultweb.pdf>

Federal Student Aid offers suggestions about the process of returning to college. Notice the .gov in the address; in doing research, realize that .gov signifies a government website, which means the information is often unbiased:

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/returning.jsp>

You might want to check and see if you can receive college credit by taking a CLEP test. You will need to check with the college you are interested in also:

<http://www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html>

Also, American Association for Retired Persons (AARP) has posted an ebook online entitled, *Back-to-School Financing Guide: A Financial Aid Guide Book for Midlife and Older Women Seeking Education and Training*:

<http://aarpfoundationwlc.org/content/view/27/62/>

### **Other Planning Guides: High School and Beyond**

In Tennessee, a web site that is sponsored by Tennessee.gov walks high school students through the process of researching and planning to attend college, including the ability to fill out applications for Tennessee colleges online: <http://www.collegefortn.org/>

Other web sites that can assist you in planning for college:

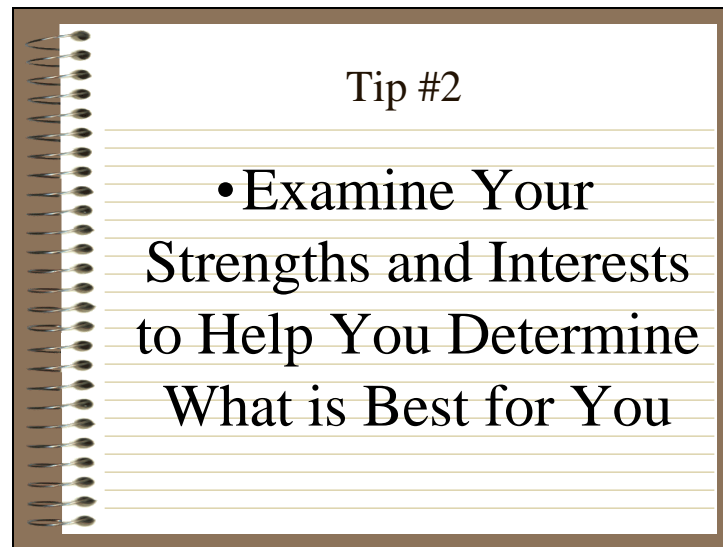
[http://www.educationplanner.org/education\\_planner/default.asp?sponsor=2859](http://www.educationplanner.org/education_planner/default.asp?sponsor=2859)

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

<http://mappingyourfuture.org/>

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

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### **O\*Net Career Exploration Tools**

<http://www.onetcenter.org/tools.html>

The O\*Net System is the "nation's primary source of occupational information" and stands for Occupational Informational Network.

O\*Net also provides a set of career exploration tools. Instead of spending hundreds of dollars for career assessment, you can use this free resource.

Here is a description of the tools and the concept behind them from the website:

"The O\*NET team has designed a set of self-directed career exploration/assessment tools to help workers consider and plan career options, preparation, and transitions more effectively. They also are designed for use by students who are exploring the school-to-work

transition. The assessment instruments, which are based on a "whole-person" concept, include:

O\*NET Ability Profiler

O\*NET Interest Profiler

O\*NET Computerized Interest Profiler

O\*NET Work Importance Locator

O\*NET Work Importance Profiler

These instruments will help people identify their work-related interests, what they consider important on the job, and their abilities in order to explore those occupations that relate most closely to those attributes. Users of the tools may link to the more than 800 occupations described by the O\*NET database, as well as to occupational information in CareerOneStop. This allows individuals to make a seamless transition from assessing their interests, work values, and abilities to matching their job skills with the requirements of occupations in their local labor market."

When I look at this system, I am amazed.

This is a resource provided by our federal government. Your tax money paid for this informative and accurate guide.

### **Other Career Resources**

1. A classic in the field of career counseling is Richard Nelson Bolles's *What Color Is Your Parachute: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers*. This book is updated every year (I own several copies).

This book has extensive resources on how to determine your interests, and how those can apply to the field you choose to enter.

Bolles also has a comprehensive website about job searches and career planning at his website, <http://www.jobhuntersbible.com/>

If you want to take online tests to help you figure out what you like to do, Bolles has a section devoted to Online Career Tests:

[http://www.jobhuntersbible.com/counseling/sec\\_page.php?sub\\_item=048](http://www.jobhuntersbible.com/counseling/sec_page.php?sub_item=048)

I would also read his "Six Rules about Taking Career Tests."

2. Dan Miller, a career counselor and author of *48 Days to the Work You Love* and *No More Dreaded Mondays: Ignite Your Passion - and Other Revolutionary Ways to Discover Your True Calling at Work*, has a comprehensive career kit available for a short time, entitled *48 Days to the Work You Love Career Kit*.

I bought several copies to give out as presents this Christmas. Using the Interactive Workbook, you have a comprehensive way to "combine (1) skills and abilities, (2) personality tendencies, and (3) values, dreams, and passions."

This career kit can be had for \$20 plus postage and handling:

<http://www.48days.net/page/career-kit>

Dan Miller's website: <http://www.48days.com>

I am also a member of Dan Miller's 48days.net, a web community of people helping each other realize their dreams and their potential:

<http://www.48days.net/>

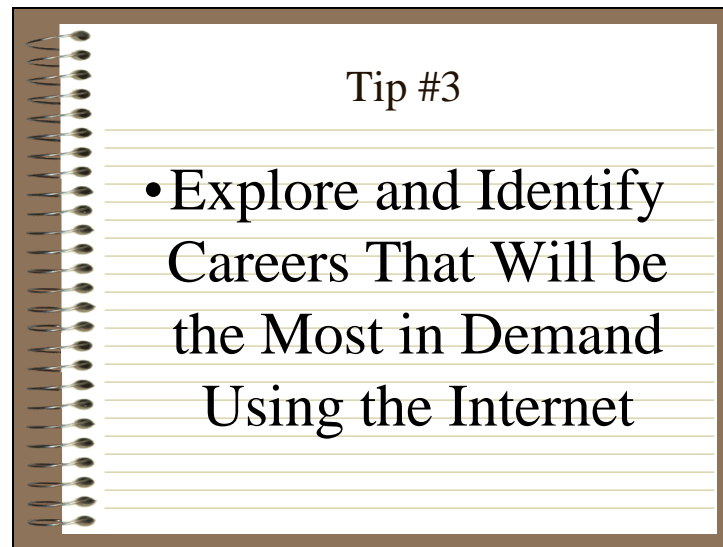
3. If you have graduated college or attended college, you might be able to use the Career Placement services of that higher education institution. It doesn't hurt to check.

Many high schools and colleges have counselors and resources to help students determine what careers and fields of interest they may have. Instead of spending hundreds of dollars for personal career counseling and taking batteries of tests to determine areas of interest, often these services are available for free in high school and college in counseling offices or placement services.

4. The federal government offers career services throughout the country called Career One Stop Centers. Often, resources for career re-training are administered through these offices.

You can explore this information here: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>

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#### 1. O\*Net Online System

<http://online.onetcenter.org/>

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

The O\*Net System is the "nation's primary source of occupational information" and stands for Occupational Informational Network.

Basically, you can now go online and find out what will be the projected need and growth for a certain occupation in the next ten years, how much education will that occupation most likely require, and what are the wages for that occupation across the nation, including a breakdown of wages by state and major metropolitan areas.

The wage information is very informative, going beyond the average. Salaries are given in the bottom 10% and 25% (the range for starting salaries), the Median income (the average salary), and the top 75% and 95% range (the salary at the high end). This gives you a more accurate



picture of salaries and what to ask for when you get to that stage in the interview process.

Average salaries are often not indicative of what starting salaries in any job will be. Looking at the bottom 10% to 25% range gives you more of an idea of what your starting salary will realistically be.

2.

<http://www.careeronestop.org/studentsandcareeradvisors/studentsandcareeradvisors.aspx>

Several resources that allow you to explore national trends and job prospects for all USA jobs

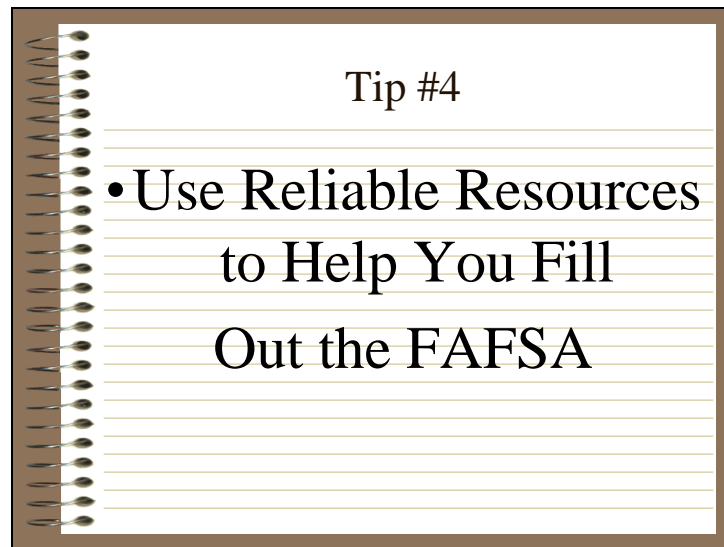
3. Major to Career Converter

<http://6steps.monster.com/step1/careerconverter/>

Monster.com has a major to career converter. Marc Scheer, author of *No Sucker Left Behind: Avoiding the Great College Rip-Off*, mentions this as a “tool that students can use to easily match types of college majors with specific job titles and job listings.”

Using this tool along with the above two websites can help you match possible college majors with your particular interests.

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### **Government Websites and Publications**

1. <http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov>

Students can go to Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online and apply. If you apply online, the process is faster.

Also, students and parents can receive assistance in completing the FAFSA online by calling 1-800-801-0576. Since this is a government website, .gov will be in the web address. Any .com in the web address will charge you money and is a rip-off, and that .com is not associated with the federal government.

2. <http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/fafsa.jsp>

Information about filling out the FAFSA on the web

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[http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/completing\\_fafsa/index.html](http://studentaid.ed.gov/students/publications/completing_fafsa/index.html)

Information about completing the FAFSA can be found here, including the PDF versions of the Dept. of Education's *Completing the FAFSA, 2010-2011*.

4.

<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/publications.jsp>

#### Federal Student Aid Publications

Several good publications are available in PDF format, informing students and parents on how to file the FAFSA, how to choose a college or career, and how to avoid student loan scams.

Of particular interest to those who have students in middle and junior high schools is a publication called *My Future, My Way: How to Go, How to Pay—A Workbook for Students in Middle and Junior High Schools*.

Also on this page is the publication, *Closed School Guide for Students*, which details what students should do if their school suddenly closes and they are not through with their program.

Another publication, *Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees*, can make some interesting reading.

#### **Other Publications and Information**

1. *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine* web site has a great article entitled, "11 Student-Aid Traps to Avoid," which would make for timely reading:

<http://www.kiplinger.com/features/archives/2009/01/avoid-student-aid-traps.html>

2. Another Kiplinger article, "Financial-Aid Form Gets a Facelift: The new FAFSA is shorter, more helpful and less confusing":

<http://www.kiplinger.com/magazine/archives/financialaid-form-gets-a-facelift.html>

3. FAFSA Guide eBook – Line By Line FAFSA Help!

<http://www.fafsaonline.com/fafsa-guide-ebook.php>

### **College Goal Sunday**

College Goal Sunday is a program which occurs in all 50 states about every February where financial counselors will help you fill out your FAFSA.

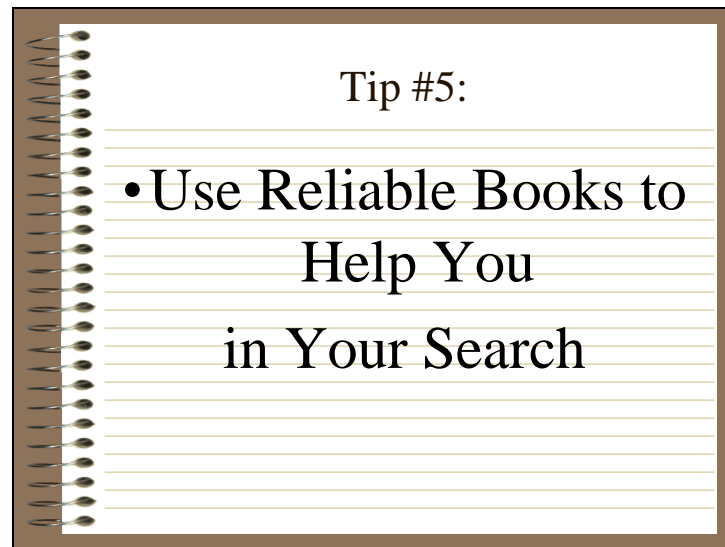
To learn where in your state you can get help and when, click here:

<http://collegegoalsundayusa.org/>

In Tennessee, College Goal Sunday will most likely be posted here:

<http://www.tn.gov/collegegoalsunday/>

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Kantrowitz, Mark. *FastWeb College Gold: The Step-by-Step Guide to Paying for College*. Collins, 2006. ISBN#: 978-0061129582.

Kaplan, Ben. *How to Go to College Almost For Free*", 2nd ed. Collins, 2001. ISBN #0-06-093765-3.

Khalfani, Lynnette. *Zero Debt for College Grads: From Student Loans to Financial Freedom*, Kaplan, ISBN #978-1-4277-5464-6.

Ragins, Marianne. *Winning Scholarships for College, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition: An Insider's Guide*, Holt, 2004. ISBN # 0805075216

Scheer, Marc. *No Sucker Left Behind: Avoiding the Great College Rip-Off*, Common Courage Press, 2008. ISBN # 978-1567513783.

Siebert, Al and Mary Karr. *The Adult Student's Guide to Survival & Success*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed. Practical Psychology Press, 2008. ISBN # 0944227384.

Tanabe, Gen & Kelly. *501 Ways for Adult Students to Pay for College: Going*

*Back to School Without Going Broke*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. Supercollege, 2009. ISBN #978-1932662337.

Tanabe, Gen & Kelly. *The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2010: Billions of Dollars*

*in Scholarships, Grants and Prizes*. Supercollege, 2009. ISBN #978-1932662368.

Either these editions or earlier editions of these books are available from the Nashville Public Library.

### **Other Books You Might Consider**

\*ACT. *The Real ACT Prep Guide*. Thomson Peterson's, 2005. ISBN #0-7689-1975-4.

\*Farr, Michael and Laurence Shatkin. *300 Best Jobs Without a Four-Year Degree*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. JIST Publishing, 2009. ISBN #978-1-59357-658-5.

\*Lamacchia, Joe and Bridget Samburg. *Blue Collar & Proud Of It : The All-In-One Resource For Finding Freedom, Financial Success, And Security Outside The Cubicle*. Health Communications, 2009. ISBN # 978-0757307782.

\*Mooney, Jonathan and David Cole. *Learning Outside the Lines: Two Ivy League Students with Learning Disabilities and ADHD Give You the Tools for Academic Success and Educational Revolution*. Simon & Schuster, 2000. ISBN #0-684-86598-X.

O'Shaughnessy, Lynn. *The College Solution: A Guide for Everyone Looking for the Right School at the Right Price*. FT Press, 2008. ISBN # 978-0132365703.

Books with \* are available from your Nashville Public Library.

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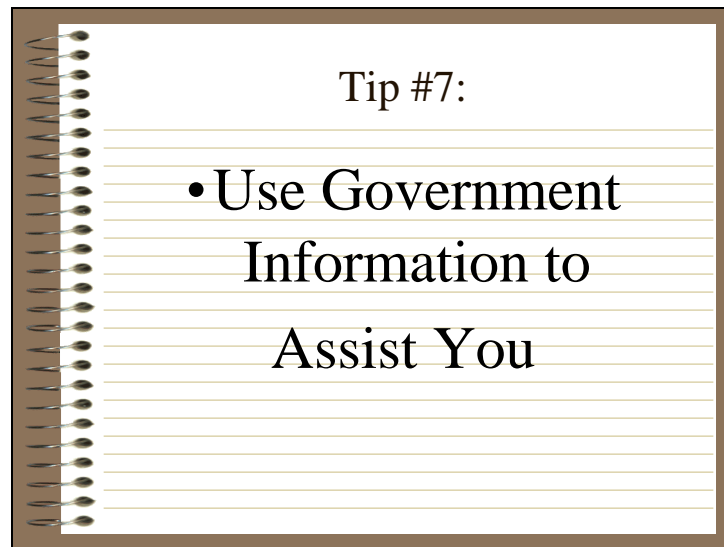
Nashville Public Library (Main), 615 Church Street, Nashville, TN 37219.

I found two resources in the Center for Entrepreneurs in the downtown library. The center contains college and career resources, as well as small business, foundations and grant, and investment research. To find the Center for Entrepreneurs, ask at the reference desk, located on the third floor, adjacent to the Grand Reading Room. Tell them you are researching information about scholarships and let them pinpoint you to some wonderful sources.

I found a book, *Foundation Grants to Individuals*, published by the Foundation Center. This book contains information about private grants to individuals.

Another database available is the *Foundation Directory Online Platinum*, an online version of this book that contains more up-to-date information. The reference librarian has to put in the password, so that a person can access it. This resource is not available online, but only at the downtown library. For people who are not in Nashville, your local library or college library may have access to this resource.

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1. <http://www.govbenefits.gov/>

The federal government has a web site where you can put in your information and see what government benefits you qualify for: The federal government gives over \$60 billion a year in federal aid.

2. <http://studentaid.ed.gov/>

Federal Student Aid (FSA) for Students

3. <http://www.students.gov/>

The student gateway to the federal government. Check out information under the headings of plan your education, pay for your education, and career development.

4. <http://www.usa.gov/>

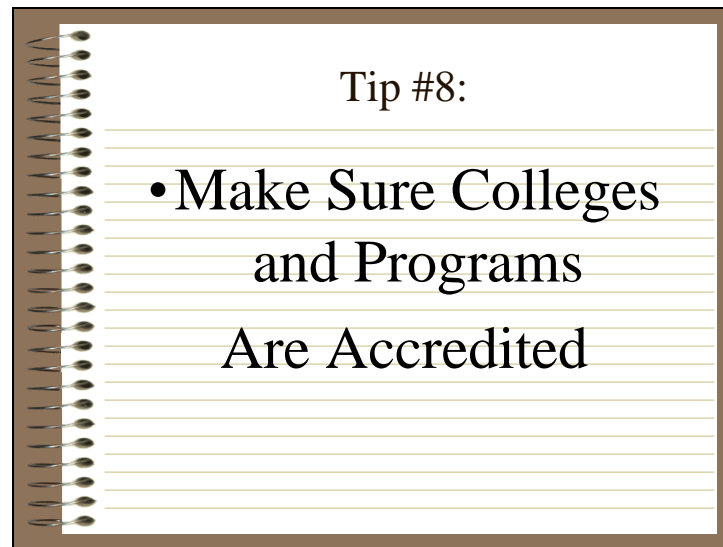
The official website for exploring the federal government

5. <http://www.college.gov/>

A website about the journey to college, sponsored by our federal government



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Proprietary schools are educational institutions that are for-profit businesses. Not all proprietary schools are bad, so you must investigate this issue yourself. Much depends on what you wish to accomplish with your degree.

Not all education is created equal. Be aware of accreditation; for a discussion of accreditation in the United States, click here:

<http://www.ed.gov/admins/finaid/accred/index.html>

Make sure your degree is worth something. You must explore and make sure that the college and/or program you are applying for is properly accredited.

Use the "Reality Test"—ask several people who are currently doing what you want to do what they think of the school or program. Also ask future employers what they think of the school or program. This way you can get a general understanding of how the school or program is perceived.

Late night television is filled with commercials about changing your life by going to this or that college. Research the college. Steve Kroft reported on *Sixty Minutes* that for-profit colleges may promise great jobs and salaries after graduation, but students may end up being burned:

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2005/01/31/60minutes/main670479.shtml>

Accreditation refers both to colleges, universities, and their programs. You should be aware of whether the college is accredited or not, but also the program you wish to study.

The U.S. Department of Education maintains a database of Accredited Postsecondary Institutions and Programs. To see if the school you wish to attend or the program you want to major in is accredited, click on "Click here to begin your search": <http://www.ope.ed.gov/accreditation/>

The U.S. Department of Education wants everyone to know that this is not the only database you should consult in researching accreditation and I agree.

The Council for Higher Education Accreditation includes an International Directory: <http://www.chea.org/>

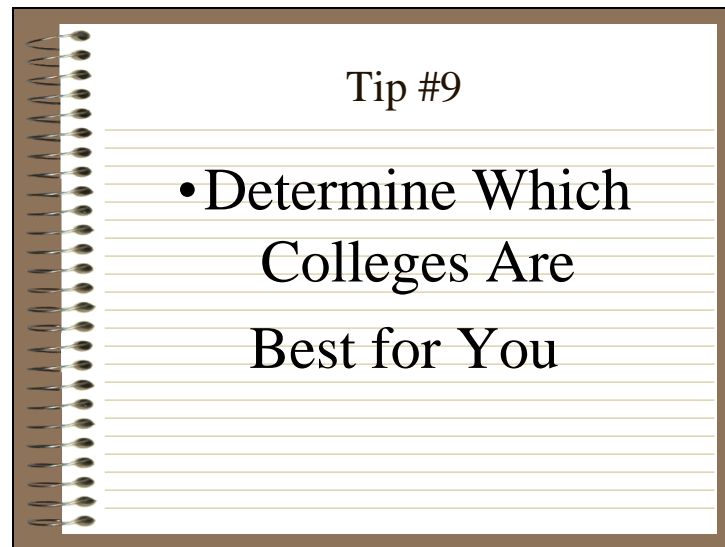
Included on this page is information on degree mills and accreditation mills. Especially helpful is state Information on higher education institutions licensed or authorized to operate in the states:  
<http://www.chea.org/degremills/frmStates.htm>

Several states have lists of unaccredited colleges, including colleges they do not accept as legitimate when considering people for employment.

According to Marc Scheer, "The most-respected college accrediting organizations are the six 'regional' organizations, which include: the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools; the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities; the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Colleges that are not accredited by these agencies may be wasteful for students to attend, because employers and graduate schools may not value their classes or degrees. Students should also make sure that any school they are considering has a phone number and mailing address, and has a website address that ends in '.edu.'"

Marc Sheer also mentions in his book, *No Sucker Left Behind*, that you can go to <http://www.geteducated.com/>, click on Diploma Mill Police, and you can find out if the online degree program you are thinking of applying to is a "diploma mill." If the school is not listed, you can submit a custom query and see if that particular online school is a diploma mill.

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### **College Rankings**

College rankings are an interesting way to compare and become knowledgeable about schools you might want to visit or research.

I found this great article about college rankings, including their limitations. Also noted are several different rankings:

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/edx/rankings/index.html>

Other college rankings are noted below:

► <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/college>

U.S. News & World Reports' popular college rankings

► <http://www.princetonreview.com/college-rankings.aspx>

Princeton Review's college rankings

► <http://www.kiplinger.com/money/collegevalues/>

100 Best College Values in Private Colleges & 100 Best College Values in Public Colleges

## **Choosing a Major May be More Important Than Your College**

According to Marc Sheer, author of *No Sucker Left Behind*, what major you choose may have more of an impact on your starting salary than the college you attend: "An interesting quirk of college pricing is that every 'major' (area of academic concentration) within a school usually costs the same price (even after financial aid is considered)—but different majors lead to different salaries . . . in fact, students' choice of major has more of an impact on their salaries than where they go to college, and this has been supported in various research studies."

The best way to make sure that the major you pick matches up with the cost of the college you are thinking about attending is to explore your interests and activities, see what majors best match up with those interests and activities, and then see what the starting salaries are for those particular fields that you are interested in pursuing.

All of this can be done by using the tools located under Tip #3.

## **Check Out Graduation Rates, Accreditation Status, and Degrees Offered**

Marc Scheer recommends checking out graduation rates at preferred schools to see if they have low graduation rates, because this might indicate problems. Other educational information can help you compare schools.

Three websites he recommends are

<http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>

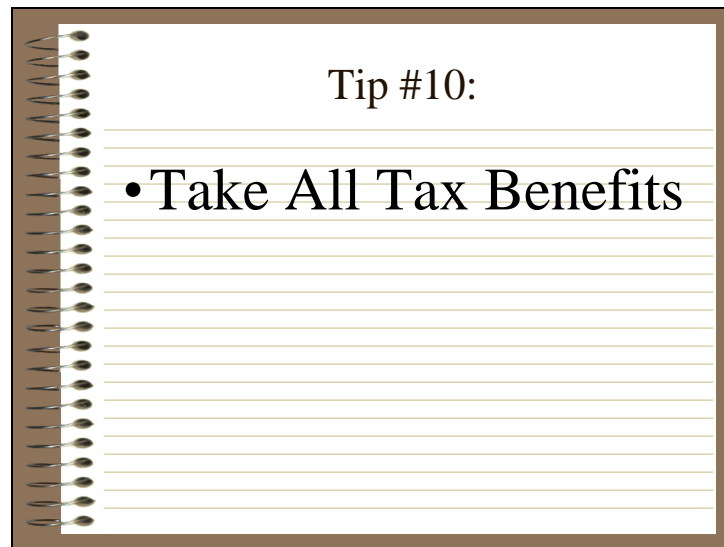
<http://www.collegeresults.org/>

<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>

Marc Scheer's *No Sucker Left Behind* is a valuable resource, which can be found at your favorite bookstore or at the library. His book includes many resources about how to navigate the college search process, including guidelines and suggestions on how to get the best value for your money.

He includes information about free resources on how to determine your EFC (Earned Family Contribution) and Twenty Five Questions Before You Enroll (located in the Appendix).

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1. <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/students/index.html>

Of course, the IRS government web site has a section strictly for students of all ages, from elementary to higher education students. Recent information about the American Opportunity Credit can also be found here.

For more information about tax benefits and deductions that might help you on your tax return, click on <http://www.irs.gov/recovery>

2. <http://www.nasfaa.org/redesign/taxbenefitsguide2009.html>

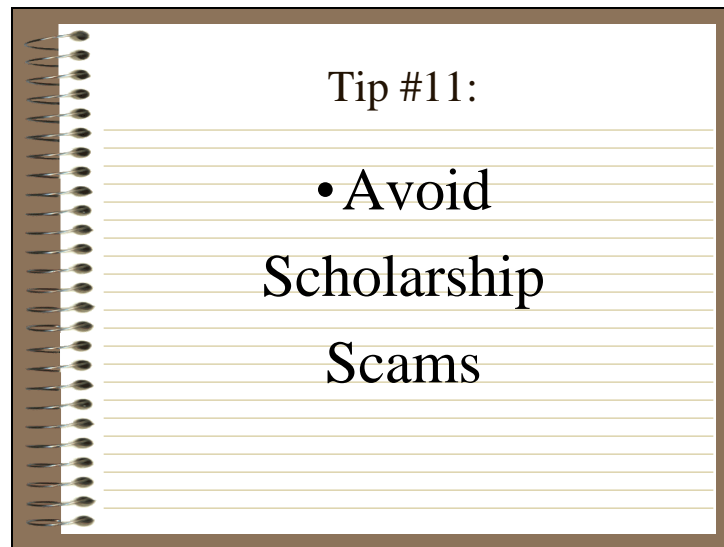
To find accurate information about federal tax benefits, check out the *Higher Education Federal Tax Benefits Guide - 2009 Tax Year* at the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators' (NASFAA) web site.

2008 Edition: <http://www.nasfaa.org/annualpubs/taxbenefitsguide.html>

3. <http://www.nasfaa.org/redesign/ParentsStudents.html>

The NASFAA website not only includes information about the recent tax updates, such as the American Opportunity Tax Credit, but also includes a comprehensive process on everything related to college and expenses.

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Even though the report is from 2007, the information is still relevant. You are given things to watch out for in order to a student loan scam. Also, how you can check to see if a student loan program is too good to be true.

[http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=3183952n%3fsource=search\\_video](http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=3183952n%3fsource=search_video)

There are several signs of a scam. The Federal Trade Commission states that any of the following statements used on a website or a letter or by a person are a sign of possible fraud:

- ✓ "The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."
- ✓ "You cannot get this information anywhere else."
- ✓ "You are a finalist, and you have won a scholarship."
- ✓ "The scholarship will cost some money."
- ✓ "You have been selected by a 'national foundation' to receive a scholarship and there is some kind of handling fee involved."
- ✓ "This scholarship will cost some money."

This list is taken directly from the FTC's website, which includes more information about what to look out for:

<http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipscams>

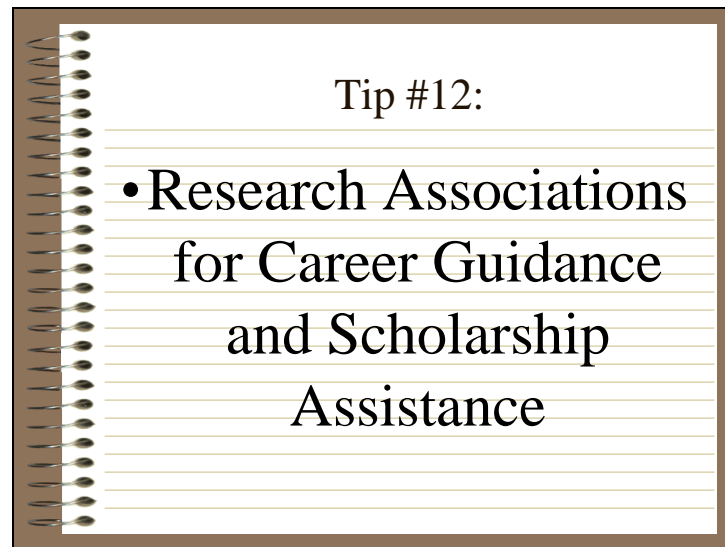
**Scholarships should not cost you any money. Asking for money is a sure sign of a scam.**

For further information, you can read the FinAid's Student Guide to Scholarship Scams: <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/scams.phtml>

Also, Tennessee Attorney General recently warned against college "financial aid" pitch: <http://bit.ly/dDsw7U>



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Most people belong to one or another professional association. There seems to be associations for everything. If you are looking for information about certain products or services, an association most likely will have that information. Realize that the information may be biased toward that trade or practice, but where else can you get so much specialized information. Many federal agencies get their statistics from such associations.

**First, I am going to point you to a three-volume book that most main libraries have called *Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations & National Organizations of the U.S.* Here you can find valuable information.**

For example, if you are a student wishing to explore career opportunities or possible scholarships for your field of engineering or teaching, you can find a professional association tied with that profession. Or you are a mother seeking help for a disabled child or relative, there might be an association where you can get information and assistance.

Several directories of associations & national organizations can also be found online:

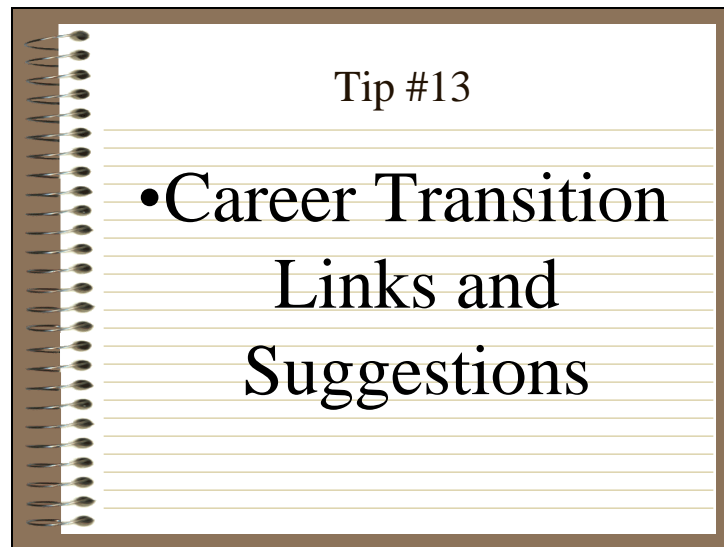
► <http://www.ipl.org/IPLBrowse/GetSubject?vid=13&cid=7> The Internet Public Library collection of over 2000 Association web sites

► <http://www.asaecenter.org/Directories/AssociationSearch.cfm>

American Society of Association Executives Directory

► <http://www.infoplease.com/ipa/A0004878.html> A partial list of associations found in Gale's Encyclopedia of Associations

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Since many people are going through career change and career transition, I compiled the following information for your benefit.

1. <http://tinyurl.com/yb4k729>

Career Transition Support Group meets from 7-8:30 pm every Monday at Brentwood United Methodist Church. You can find information plus a list of meeting topics.

2. [http://www.library.nashville.org/research/res\\_ws\\_career.asp](http://www.library.nashville.org/research/res_ws_career.asp)

Career & Employment Links—Nashville Public Library

3. <http://www.nashville.gov/ncac/index.asp>

Nashville Career Advancement Center

4. [http://www.library.nashville.org/services/ser\\_jobsearch\\_lab.asp](http://www.library.nashville.org/services/ser_jobsearch_lab.asp)

Job Search Computer Lab, located at Edmondson Pike Library, includes schedule

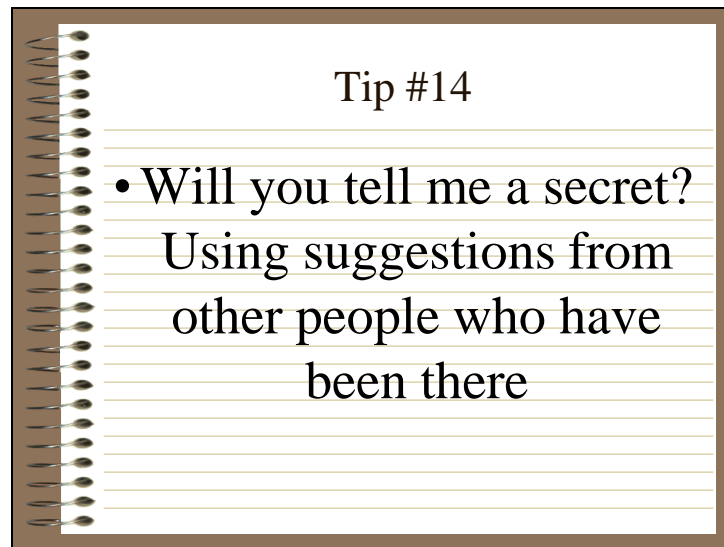
5. <http://www.library.nashville.org/startpages/jobsearch.asp>

Job Search start pages

Now, a quote from Richard Nelson Bolles, *What Color is Your Parachute?* 2010: "In a group with other job-hunters, a kind of "job-club," using the phone book's Yellow Pages to identify subjects or fields of interest to you in the town or city where you are, and then calling up or visiting the employers listed in that field, to ask if they are hiring for the type of position you can do, and do well. **This method has an 84 percent success rate.** That is, out of every 100 people who use only this method, 84 will get lucky and find a job thereby. That's a success rate that is over eleven times higher than if you just sent out resumes" (33). [**I added the emphasis**]

This comes from "The Five Best Ways to Hunt for a Job," which is found on pages 31-34. He has a list like this in every edition of his classic, *What Color Is Your Parachute?*

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This recently appeared on the message board of the Nashville Writers Meetup. The person in question is pursuing her doctorate at a prestigious private university.

"Something few people know and you might not have heard a lot-- if you are a non-traditional student, have an interesting life story, and little money, an expensive private school might end up being a more affordable option.

Public schools often have a limited amount of scholarships to give away, and the competition is fierce because they attract many bright and motivated students from the lower middle-class brackets.

Smaller and more expensive private schools (\*cough \_\_\_\_\_ cough\*) want to diversify their student bodies, and so the really expensive tuition for those that can afford it subsidizes a larger number of full-ride scholarships from the Universities themselves. In theory this benefits the wealthy students because they will have more life experience interacting with people of different backgrounds and with different experiences, and the more liberal faculty and administrators like the idea of creating more opportunities and helping to narrow the gap between wealthy and disadvantaged as well.

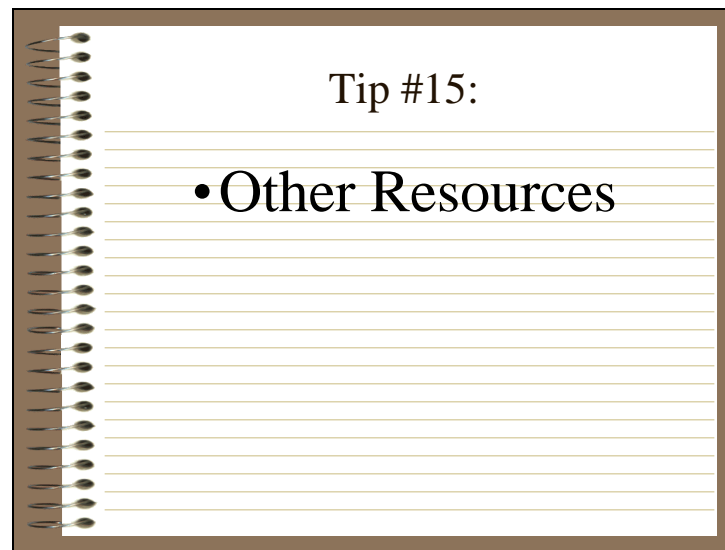
And if you can't afford to apply, you can contact the admissions office and explain your financial situation, and most of them will waive your admission fees. Then on the application, just be sure to check the box that says you

want to be considered for their scholarships, and be honest about how much money you have. If you are interesting enough (or can write well enough to make yourself seem interesting), you have a good chance of a school wanting you badly enough to offer you a full scholarship.

BTW, I've only paid for 1/8 years of higher ed. Most bright people willing to take the time to learn the system, work their butt off, put themselves out there, and be rejected a lot can get a free ride."

Once again, you can find out much information by asking questions and seeking answers from people who are doing what you want to do.

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### **Scholarship Search Engines and Information**

1. <http://scholarshipexperts.com/>
2. <http://www.scholarships.com/>
3. <http://www.fastweb.com/>
4. [http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch\\_ss/welcome.jsp](http://apps.collegeboard.com/cbsearch_ss/welcome.jsp)
5. <https://www.brokescholar.com/>
6. <http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/>
7. <http://www.thesalliemaefund.org/smfnew/sections/search.html>

### **Other Resources You Might Not Know About**

1. <http://www.nasc.us/StudentContestsandActivities.aspx>

The National Advisory List of Student Contests and Activities for high school and lower age students list all the acceptable programs that meet strict standards for education and other criteria.

2. <http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com/ebook/>

Ebook that explains how to use Google and the Internet to search for scholarships

3. <http://www.financialaidpodcast.com/>

Financial Aid Podcasts

4. <http://bit.ly/50MG0u>

Article by Kim Clark, "10 Steps to Raising \$15K for College or More Now"

### **Other Sites I Recommend**

1. <http://www.scholarshipworkshop.com>
2. <http://www.supercollege.com>
3. <http://www.collegegold.com/index.phtml>
4. [http://www.nasfaa.org/Redesign/CollegeAccess\\_center.asp](http://www.nasfaa.org/Redesign/CollegeAccess_center.asp)

College Access Center—resources to improve college access

5. <http://www.tn.gov/collegepays/>

Tennessee Student Assistance Corporation manages lottery and other scholarships for the state of Tennessee

Check out the information for GED students and Nontraditional students. You might qualify for a lottery scholarship if you meet the criteria.

6. <http://www.tnstate.edu/scholarships/>

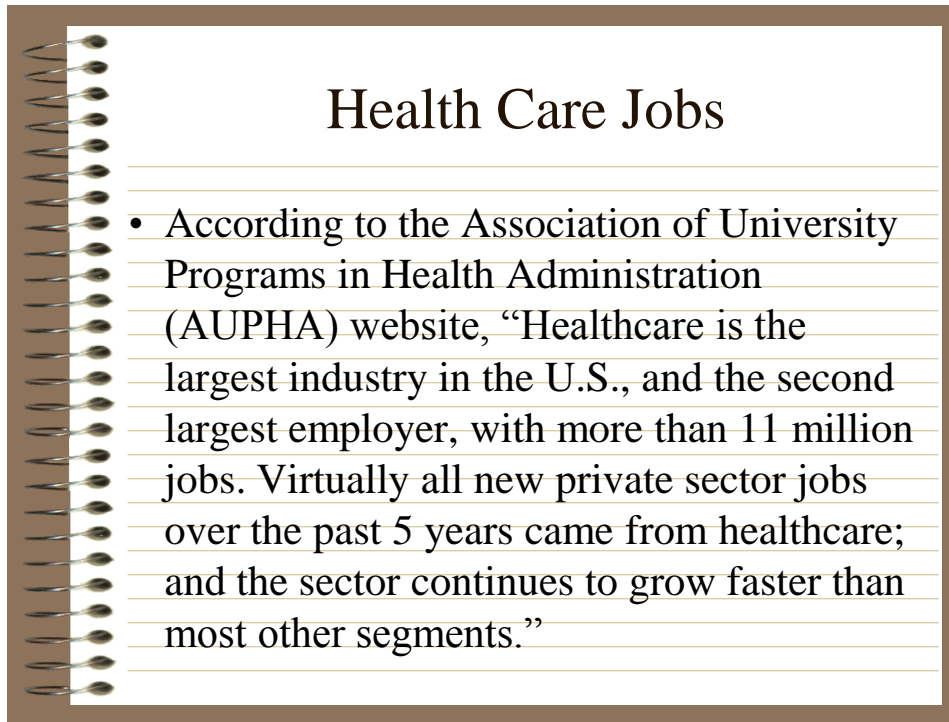
Information about scholarship opportunities at Tennessee State University—many colleges will list financial aid information and scholarship opportunities on their websites, which you can explore to go to that college or others

7. <http://thecollegesolutionblog.com/>



## Health Care Field and Scholarship Opportunities

I gave a presentation to Hospital Corporation of America Shared Services. Some of the information I researched is collected here.



### Health Career Exploration Sites

1. <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org/en/index.aspx>

Explore Health Careers

2. <http://www.aupha.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3355>

Prospective student information for those who want to pursue a career in healthcare management/administration. Also includes links to other healthcare organizations that can assist in this determination.

3. <http://bhpr.hrsa.gov/recovery/>

\$500 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding will bolster and expand the health professions workforce

4. <http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm>

Financial Aid for Health Professions Students & Practitioners

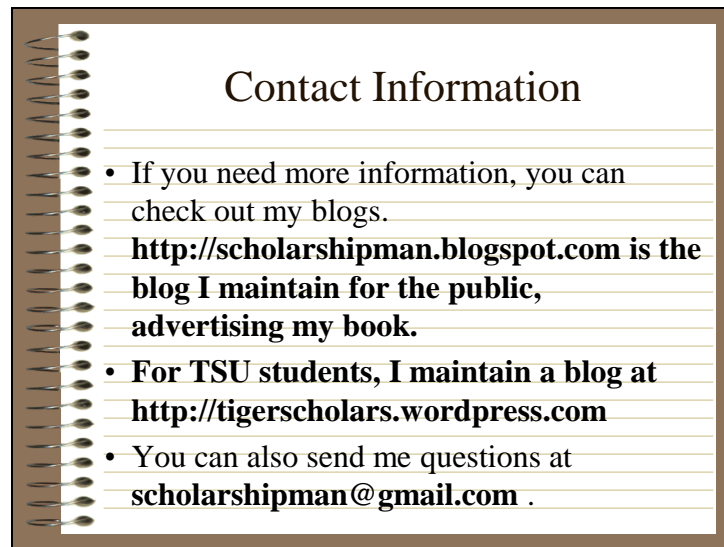
5. <http://www.aupha.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=1>

The Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA)

6. <http://www.asahp.org/index.htm>

The Association of Schools of the Allied Health Professionals

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Blogs: <http://tigerscholars.wordpress.com>

<http://scholarshipman.blogspot.com>

Email: scholarshipman@gmail.com

## **Scholarship Opportunities, Suggestions, and Other Ideas**

1. <https://studentaid2.ed.gov/getmoney/scholarship/v3browse.asp>

Federal Student Aid on the Web Search

Here, you just enter your major, and a list of scholarships you can apply for come up.

This scholarship web directory is run by the federal government.

2. <http://www.mycollegeoptions.org/scholarship-advanced-search.aspx>

You can search from a list of over 60,000 scholarship matches by location, major, ethnicity, and religion.

For more advanced searches, you can register at the website.

3. <http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/apply.htx>

ScholarshipExperts.com is awarding up to \$9,000 for 2010.

ScholarshipExperts.com is rated by Forbes.com as one of the top scholarship search engines on the web.

The first scholarship is worth \$1,000, and the deadline is June 30, 2010; also, don't miss the scholarship worth \$5,000 with a deadline of October 31st 2010.

4. <http://www.disneyabctalentdevelopment.com/>

This description comes from the website: "Whether your sights are set on writing, directing, acting or production, Disney | ABC Television Group's

Talent Development & Diversity programs play an integral part in launching successful careers in the entertainment industry. These programs are designed to attract, develop and staff individuals with diverse backgrounds and life experiences in either creative or production positions.”

5. <http://vidopp.com/>

Video Contest Community Blog—a blog that lists video contests and competitions. You can use any money from these competitions to go toward paying for college debt-free.

6. <http://www.cfmt.org/scholarships/>

Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee administers several different scholarships with different criteria. The deadline for scholarships applications is March 15 of each year. I informed several students about this scholarship, and I know of one who received one. It is good to check out all the scholarships and see which one you may qualify for.

7. <http://scholarships.fatomei.com/>

Nationally Coveted College Scholarships, Graduate School Fellowships & Postdoctoral Awards

8. <http://www.abbottandfenner.com/scholarships.htm>

The A&F Scholarships, open to junior and seniors in high school, and those currently attending a university, \$1,000—two given

Deadline: June 19, 2010

9. <http://scholarshipman.blogspot.com/2010/02/have-federal-government-pay-back-your.html>

A blog entry on Scholarshipman which details how you can get up to \$10,000 paid back in student loans for public service

10. <http://www.gatesscholar.org/>

Gates Cambridge Scholarships—scholarships to study at the University of Cambridge in England. Deadline has passed for this year, but more information for next year can be found here:

<http://www.gatesscholar.org/apply/>

This just looked interesting.

11. <http://www.fascholarship.com/>

Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund, Deadline: July 30, 2010, FAS “honors Americans in our Armed Forces who have sacrificed life or limb defending our country by providing educational scholarships for their children.”

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<http://www.aises.org/Programs/ScholarshipsandInternships/Scholarships>

American Indian Science and Engineering Society administers these scholarships with a deadline of June 15, 2010. You must be “American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian AISES member.”

13. <http://www.epilepsy-scholarship.com/>

Pfizer's Epilepsy Scholarship Award, Deadline: June 15, 2010

Some criteria: "You may apply for Pfizer's Epilepsy Scholarship Award if you are • Under a doctor's care for epilepsy • In school as:

- A high school senior who has applied to college
- A freshman, sophomore, or junior in college
- Or a college senior who has applied to graduate school"

14. <http://smart.asee.org/>

The SMART Scholarship for Service Program--"The Science, Mathematics And Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship for Service Program has been established by the Department of Defense (DoD) to support undergraduate and graduate students pursuing degrees in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines.

The program aims to increase the number of civilian scientists and engineers working at DoD laboratories . . . The 2011 SMART Scholarship application will open on August 1, 2010."

15. <http://www.asee.org/fellowships/index.cfm>

American Society for Engineering Education administers several different scholarship, fellowship, and internship opportunities. Check these out.

16.

<http://www.google.com/jobs/students/us/scholarships/#src=scholarships>

Google sponsors several scholarships. Here is information about them.