

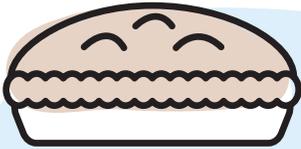


# The great scholarship bake-athon

## Looking for ways to pay for college or grad school?

Scholarships are your ticket to free money that you don't need to pay back. Pretty sweet, right?

Use these tips to whip up scholarship opportunities based on your hobbies and interests.



### Get a piece of the pie every year

Did you know half of scholarships are for students already in college? Start applying your junior year of high school, and make sure to continue applying all the way through grad school.



### Make the FAFSA a key ingredient

One of the first (and best) ways to find money for school is to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).



### Don't half-bake your applications

Carefully read the application instructions and keep track of deadlines to make sure you meet all the requirements. Don't rush the recipe. Take your time, and make sure your application is something you're proud of—it's a representation of you.



### Scholarships are always free—no bundts about it

You should never pay to find or apply to one.

### Sprinkle in some smaller awards

Smaller scholarships can be the cherry on top of your paying-for-college plan. Even a few hundred dollars could cover the cost of books or transportation.



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