**NAVIGATING THE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH**

1. Log In
2. Welcome to Scholarship Search Workshop

* How many of you have started doing scholarship searches?
* Has anyone received a scholarship yet? Do you want to share?

1. Today we are going to do scholarship searches. There are scholarships out there for everything you may be eligible for scholarship based on merit/talent, if you consider yourself a part of a certain “group/characteristic”, OR if they are pursuing something specific. (**you can share this list or have them help you come up with a list, maybe share scholarships you received or interesting scholarships that you have heard of**)

Consider the following:

■ Scholastic Achievement (grades, honor society membership, etc.)

■ Race

■ LGBTQ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning)

■ Gender

■ Economic Need

■ Religious Affiliation

■ Special talents students may have, like art or music

■ Ethnic Affiliation

■ The state in which students live

■ The high school students attended

■ Community service students participated in

■ Sports students participated in

■ The college a student wants to attend

■ The field/major a student intends to pursue

■ Whether students’ parents have served in any branch of the military

■ Disabilities or handicaps students may have

■ Organizations parents/guardians may be affiliated with (sororities, fraternities, Rotary Club, etc.)

1. You should keep a file of scholarship application requirements and their forms as well as a calendar of deadlines. Doing this will give you plenty of time to hone your application information and any necessary application essays. Here is a document that you will use to record your scholarship searches. (**introduce the form**)
2. Here are a couple of the many FREE websites available to help you find scholarships. While searching for scholarships**, it’s important that students not fall for scams requesting fees.**

■ www.fastweb.com for a free search engine that will match the student to potential scholarships; search the site for some unique scholarship opportunities.

■ www.chegg.com for a free search engine that will match you to potential scholarships; search the site for some unique scholarship opportunities.

■ www.educationplanner.com, and click on “Paying for College.” Then click on “Scholarship Search” under “Find Money for College.” Students provide information to generate a list of available scholarships.

1. You can use the sites that I have shared with you or do a Google Search and find your own. We are here to help each other out, so if you find an awesome scholarship search site come up and write it on the board.
2. Your goals is to find at least 3 scholarships that you are eligible

**The last 5 minutes do a check in to see how they did. Ask them if the met their goal of 3 scholarships. Ask them if they had any challenges and if the found any interesting findings.**