

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

► A scholarship is money **earned** to help pay for education expenses that does not need to be repaid. ◀

Outside scholarships are any scholarships that are granted to a student attending Lakeland University that are not awarded by Lakeland University. All outside scholarships must be reported to the financial aid office so they can be included in your financial aid package.

National Scholarship Searches

www.fastweb.com

www.scholarships.com

www.cappex.com

www.unigo.com

www.chegg.com/scholarships

www.salliemae.com/scholarships

bold.org

myscholly.com

Local Scholarship Searches

Many scholarship opportunities are available in local communities. Contact your high school and local organizations to see if they know of or offer scholarships for which you can apply.

Other Opportunities

Lakeland University is often notified by outside agencies of available scholarships. These opportunities are posted on my.lakeland.edu under the financial aid page.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

Winning scholarships takes discipline, organization and drive. Follow the application tips below to help you get started!

■ Write a winning essay

- Opportunity to tell the scholarship committee why you are a good fit, how it will help you, and how you will benefit them. Prove why you are investment worthy.
- Research the scholarship and the organization behind it.
- Get it proofread.

■ Gather letters of recommendation

- Think of someone you have formed a good relationship with that could speak on behalf of your character and growth as a person and/or student.
- Ask a faculty member, coach, employer, etc.
- Give them 3-4 weeks to write your letter.

■ Apply early and often!

■ Follow the directions.

■ Watch deadlines.

■ Apply with a buddy and hold each other accountable.

■ Avoid scams!

- Never pay to apply for a scholarship.
- Never provide personally identifiable information.
- No one can guarantee you a scholarship.

■ Think of applying as a part time job. If you win a \$1,000 scholarship after 20 hours of searching and applying, you got paid \$50/hour.

■ Be gracious.



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