

VSAC Scholarship Booklet & Paying for College



The Arc of Glory

Learning Targets

College timeline, Common App, Colleges in Naviance

I can..

Set up common
app

Enter key details
into C.A.

Add colleges to
C.A.

Have the pink
form &
application

Checklist

More Common App

I can..

Complete and
sign the FERPA
release in C.A

Add colleges to
my Naviance
Account

Identify HOW I
am applying in
Naviance
i.e. C.A. or Direct
to Institution

Linking Naviance & Common App. Sending Transcripts

I can..

Officially request
transcripts
choosing the
accurate "type" of
application for
each school. ED,
EA, Rolling

Link C.A and
Naviance

Letters of Recommendation

I can..

Follow the
appropriate
process to
request teacher
letters of
recommendation

Follow the
appropriate
process to
request counselor
letters of
recommendation

FAFSA & paying for college

I can identify..

Where and how to
start the FAFSA

Where and how to
start the VT state
grant

Start finding \$ for
college using
scholarship tools
like the fastweb,
CHS website,
Naviance and

VSAC and Local Scholarships

I can..

Identify multiple
resources I can
use to apply for
scholarships

Describe how to
apply for VSAC
scholarships

Identify at least 1
scholarship I am
eligible for in the
VSAC booklet

Graduation Tasks

I can..

Take the
graduation
Survey on
Naviance

Request final
transcript on
naviance

Take the CHS
exit survey on
naviance



What you should be doing NOW

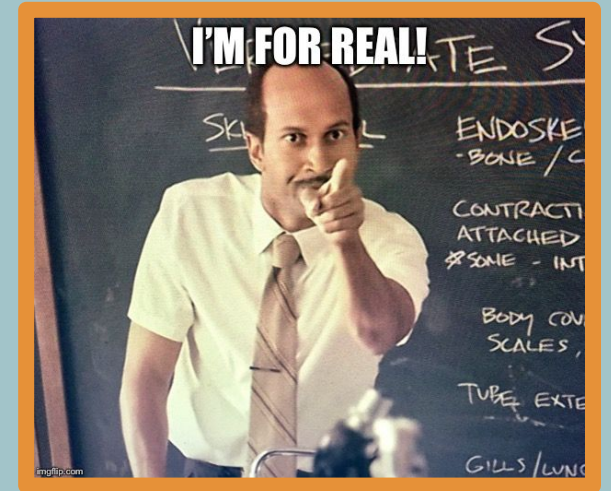
1. Search the scholarship list in Naviance (under colleges tab then scroll to scholarship list) Naviance
2. Check out the financial aid resources on the CHS Counseling webpage CHS webpage
3. Look at www.fastweb.com, etc. for scholarships (one of the few .coms we recommend for scholarships)
4. Check with businesses, your work, etc. to see if they offer scholarships.



The VSAC Scholarship Book is available at
www.vsac.org

*you can order hard copies via the VSAC website

- The deadline is **February 11, 2022**. Remember, you can't win if you don't play! Plug this date into your phone/calendar now.
- Statistically only $\frac{1}{3}$ of students will apply for these scholarships so be part of that $\frac{1}{3}$ and apply. Don't miss out on free money!



Who is eligible for these scholarships?

Everyone will be eligible for at least one, but most people will be eligible for 3-5 scholarships.

→ We'll look at a specific scholarship and I'll show you how you can tell if you are eligible.



How do I apply?

- ★ There is just one application that is good for ALL the scholarships.
*Reminder: the booklet and application can be found on www.vsac.org.
- ★ Everyone is going to make an account before we leave today.
- ★ When in doubt go back to page one in the booklet. All the directions are there.



How will I know what documents I need to apply?

- Each scholarship will tell you which documents you will need to submit.
- If you need transcripts sent, let your counselor know via email with at least a couple days' notice and we can upload an official transcript for you.
- ****You MUST do the Unified Scholarship Application (USA) before we can upload anything to VSAC.****



If you need a letter of rec...



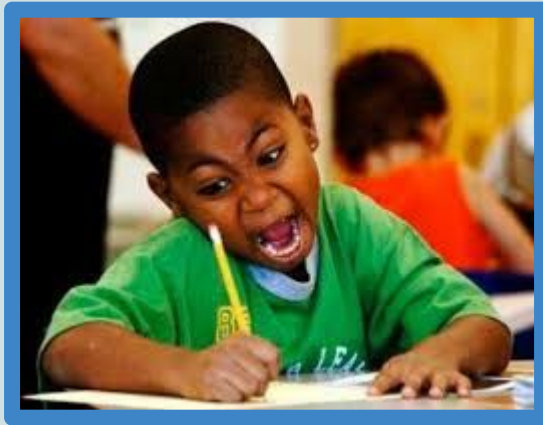
- If you need a letter of recommendation from your school counselor or a teacher and they've already written you one, let them know via email and give them about **3 days** to upload it to VSAC for you. You'll need to let your teachers know that they'll need to change the wording and format (per the details in the VSAC Scholarship Book. See slide 12 coming right up).
- If you haven't already asked for a letter or recommendation and you need one, you will need to give the recommender **3-4 weeks** to write one.
- *Check out page 2 in the booklet for the types of letters of rec you may need.

Friendly reminder about thank you notes



Do I need to write an Essay?

- Yes– BUT it's short and outlined for you in the booklet (page 3).



Non VSAC Scholarships in the book

- Back of the booklet
- Different application process



Let's check out one of the scholarships.
→ Go to VSAC.org and click “find scholarships”

The screenshot shows the VSAC.org website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with various links like 'About Us', 'Newsroom', 'Research', 'Calendar', 'Financial Aid Professionals', 'FAQs', 'Resources', and a 'Search' button. Below this is a banner area with the VSAC logo and a large text overlay that reads 'FINANCIAL AID 1-2-3 Get \$ for college or training: FAFSA, grants & scholarships'. There are two buttons in this banner: 'FAFSA FIRST. FAFSA NOW.' and 'APPLY FOR VT GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS'. A large red arrow points from the 'APPLY FOR VT GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS' button down to the 'FIND SCHOLARSHIPS' button in the footer. The footer contains four icons with corresponding text: 'BE ALERT. LEARN HOW TO AVOID SCAMS.', 'EXPLORE GRANTS', 'FIND SCHOLARSHIPS', and 'EXPLORE LOAN OPTIONS'. At the very bottom, there are two more sections: 'CHECK OUT OUR HOW-TO VIDEOS,' and 'GO GREEN!'.

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FINANCIAL AID 1-2-3

Get \$ for college or training: FAFSA, grants & scholarships

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APPLY FOR VT GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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→ Scroll down to download PDF or view Scholarship Book



Learn more about [how financial aid works](#). Attend our virtual **Managing College Costs event** to learn about financial aid for college or career training after high school. [Watch the video and find resources >](#)

FIND SCHOLARSHIPS**CONSIDER ALL AID****BEWARE OF SCAMS****TIPS FOR SUCCESS**

WHERE TO LOOK FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

To make the most of your search, start 9 to 12 months before the start of the academic year for which you need funds. Start by looking for local scholarships—and branch out as time allows.

You can find college scholarship information through:

- **VSAC's scholarships booklet:** This booklet contains information on more than 140 scholarships available to Vermont residents—and is updated each fall. The VSAC scholarship booklet contains both VSAC-assisted scholarships and scholarships administered directly by the group that sponsors the scholarship.
 - For VSAC-assisted scholarships, apply through VSAC using a single application.
 - For group-administered scholarships, follow the instructions in the booklet and apply to the scholarship sponsor group. Each of these scholarships has a separate application process.
 - **Download a PDF version or view online**  
 - **Order a free print version by mail.**
 - Or request a copy from your high school guidance counselor.
 - **Read these tips for getting started.**
- **Local sources:** Talk to your high school guidance counselor, local librarian, local business owners and club representatives, and town officials. Be sure to speak with your parents about organizations or clubs they belong to or ask if their employer sponsors a scholarship.
- **Your college or university:** Look on the college's website or call the admissions office to ask about possible

→ Go to Page 27

Don't worry about the academic achievement and financial need. Compared to the folks you apply against, you may be the most eligible. No specific benchmarks. You never know. Just APPLY.

Look how many people apply

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High school students	Undergrad program	Full time
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Remo and Donna Pizzagalli Family Scholarship

This scholarship was created to provide financial support for academically exceptional students who show promise of continued excellence and demonstrate financial need.

Eligibility:

- Be a current high school senior who resides in Chittenden County
- Seek a bachelor's degree
- Enroll full time
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, federal Direct loans)

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Renewability: May be renewable for up to three additional years.

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Academic achievement, recommendation letter, essay, and financial need

Estimated applicants: 190 **Estimated awards:** 1

That's you!

See how many scholarships are given

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Paying for College

Create a VSAC account (if you haven't already). Click on the MYVSAC rectangle on the top right corner of the page.

Student Aid Options



Grants—including state aid for Vermont residents with financial need

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