

## Paying For College



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College scholarships are one of the best ways to ease the debt burden associated with pursuing higher education. Scholarships are an incredible source of financial assistance for college students. Unlike loans, scholarship funds are free money. That means you don't have to pay them back over time — an assurance that can vastly reduce financial stress and help you focus more on your studies.

Scholarships are important because they make higher education more accessible, affordable, and equitable for students from all backgrounds. There are numerous benefits that scholarships provide which include: enhanced career prospects, networking opportunities and better academic performance by less stress and more time to focus on studies.

Scholarships range in a variety of award amounts, opening/closing dates, eligibility requirements and a host of other specific details. Visit the NASNTI Scholarship Board located in the Boren Library across from the virtual lounge for some specific scholarships. Also you may contact the SSC Financial Aid staff, who are always ready to offer assistance. Did you know that the general scholarship application for Seminole State College lists over 25 scholarships alone?

For other great resources on scholarships and funding, you're encouraged and welcome to visit the OK College Start website at [www.okcollegestart.org](http://www.okcollegestart.org) and [www.ucango2.org](http://www.ucango2.org)

