Suffolk Education Foundation

WEBINAR SERIES 2021-22

Can We TALK?

FINDING M$NEY for COLLEGE

When to Start ... Where to Look ... How to Win

Expert Advice for Students & Parents

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SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

•**fastweb.com**
Free scholarship site formerly by College Board

•**collegeboard.org**
College Board Opportunity Scholarships

•**scholarships.com**
Free site with a scholarship search

•**goingmerry.com**
Free scholarship search site

•**studentscholarships.org**
Free scholarship search site

•**spsk12.net/academics/scholarship_hub**
Scholarship Hub by SPS

•**SuffolkEducationFoundation.org**
Your only competition is other SPS seniors

•**SuffolkFoundation.org/scholarships**
Community scholarships for students in Western Tidewater

•**HamptonRoadsCF.org/scholarships**
Regional scholarship opportunities

•**scholarshipsharing.org**
Based in Hampton Roads

Where Else to Look

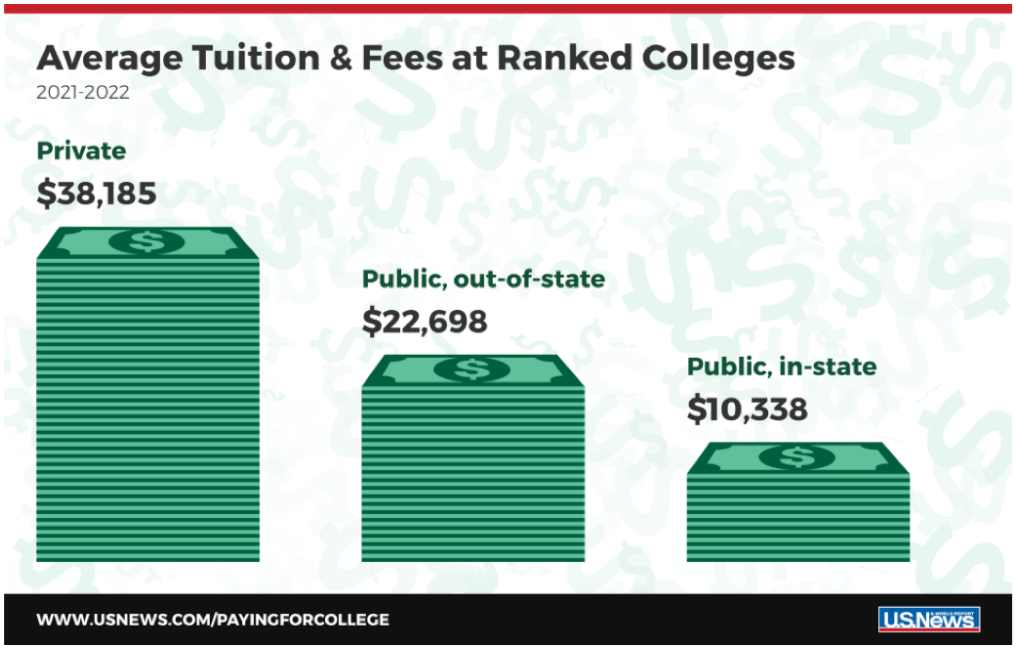
- **Your Church**
- **Local civic groups**
  Rotary, Ruritan, Kiwanis
- **Employers**
  Summer Job, Parents Work
- **Credit Unions/ Banks**
- **School Clubs & Assoc's**
  Band, Scouts, Beta, FHA, Student Leadership

Watch Out for SCAMS

- **Recognition that requires you to purchase something**
- **Scholarship searches that cost money**
- **Scholarship awarded for a processing fee**

What Makes You You

- **Military Family**
- **Disability**
  Diabetic, ADHD, Cancer
- **Unique Traits**
  Red hair, Left Handed
- **Unique skills**
  Music, art, coding
- **Desired employer**
  internships
- **Community Service**



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$12,000 to $15,000 for Housing, Meals, Books & Supplies

Where to Start

- Build your toolkit
- Create an "Accomplishments" resume; list unique traits
- Record a story around your favorite accomplishment
- Begin to brainstorm essay
- Schedule your scholatrship search on your calendar
- Shoot for 10 applications a month ... 2-3 a week
- Ask for letters of recommendations early
- Track your scholarships' details, dates, follow-up

Learn more about FAFSA

ACCESS College Foundation

accesscollege.org

Do Sweat the Small Stuff

- **Get someone to Proofread your application**
  - ***Spelling, punctuation***
  - ***Allow time for this step***
- **Pay attention to the details**
  - ***Deadlines and directions***
- **Be specific, not generic**
  - ***Write your essay to respond to that school or scholarship organization***
  - ***Have your recommender write to the school or the scholarship organization, not "To whom it may concern"***
  - ***Customize resume / accomplishments to characteristics of that organization***

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