

Prerequisites:

- Activities Resume

Lesson Goal

The lesson goal is to provide students with the necessary tools to search, find, and apply for scholarship opportunities. In addition, to bring focus to the role of scholarships in overall college affordability. This lesson can exist in two parts - an explanation lesson and a workshop lesson where students search for scholarships, work on essays, and complete applications.

What should students learn from the lesson?

- Where to look for scholarships
- Navigating search engines
- How to write a scholarship essay
- How to increase your chances of getting a scholarship

What is the in-class activity?

- Ask students where they find scholarships and write on white board/discuss options
- Use ICAN handout - Scholarships: Money for College to discuss timeline and parts of application process
- Show different college search engines and find scholarships for students in the room
 - ICAN scholarship database
 - scholarships.com
 - fastweb.com
- Discuss writing college essay/resume/letters of recommendation. Students pick either an essay or resume to work on. Review and discuss work.

What is the takeaway for students?

- Students will know how to formulate and write a scholarship essay
- Students will know where to look for scholarships and how to utilize the Internet search engines
- Students will understand the scholarship timeline
- Students will have gained strategies to increase scholarship chances

Materials Needed:

- Computer
- Scholarships: Money for College worksheet
- Activities Resume