

Finding Money for College: The Path to Scholarship Success Series

Session 1: Tips to successfully searching and applying for scholarships

Please join us at one of the times below to learn how to maximize your aid for the 2021-22 aid year. Get valuable information about upcoming dates and deadlines that you do not want to miss.

- WHAT types of scholarships are out there?
- WHERE can scholarships be found?
- WHEN should students apply for scholarships?
- HOW do we navigate the process?

DATES

Thursday, January 14, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/6026403131>

Meeting ID: 602 640 3131

Friday, January 15, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/98861729198>

Meeting ID: 988 6172 9198

Session 2: Tips to organizing your scholarship search

There are many scholarships out there, but where do you begin finding the right ones for you? Starting the search can be overwhelming and staying on top of it, even more difficult. What's the secret? Organization is key. In this session, learn steps to follow to keep your scholarship search organized and focused.

- Know your scholarship resources
- Create a scholarship spreadsheet
- Gather application materials
- Choose a method or order to maximize your opportunities
- Follow through: Apply & Repeat

DATES

Thursday, January 21, 2021 from 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/96163705368>

Meeting ID: 961 6370 5368

Friday, January 22 2021 from 10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/95404010969>

Meeting ID: 954 0401 0969

Session 3: Steps to writing a standout scholarship essay

When it comes to paying for college, scholarships are the best form of financial aid, since it is free money that does not need to be repaid. Completing applications, especially essays, can be intimidating. The scholarship essay is an important part of the application and should be well thought out. Joins us to learn new ways to focus and hone your writing skills for well-written scholarship statements and essays.

- Carefully read the prompt
- Research
- Be authentic and tap into your creativity
- Provide personal examples
- Ask for feedback

DATE

Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/93672950319>

Meeting ID: 936 7295 0319

Friday, January 29, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/97219117507>

Meeting ID: 972 1911 7507

Session 4: Completing the OSAC State Scholarship Application

OSAC awards more than \$10 million in scholarships annually. This application provides the opportunity to filter through more than 600 scholarships that you may be eligible for. You may qualify, but you won't know unless you apply! Join us to get information on making the OSAC application process smoother. Get your questions answered so you don't get stalled in the OSAC application process.

DATE

Thursday, February 4, 2021 from 5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/96657401617>

Meeting ID: 966 5740 1617

Friday, February 5, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/93076428111>

Meeting ID: 930 7642 8111

Session 5: Completing the COCC Foundation Scholarship Application

Each year the COCC Foundation offers nearly 400 scholarships totaling \$1.7 million to COCC students. The scholarship is easy to apply for and can be renewed up to three years. The application for 2021–22 will open February 1. Please join us to get all your questions answered about this valuable scholarship.

DATES

Thursday, February 11, 2021 from 5:30 p.m.–6:15 p.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/98665850269>

Meeting ID: 986 6585 0269

Friday, February 12, 2021 from 10:00 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

<https://cocc.zoom.us/j/97092837051>

Meeting ID: 970 9283 7051