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How to Use Advanced Search

Advanced Search allows you to enter several different search criteria that apply to a specific student.

How Would You Like to Search?

(Select One)

Advanced Search
 By School Name – see all merit scholarships offered by the school
 By Merit Aid for Freshmen Without Need

You will then enter or change criteria listed on the screen – *answer as though you are the student who is searching for colleges/scholarships.*

1 Advanced Search

— States —

What states will you consider for college?
Select one or more states below

AK AL AR AZ CA CO CT DC DE FL GA HI IA ID IL IN KS KY
 LA MA MD ME MI MN MO MS MT NC ND NE NH NJ NM NV
 NY OH OK OR PA RI SC SD TN TX UT VA VT WA WI WV WY

Are you an international student? Yes No

What state do you live in?

What states will you consider for college? – One or more states must be selected. The more states you select, the more likely that you will exceed the maximum # of search results allowed at one time (500 scholarships).

Are you an international student? – This controls whether you see scholarships that are open to international students. If “Yes” is selected, only scholarships available to international students will be shown.

What state do you live in? – This controls whether in-state or out-of-state scholarships are shown. *Note: You may see some out-of-state scholarships that don’t apply to the state you live in.*

— Colleges —

What types of colleges are you interested in? Public Private Both

— Scholarship Amounts —

What scholarship amounts do you want to see?
Select one or more options below

Full Ride Full Tuition Half Tuition or More Less Than Half Tuition Out of State Tuition Waiver Other

What types of colleges are you interested in? – Defaults to both, but if you only want to see Private schools or Public schools, change the value here.

What scholarship amounts do you want to see? – The more values you include in the same search here, the more likely that you will exceed the maximum # of search results allowed at one time (500 scholarships).

Full Ride – Only includes those scholarships with amounts equal to or more than the school’s sticker price for tuition plus room and board

Full Tuition – Only includes those scholarships with amounts equal to or more than the school’s sticker price for tuition, but less than a full ride.

Half Tuition or More – Only includes those scholarships with amounts equal to or more than half the school’s sticker price for tuition, but less than full tuition.

Less Than Half Tuition – Only includes those scholarships with amounts less than half the school’s sticker price for tuition. *Note: If the published scholarship amount is less than \$2,000 we do not include it in our database.*

Out of State Tuition Waiver – Only includes those scholarships at public colleges that are offered to out-of-state students to waive, or partially waive, the out-of-state portion of the tuition cost. (This can bring the tuition price down to the same as in-state students, or close to it.)

Other – Any scholarship that doesn’t fall into one of the other categories above. The majority of these are scholarships that do not publish a specific amount – these are listed as “Varies” for the amount. This category also includes scholarships that only cover room and/or board amounts.

— Scholarship Types —

What scholarship types do you want to consider? Automatic Competitive Both

Do you have a strong level of talent in any of the following - Art, Music, Dance, Theater? Yes No
Search only Talent scholarships? Yes

Are you a national merit finalist, semi-finalist or commended student or a Hispanic recognition scholar? Yes No
Search only National Merit/Hispanic Recognition scholarships? Yes

Search only Minority scholarships? Yes

— Majors —

What major(s) are you considering?

Select one or more majors below

Selecting a major is optional, if you don't select at least one major, you will see scholarships for all majors

Agriculture Architecture Arts Arts & Sciences Business Communication Computers Criminal Justice
 Economics Education Engineering Health/Medicine Journalism/Writing Languages Liberal Arts
 Natural Resources Physical Education Political Science Religion Sciences Social Sciences STEM Other

Search only major-specific scholarships? Yes

What scholarship types do you want to consider? – Defaults to both, but if you only want to see Automatic scholarships or Competitive scholarships, change the value here.

Automatic scholarship – Lists criteria for the scholarship; any student meeting the criteria receives the scholarship

Competitive scholarship – May or may not list criteria for applying to the scholarship; applicants compete for a limited number of scholarships; may or may not involve a separate application; may or may not involve an on-campus competition

Do you have a strong level of talent in any of the following? – Controls display of talent scholarships. At this time, you cannot isolate to only showing one type of talent scholarships, it's all or none.

Search only Talent scholarships? – This allows you to limit your search to only talent scholarships and not other types of merit scholarships.

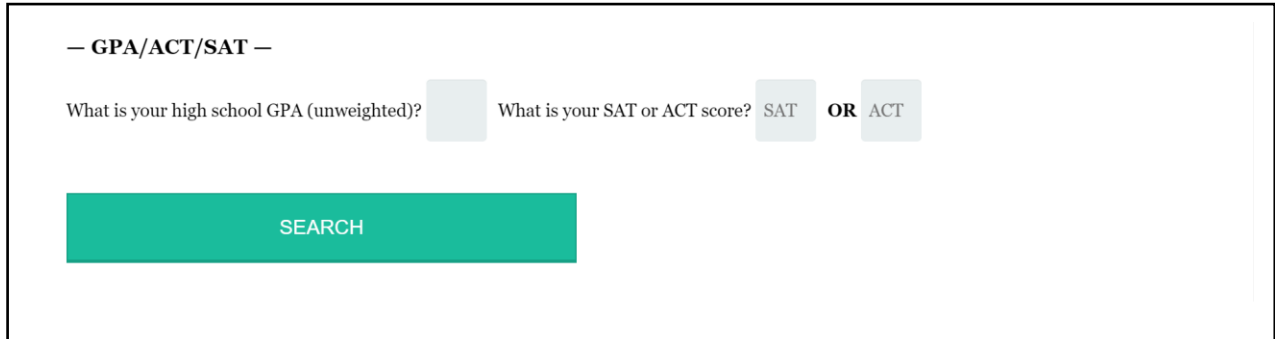
Are you a National Merit finalist, semi-finalist, or commended student or a Hispanic recognition scholar? – “Yes” will display all scholarships specific to students earning these designations

Search only National Merit/Hispanic Recognition scholarships? – This allows you to limit your search to only National Merit/Hispanic Recognition scholarships and not other types of merit scholarships.

Search only Minority scholarships? – This allows you to limit your search to only Minority scholarships and not scholarships open to any students.

What Major(s) are you considering? – This allows you to search for scholarships only available for specific majors. As the screen says, if you don't select at least one major, your search will contain scholarships for all majors. It will also contain all scholarships that don't use “major” as a criterion. My recommendation is to perform a separate search if your student is focused on specific majors, using the field below.

Search only major-specific scholarships? – This allows you to limit your search to only scholarships for the majors you selected. *Note: This search will not include scholarships that don't use "major" as a criterion.*



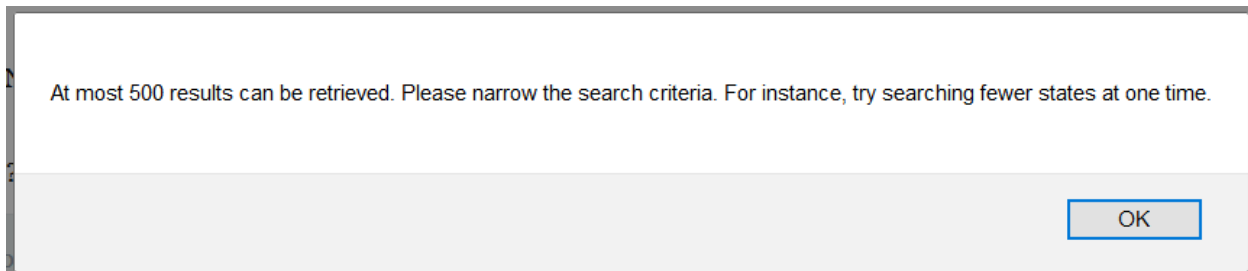
– GPA/ACT/SAT –

What is your high school GPA (unweighted)? What is your SAT or ACT score? SAT **OR** ACT

What is your high school GPA (unweighted)? – Controls display of scholarships with a minimum GPA requirement. You will not see scholarships that require a higher GPA than what is entered. *This is a required field for all except international students.*

What is your SAT or ACT score? – Controls display of scholarships with a minimum SAT or ACT score requirement. You will not see scholarships that require a higher score than what is entered. *This is not a required field. You can only enter one score or the other.*

If your search resulted in more than 500 matching scholarships, you will not see search results and will instead see this popup on the screen:



At most 500 results can be retrieved. Please narrow the search criteria. For instance, try searching fewer states at one time.

If there are no more than 500 matching scholarships, your search results will display on a page like the one shown below. **At this point, colleges will display and not individual scholarships.**

Merit Scholarship Search Results

HERE ARE THE SCHOOLS THAT HAVE SCHOLARSHIPS YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR

To see the actual scholarships offered by each school, select the box to the left of the school name and hit Search Checked Results

Showing 1 through 50 of 118 Schools – Click Column Labels to Sort

CHECK ALL SCHOOLS		SEARCH CHECKED RESULTS								
Search	School Name	State	Undergrad Enrollment	Acceptance Rate	4-Year Graduation Rate	Mid-50% ACT Range	Mid-50% SAT-V Range	Mid-50% SAT-M Range	Yearly Tuition (In State)	Yearly Tuition (Out of State)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buena Vista University	IA	3,311	64%	N/A	19 - 26	400 - 510	440 - 490	\$32,210	\$32,210
<input type="checkbox"/>	Coe College	IA	1,498	50%	N/A	22 - 28	510 - 620	510 - 650	\$40,670	\$40,670
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cornell College	IA	1,041	71%	N/A	23 - 29	475 - 655	495 - 620	\$39,675	\$39,675
<input type="checkbox"/>	Drake University	IA	6,153	69%	72.9%	25 - 30	510 - 650	540 - 690	\$35,060	\$35,060

All columns with the green double arrows may be sorted. **When the search results span multiple pages, only the current page will sort.**

You can look through the colleges displayed and select which ones you want to see scholarships for, or use the “Check All Schools” button to select all schools on the page. *Note: This function works page by page, so you would need to look at schools on each page of search results separately – a new window will open after you select schools on the current page.*

After selecting the colleges you want to see on the current page of results, use the “Search Checked Results” button to display the matching scholarships for each school selected. *Remember, you will only see scholarships that match your original search criteria.*

Scholarships will display as shown below:

Merit Scholarship Search Results (click school name for details)

SAVE CHECKED RESULTS		Showing 1 through 12 of 12 Scholarships – Click Column Labels to Sort			
Save	School Name	State	Scholarship Type	Scholarship Value	Scholarship Name
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buena Vista University	IA	Competitive	\$12,000 to \$17,000	Arch Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buena Vista University	IA	Competitive	\$15,000 to \$20,000	Heritage Scholarship
<input type="checkbox"/>	Buena Vista University	IA	Competitive	\$17,000 to \$22,000	President's Scholarship

When you click on the school name in any row, a new window will open with the details for that scholarship and that school, like the one shown below. *Note: There are more fields on the screen than what I have included below.*

University of Rochester
New York
Alan and Jane Handler Endowed Scholarship

SAVE SCHOLARSHIP TO YOUR ACCOUNT

Scholarship Details					
The Handler Scholarship is the University's leading award. Handler students will receive assured, complete financial support (tuition, fees, room, board, books, personal expenses and transportation), as well as individual and group opportunities, for the duration of the regular four-year academic program.					
Visit School Site					
Scholarship Information					
Scholarship Type	Competitive	Location Eligibility Restrictions			
Scholarship Amount	\$75,186	Specific Major Required?		No	
For International Students		Scholarship Deadline		Application deadline	
Required or Recommended SAT	1560	Available for Transfer Students?		No	
Required or Recommended ACT	35	Minority Scholarship?	No	Portfolio Required?	No
Required or Recommended GPA	3.80	Separate Application Required?	No	Audition Required?	No
Listed ACT/SAT and/or GPA Required?	No	Interview Required?	No	Essay Required?	No
School Information					
BASIC Information			Mid-50 % Scores		
School Type	Private		SAT Math*	680 - 790	
Yearly Tuition (In State)*	\$53,909		SAT Verbal*	640 - 710	
Yearly Tuition (Out of State)*	\$53,909		ACT Composite*	30 - 34	
Total Cost of Attendance (In State)*	\$72,721				
Total Cost of Attendance (Out of State)*	\$72,721				
Undergraduate Enrollment*	7,324				

For more information on the fields on the Scholarship Details screen, see Understanding the Scholarship Detail screen.

Suggestions for getting the best use out of the Merit Scholarship List search functionality:

- Keep your search small. Search a few states at a time and save any scholarships that look like good candidates to your account through the “Save Scholarship to Your Account” button on the Scholarship Detail screen or the “Save Checked Results” button on the scholarship search results page.
- Search different scholarship amount categories separately. I recommend starting with Full Ride in the first search to see if your student can qualify for any of those, and then working down from there.
- You may want to search the Scholarship Types separately. Automatic are the ones your student doesn’t have to do anything additional to qualify for. I consider those the “cream of the crop” in tuition discounting. I would start by searching Automatic only rather than leaving the “both” default.
- When the initial search results come up with the colleges that have matching scholarships, and some of the college’s data, pay close attention to the Mid-50% Range fields for ACT and SAT. You want to target schools where your student’s ACT or SAT score is above the mid-50% ranges for the best scholarship opportunities.
- Pay attention to the “Listed ACT/SAT and/or GPA Required?” field on the Scholarship Detail screen. If this is filled with “No”, this means that the “Required or Recommended” SAT, ACT and GPA values are only recommendations. In this case, if your student’s values are below these, that does not necessarily mean they wouldn’t qualify for the scholarship.
- Pay close attention to the “Location Eligibility Restrictions” field on the Scholarship Detail screen to make sure your student can qualify for this scholarship based on their location.