

Conducting an Aid Search

In addition to those federal programs listed above, try finding information on financial aid programs in your state, at your institution, or through local organizations. For example, many scholarships exist that base awards on academic achievement, religious affiliation, ethnic/racial heritage, socioeconomic status, community involvement, leadership, artistic or athletic abilities, field of study, and special interests.

Some good places to start include:

- www.denverscholarship.org
- <http://www.msudenver.edu/financialaid/>

Also, your institution may offer a free search.

Some characteristics to look for in a good Web scholarship search product include:

- **The search is free.**
- **The information is confidential.**
- **The Web site will notify you by e-mail when it adds scholarships that match your criteria.**

Most importantly, avoid any Web sites that charge you to conduct a scholarship search.

Also note that when searching for aid, you should not feel obliged to accept a maximum loan amount - you should first seek out grants and scholarships in order to avoid as much debt as possible later on.

Source	Program Name	Program Details	Award Limits
Grant Programs in Your State			
Scholarships and Loans at Your Institutions			
Private Scholarships			