



Reference Training Guides

Scholarship & School Information Research Guide

Getting accurate and detailed information on available scholarships and general information on schools and universities can be invaluable to students and parents alike. Scholarships, in particular, can sometimes mean the difference between someone continuing their education or not.

You may encounter customers asking the following types of questions in relation to scholarships and schools:

- Can you give me the address and phone number for Local School X for my child?
- I'm an older adult wanting to go back to school. Can you give me some information on the steps of getting into college?
- What are some scholarships that I might qualify for?
- Does the Osceola School System have this day off?
- What are some types of federal financial aid available?

Useful keywords/subject headings for searching

Scholarships
Financial Aid
Student Aid
Financial Awards
College Guides
College Directories
School Guides
Education Grants

Dewey Decimal numbers

374.013 – Adult and vocational education
378.0025, 378.025, 378.73 – Higher education
378.3 – Financial aid and scholarships

Internet links

CollegeBoard: College Search – SAT Registration – College Admissions
<http://www.collegeboard.com/splash/>

Contains college profiles, application calendars, and scholarship & educational loan info. Provided by the College Board association.

College Answer: The Planning for College Destination



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<http://www.collegeanswer.com/index.jsp>

Planning site for all the steps in getting into college, including paying and financing through scholarships and loans. Provided by Sallie Mae.

College Planning Home

<http://www.smartmoney.com/college/>

Contains several articles on college planning and includes cost estimators and scholarship guides. Provided by SmartMoney magazine.

FastWeb: Scholarships, Financial Aid & Colleges

<http://www.fastweb.com/>

Great source for over 1.3 million local, national, and college-specific scholarships.

Florida Department of Education

<http://www.fldoe.org/>

Source for all kinds of information on the many schools, districts, and education related programs, events, and departments in the state. Contains information for students, parents, and teachers.

FinAid!: Financial Aid, College Scholarships, and Student Loans

<http://finaid.org/>

Contains some great information on scholarships and student loans and provides personalized help via its "Ask the Aid Advisor" feature.

Mapping Your Future

<http://mapping-your-future.org/>

Contains school planning information organized into categories of middle/high school students, undergraduate students, graduate students, adult students, and parents.

Osceola County Private Schools

<http://schools.privateschoolsreport.com/county/FL/Osceola.html>

Contains contact information for the private schools located in Osceola County.

The School District of Osceola County

<http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us/>

Contains information on the Osceola School Board and all the schools in the Osceola school district.

Scholarships.com

<http://www.scholarships.com/>

Great source for searches of over 2.7 million scholarships.

United Negro College Fund

<http://www.uncf.org/>



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Contains scholarship and grant information for the African-American community.

World Wide Learn: Online Degrees, Online Universities & College Degrees

<http://www.worldwidelearn.com/>

Contains a comprehensive directory of online degree programs.

Databases

Testing and Education Reference Center

Contains college guide, college success tips, and a scholarship search feature.

Books

The College Blue Book (Volumes 1-6)

REF 378.025 COL (Copies available in Reference at Central)

All volumes have useful information, but v. 5 contains information on scholarships, fellowships, grants, and loans.

The College Handbook

REF 378.0025 COL (Copies available in Reference and Non-fiction of most locations)

Includes detailed information and statistics on over 2,140 four-year colleges and universities and 1,660 community colleges and technical schools.

Don't Miss Out: The Ambitious Student's Guide to Financial Aid

378.3 DON (Copies at Central and all major branches)

Provides straightforward information on the many aspects of planning and paying for college.

Getting In Without Freaking Out: The Official College Admissions Guide for Overwhelmed Parents

378.198 NAT (Copies at Central and all major branches)

Written specifically for parents and their college-bound teens, this is an insider's guide to the college application process.

Guide to Getting Financial Aid

378.3 GUI (Copies at Central and all major branches)

Combines simple and practical explanations of the financial aid process with the "money facts" about 3,000 two-year and four-year colleges.

Peterson's Scholarships, Grants & Prizes

378.3 PET (Copies available in Reference and Non-fiction of most locations)

Includes detailed information on over 1.8 million awards, including eligibility requirements and application deadlines.

Peterson's Vocational and Technical Schools East



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REF 374.013 PET (Copies available in Reference and Non-fiction of most locations)
Provides a listing of accredited institutions offering career training programs in the Eastern portion of the United States.

The Scholarship Handbook

REF 378.3 SCH (Copies available in Reference at Central and all major branches)
Contains detailed, categorized information on over 1.7 million awards.

Local contacts

Florida Christian College

1011 Bill Beck Boulevard
Kissimmee, FL 34744
(407) 847-8966
<http://www.fcc.edu/>

Florida Metropolitan University

9200 South Park Center Loop
Orlando, FL 32819
(888) 844-3583 Ask for Dept. 750
www.go-fmu.com

Rollins College

1000 Holt Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789
(407) 646-2000
<http://www.rollins.edu/>

The School District of Osceola County

817 Bill Beck Boulevard
Kissimmee, FL 34744
(407) 870-4600
<http://www.osceola.k12.fl.us/index.asp>

Stetson University Center at Celebration

800 Celebration Avenue – Suite 104
Celebration, FL 34747
(321) 939-7600
<http://www.stetson.edu/celebration/>

University of Central Florida – Osceola Campus

1800 Denn John Lane
Building 3, Suite 319
Kissimmee, FL 34744



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(407) 582-4190

<http://regionalcampuses.ucf.edu/locations/osceola/index.asp>

Valencia Community College – Osceola Campus

1800 Denn John Lane

Kissimmee, FL 34744

407-299-5000

<http://www.valencia.cc.fl.us/osceola/>