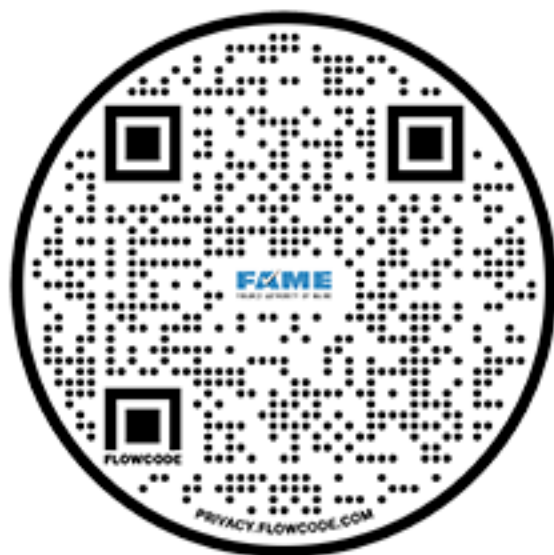


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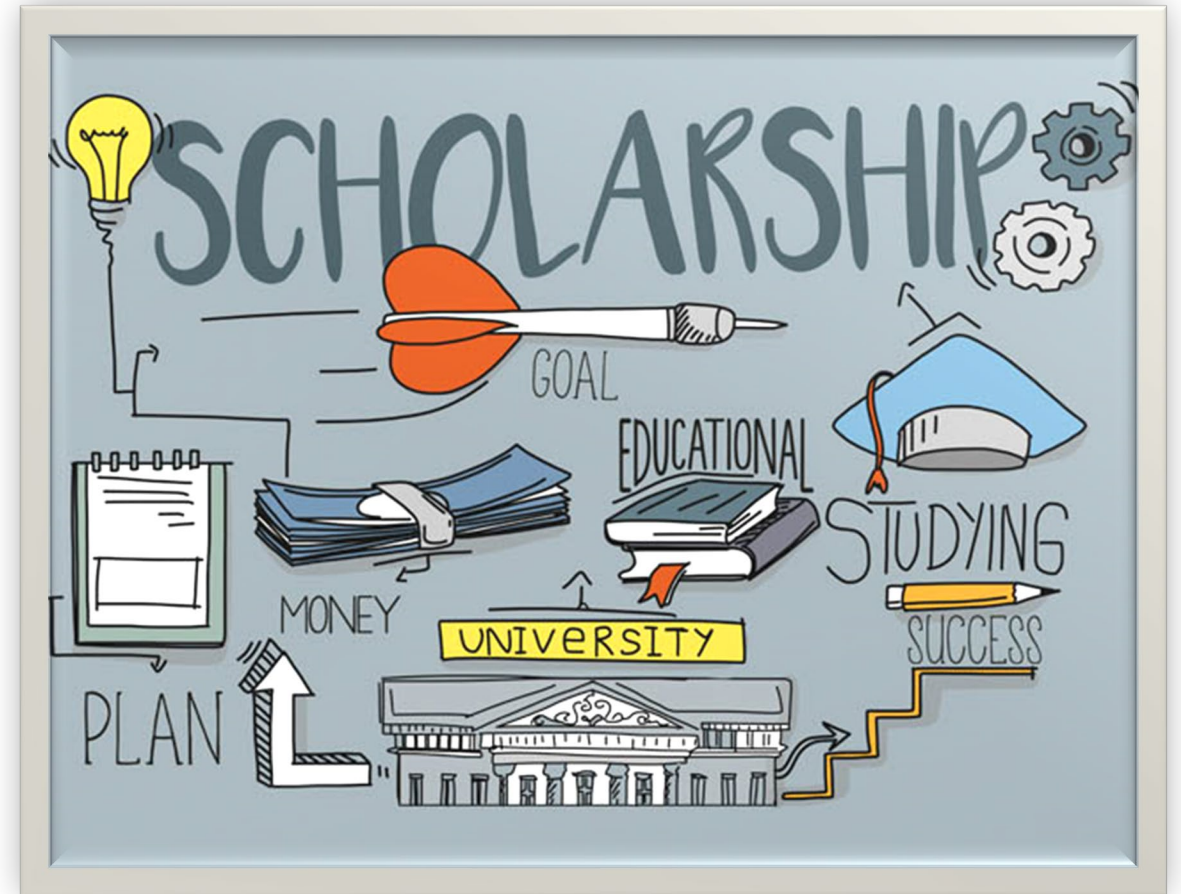
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- Tips for Applying
- Eligibility and Standing Out
- Getting Selected
- Receiving the Money
- Best Advice





Tips for Applying

- Where do you find scholarships?
- Where to get essay help?
- What do you think of AI?

The screenshot shows the 'Maine Scholarship Search' website. At the top, there's a green header with the title. Below it, a breadcrumb trail reads: HOME » AFFORDING HIGHER EDUCATION » PAY FOR SCHOOL » MAINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH. The main heading is 'Your Guide to Finding Scholarships', followed by a paragraph explaining that scholarships are gift aid and can be found through FAME's search tool. Two bullet points provide links to a tracking spreadsheet and a scholarship directory. Below this, a link for scholarship administrators is shown. A 'Filter Scholarships By' section on the left includes expandable menus for 'Eligibility' and 'Areas of Study'. The main content area, titled 'Favorites Selected (2)', displays two scholarship cards: the Mitchell Scholarship (\$10,000, March 1st deadline) and the Worthington Scholarship (Up to \$20,000, April 15th deadline). Each card has a 'View Full Details' button. At the bottom, there's a 'SEND ME MY FAVORITES:' section with an 'Email My List' button and a red heart icon.

Maine Scholarship Search

HOME » AFFORDING HIGHER EDUCATION » PAY FOR SCHOOL » MAINE SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

Your Guide to Finding Scholarships

Scholarships are a form of gift aid—meaning they don't need to be repaid. Most are awarded outside of the college's financial aid process, so it's up to you to search and apply. Start with FAME's Maine Scholarship Search tool below to explore opportunities.

- Stay organized with our [tracking spreadsheet](#) (.xlsx format) or [Google Sheets version](#).
- Want more options? Visit the [Maine Community Foundation's scholarship directory](#) for even more listings.

Do you currently manage a scholarship? Do you want to add a new scholarship? Find all FAME's Scholarship Administrator [resources below](#).

Filter Scholarships By

[CLEAR FILTERS](#)

Eligibility +

Areas of Study +

Favorites Selected (2)

Mitchell Scholarship

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\$10,000

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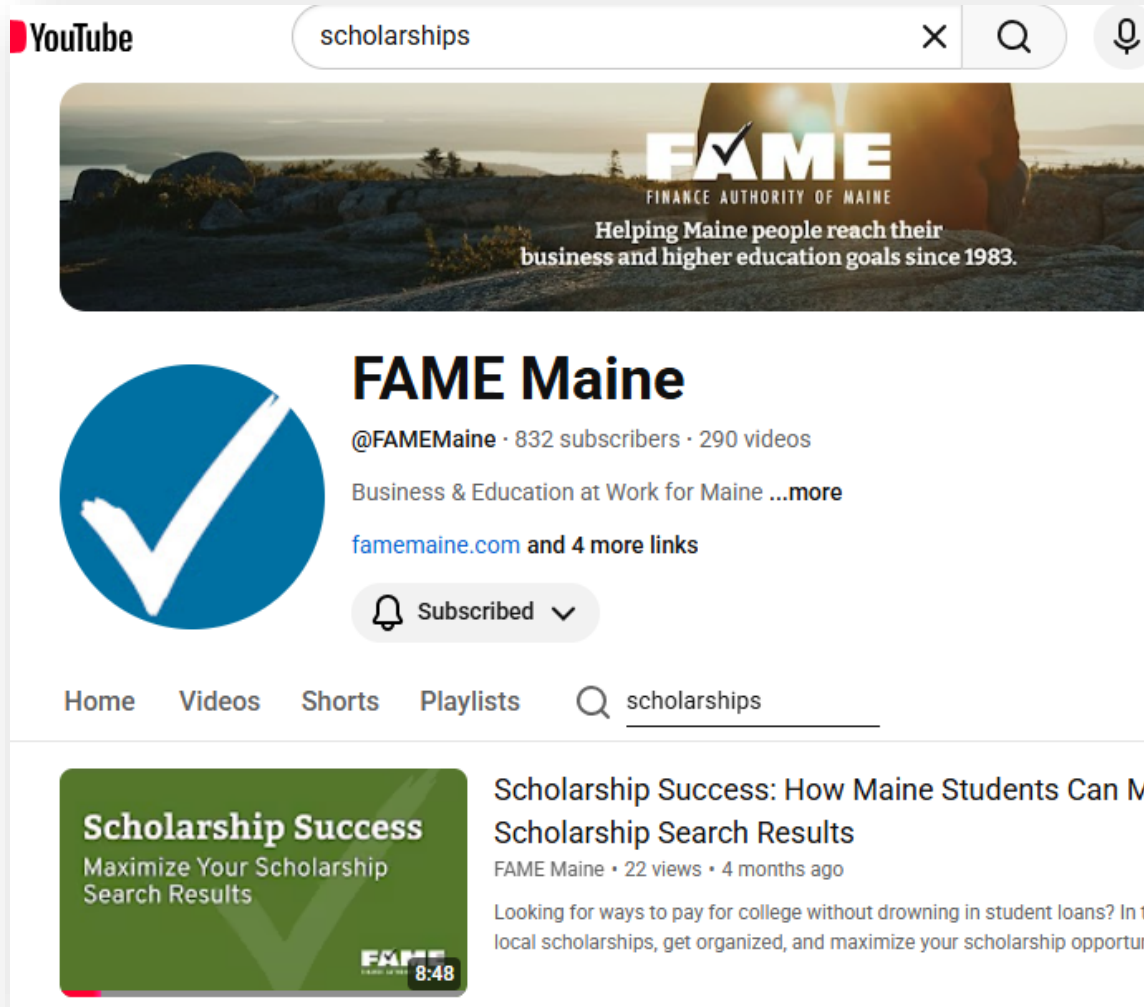
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Tips for Applying



- Letters of Recommendations
 - Recommendations?
- Meeting Deadlines
- Where to get help applying for scholarships?



Eligibility and Standing Out



- Who stands out in your applicant pool?
- How do you handle FAFSA appeals?
- How about scholarships for non-US Citizens

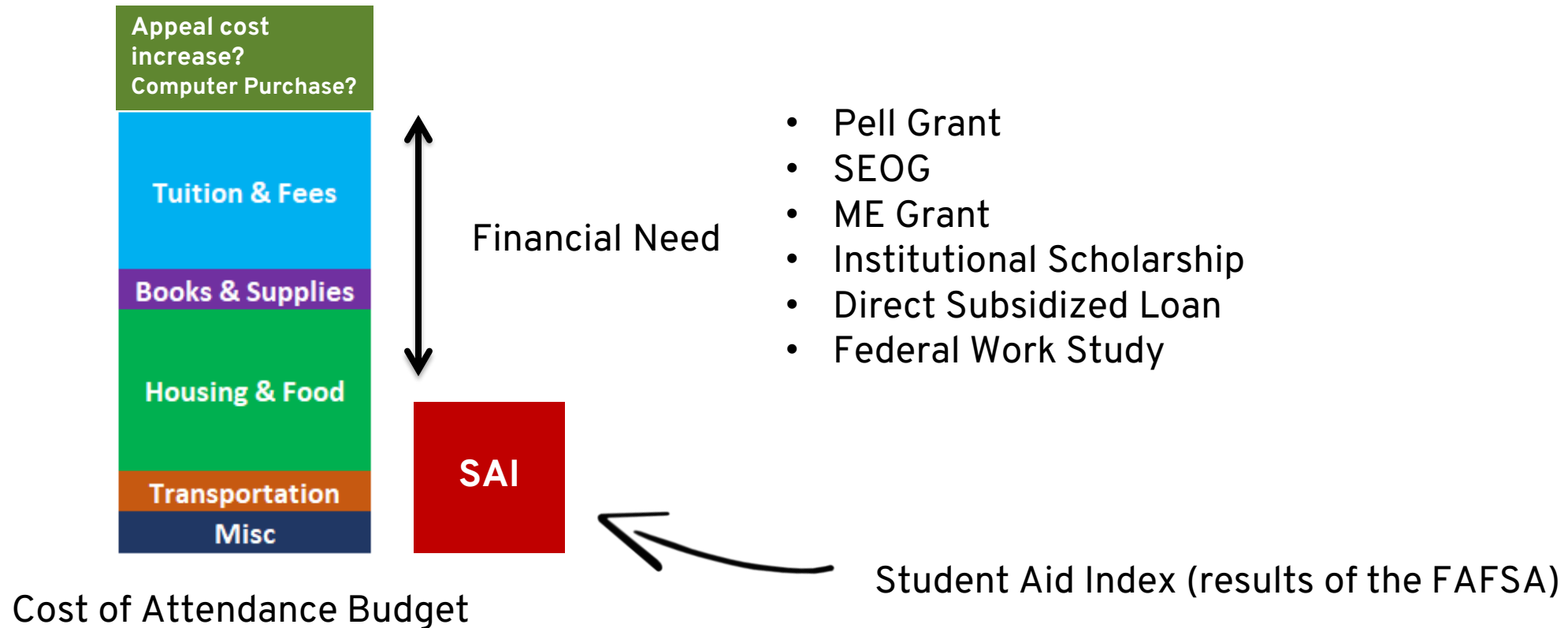
- What are you looking for in an applicant?
- What mistakes have you seen?





Receiving the Money

- How scholarships work with financial aid





Receiving the Money



- Does your scholarship replace institutional aid?
- What follow up is required to receive the scholarship funds?
- Eligibility to maintain the scholarship





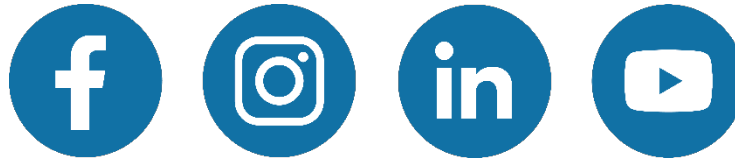
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