

Sophomore AVID Scholarship Project

Everyone needs money for college, and it is never too early to start looking for it. Thankfully, there are several scholarships out there for you. Organizations and groups are willing to give their money to deserving students, but you must know where to look. Every year our El Cajon AVID students receive thousands of dollars in grants and scholarships. How is this done? You must research scholarship websites, ask your counseling office about upcoming scholarships, and ask your teachers about scholarship opportunities. Once you find a scholarship that interests you, get working on the requirements. Some scholarships will require an essay and/or a letter of recommendation from a teacher or advisor so you will want to get started early.

Since there are so many scholarships to choose from and so many places to look, we need to start looking right away for the ones that we are qualified to receive. As sophomores, you will probably find many scholarships that state that you must be a high school junior or senior to apply. Do not let this discourage you. It is good to find out what is out there before you are a junior or senior so that you have time to select and prepare for the scholarships that work best for you.

Let's get started. Below you will find five resources that house lists of scholarships. Explore these resources, find scholarships that you would like to apply to during your junior or senior year, and print the information. **You will not apply to any scholarships.** This project asks you to locate scholarships for the future. Your findings must be placed in a report folder with a title page and table of contents. Good luck and have fun looking for potential scholarship opportunities.

SDSU Scholarship

Search on the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site at www.sdsu.edu/scholarshipsearch for **one junior or senior scholarship**.

Other CSU or UC Scholarships

Search for **one junior or senior scholarship** from a college or university that interests you.

AVID Online

Search this site for **two junior or senior scholarships** that interest you.
<http://www.avidonline.org/info/?tabid=3&ID=2147>

San Diego Foundation

Search this site for **one junior or senior scholarship** that interests you.
<http://www.sdfoundation.org/scholarships/>

Your Academic Advisor or School Counselor

Visit the counseling office and ask for a list of scholarships for juniors and seniors. The scholarships do not have to be recent as long as they are offered every year.