

Dear Seniors, Juniors and their Parents/Guardians,

I would like to share some resources for the college scholarship search. BHS has our own scholarships to distribute, and information about these scholarships will be released in January. Meanwhile, below are some additional options that are FREE. We believe that you do not need to pay any outside agencies to find scholarships for your student (they are probably utilizing the same databases).

**MEFA** financial aid events will all be online this fall. BHS Guidance partners with the Massachusetts Education Financing Authority (MEFA) each year to provide families with a wealth of financial aid information. This year, due to the global pandemic, MEFA will not be sending their speakers out to high schools. Please visit <https://www.mefa.org/events> to investigate upcoming webinars and take a look at their very informative website.

One of our favorite scholarship search engines is **FastWeb.com**. The site provides multiple resources, as well as “Targeted Scholarship” search (Scholarships just for you based on your strengths, interests, and skills.)

Another resource is **Naviance**. After logging in, your student should go to the Colleges Tab, then click on Scholarships & Money. After that, click on National Scholarship Search to find scholarships based on your data.

Another great resource that came about a few years ago is called **Going Merry**. To find and apply for scholarships, sign up for **Going Merry** (<https://www.goingmerry.com>) -- it's free! Going Merry has thousands of national, regional, and local scholarships. There are also opportunities for every grade level, from freshmen to seniors. You can also download the Going Merry mobile app (and sign up that way) on your phone. Here are some reasons why Going Merry is an excellent resource:

- Vetted scholarships: The Going Merry team personally reviews every scholarship listing on the site, to ensure the scholarship program is still active and the information is correct.
- Personal matching: Once signed up, you'll answer a few questions to fill out a basic profile, and then get matched to scholarships that fit your background, academics, interests, etc.
- Clear organization: You can shortlist favorites and get deadline reminders about them. All drafts and applications are saved, and you'll get updates on the scholarships you've applied to.
- Direct, auto-filled applications: You can apply to many scholarships directly on the site (with forms helpfully pre-filled).

Finally, would like to provide some examples of the scholarships that are available for your students:

-- [the Science Ambassador Scholarship](#), a full-tuition scholarship for women studying science, technology, engineering, or math. Applications for the 2021 award are now open. Check out their [our website for more information](#).

-- The [Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute](#) awards more than \$1 million in college scholarships to exceptional student leaders each year. High school seniors nationwide who demonstrate leadership, drive, integrity, and citizenship are invited to apply. Additional information, eligibility requirements, and a link to the [application are available](#) online.

BHS's own Brookline DoSomething Club generated a campaign to gather a list of scholarships & resources for undocumented students. They did an amazing job! [Here is the link to the list](#)

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