Finding and Winning Scholarships

TRIO Achievement Program
Workshop
Learning Outcomes:
* Learn how to find out how much you have in loans.
* Learn how to find & apply scholarships.
* Identify 3 scholarships you qualify for.
* Understand what contributes to scholarship success and next steps to take!
We want to do 2 things financially

→ Maximize revenue
  (income, scholarships, grants)

→ Minimize expenses
  (spending, borrowing, debt)
Student Loans
What is your debt so far?

Federal Direct Stafford Loan
Perkins Loan
Parent PLUS Loan
Private Loan
When we graduate we will need to do 2 things financially

- **Maximize revenue**
  (income, scholarships, grants)

- **Minimize expenses**
  (spending, borrowing, debt)
Scholarships
How?

→ Match
   (race, gender, age, religion, disability, veteran's status, hometown/state, memberships, and employment)

→ Quality
   (Your application effort)

→ Quantity
Where Do I look?

→ School

→ Own Backyard

→ Internet*

→ Ultimate Scholarship Book

→ Traditional
  (money, tuition)

→ Non-Traditional
  (books, grad school app, school supplies)
“But I don’t want to”

Make it a priority!

- Scholarship study groups
- Carve out time that you’d spend on something else (facebook, instagram, pinterest, etc.)
- Chivonne’s “Scholarship Search Day”
- Incentive: scholarship prize drawings for scholarship application
Don’t pay for a scholarship!
Step 1: Match

→ Identify characteristics and other personal information

→ Identify goals and pursuits

→ Understand the scholarship

→ Make it a routine to actively seek scholarships

→ Prioritize your scholarships
Step 2: Prepare

→ Work on resume  
   (Career Center)

→ Have official transcripts

→ References!!!!

→ Access to tax return

→ Read app twice before completing

→ Keep track of them all

→ Make a copy of completed app

→ Ask someone to proof-read your application
References

→ **TRIO Advisor**, Professors, Bosses
→ Background and pertinent info
→ Time, check in with them periodically
→ Hand written thank you note
→ Reuse (if applicable)
Step 3: Essay

- Use time wisely... don’t cram
- Drafts on drafts on drafts!!!
- Writing Center
- Don’t repeat yourself
- Answer the prompt
- Use Microsoft Word (common, format)
- Have someone proof read your application for mistakes or left out information
Chivonne’s Scholarship Search Days

November 16, 12–4pm & November 17, 9–12

Located in the Hovde Room, bring your laptop!

*Every scholarship you apply for, you get put into a drawing for prizes!*
LET'S GO FIND SOME
SCHOLARSHIPS!!!!!!!