

## Scholarship Opportunities - The Process

Below we have outlined the process of searching, applying, and obtaining letters of recommendation.

### Finding Scholarships

- Talk to your guidance counselor for help finding scholarships
- Contact the financial aid offices of the schools you wish to attend and see what scholarships apply to you
- Utilize the U.S. Department of Labor's [free scholarship search tool](#)
- Look up scholarships from organizations related to your field of interest
- Consult [CPP's Scholarship Bank](#)
- [Florida Financial Aid Website](#)

### Apply for Scholarships

- Start applying early, you don't have to wait until you get accepted
- Each scholarship has its own requirements
- Make sure to read scholarship applications carefully and to fill them out completely
- Some applications will require you to write one or more essays, submit letters of recommendation, or send transcripts

### Letters of Recommendation (LORs)

- Letters of recommendation are an important component of a college or scholarship application, and they can help set you apart from other applicants
- Choose teachers, counselors, or employers who know you well and can shed light on your character and personality
- Make sure to ask for LORs well in advance of an application's deadline (typically at least one month before, but the earlier the better)
- Ask your letter writer face-to-face—this is more personal and will allow you to discuss the due date and other specifics
- Letter writers may ask for a resume to get a better idea of your accomplishments
- Make sure to follow up with your letter writer about two weeks before the due date