

Franklin College Office of Financial Aid

SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE



WHO TO TRUST?

www.fastweb.com
www.brokescholar.com
www.collegeboard.org

www.ecampustours.com
www.studentaid.gov
www.salliemae.com

www.learnmoreindiana.org
www.college-scholarships.com



WHAT TO LOOK FOR?

What is legit:

A legitimate scholarship provider sends information about awards only after you request it.

A legitimate scholarship organization makes its contact information available.

A legitimate matching company never guarantees that the student will win an award or that they will “do all the work”.

A legitimate matching company knows that financial aid information is FREE and readily available in financial aid offices, libraries and on the internet.

A legitimate application requires information that is relevant to the award. Financial information is never requested.

What is not:

A scammer offers you an award for which you did not apply. Think: “How did they get my information?”

A scammer refuses to release the company’s information, or may only provide a PO Box.

A scammer promises to do all the work for you (i.e. filling out applications, securing the funds, etc.). They often guarantee you win an award.

A scammer will tell you that you can’t get the information they supply anywhere else. They may attempt to make you feel as though you’d be “missing out” if you didn’t use their service.

A scammer requires personal financial data such as credit card or banking information to “verify” or “hold the scholarship”.



WHEN TO APPLY?

Apply at any time! Businesses, organizations and providers are continuously providing opportunities to students throughout the year. Seize these moments often.



WHERE ELSE TO LOOK?

Guidance counselor
Parents’ employers

Local businesses
Local newspaper

Churches
Local organizations



WHY FILE A FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)?

Why not? You certainly wouldn’t want to short-change your aid opportunities. Some scholarships may require Franklin College to verify your “financial need” to establish eligibility for their scholarship. Filing a FAFSA does just that! It is quick, painless and secure. In addition, you may find yourself qualifying for additional federal and/or Indiana assistance. Visit www.studentaid.gov to file your FAFSA today!