

URL	Summary of site review	Recommend?	Results	Notes
www.fastweb.com	Useful functionality but spam e-mails are extremely annoying. Recommend only if you set up a secondary e-mail address so that the spam goes there.	Yes	Anne 242 Dave 96 (Profiles for Anne and Dave are shown at the end of this document)	Number of ads/spam: High (15 e-mails during the three weeks after activating the account, after selecting No to any optional contacts; ads are displayed on every category when adding/updating sprofile) Profile setup process, though long, was fairly efficient because the entry fields use auto-fill (you type part of a college name, for example, and suggestions appear in a list below the field.) Results: some were contests rather than scholarships, some were specific to Colorado, some were not appropriate based on the profile information entered. MUST enter at least one college choice. Review at http://www.collegescholarships.org/search/helpful-reviews.htm . Very good functionality with search results; can mark Favorites or Discard items of no interest. A special view lets you see scholarship s with impending deadlines. Recommend setting up a separate e-mail account to divert the spam.
http://www.collegenet.com/mach25/app	Although the site has a few annoying problems, overall it provides good result filtering. You can exclude certain types of awards, and select Favorites.	Yes	Dave 440 Anne 355	Spam: None. the actual results are about half the numbers shown because most results had duplications. The web page initially dsplayed, CollegeNet, is actually a "contest" site where students interact with each other to win a scholarship. The site is supported by advertising and sponsors. Skip this and click the Scholarship Search link to go to Mach25. Mach25 allows you to search on a particular keyword such as "colorado", or you can set up a profile. Setting up a profile is a good idea because it has some useful options. You can choose to limit results to scholarships above a certain dollar amount, you can eliminate contests, military scholarships, fellowships, from your results. (Some of these exclusions (dollar amount) worked, others didn't - military-sponsored scholarships were displayed even though I excluded them. You cannot choose a set of desired colleges, so results include a huge number of college-specific scholarships unless you exclude school-specific awards. (But you might not want to exclude ALL school-specific awards.) The site does not ask for e-mail address. Profile information, results, and Favorites are stored in cookies, so this information is computer-specific (you can't recall result
www.internationalscholarship.com	Intended for students wanting to study abroad, although US-based scholarships are shown too. Recommended if you fall into this group.	Yes(*)	1940	No profile required. Results page starts with the total list (1940), then you can filter using drop-down menu selections. Can filter results on desired country, field of study, type of award (scholarship, fellowship, internship, etc.). Looks like a very good source for students not wanting to limit their search to the Unites States (although results from the US are included also). (*) Might not be the best site overall, but a good one for students wanting to look for international scholarships.
www.collegeincolorado.org	Because the site only includes scholarships in categories you select, results are more accurate than most.	Yes	Anne 161 Dave 210	This site is primarily a general college information site, but it does offer a good scholarship search tool. Setting up a profile is time-consuming because the browser page refreshes after each selection rather than being able to update dynamically. The search does not work in Firefox; I got an error message when scholarships were supposed to display. Use Internet Explorer. This site'e search functionality is different from most. Most sites <i>include</i> results for any category that you don't set up a profile for, but this site does NOT include a result unless you specifically set it up in your profile. When I set up a minimal profile without entering information about where the student lives, what school they go to, etc., I got 9 results. After completing more of the profile (still not entering Greek, Athletics, Activities, etc.), the results shot up to 161 for Anne and 210 for David. Because of this, the results seem to be more applicable to the student; there is less "junk" in the results. Oddly, most of the results were not specific to Colorado, in spite of the site name. You can sort by these column headings: scholarship name, minimu
www.latinocollegedollars.org	Results are focused on Latino or other minority scholarships. Functionality is limited, but the information presented is good.	Maybe	70 (high school, 3.0 GPA)	On this site, you enter minimal information (high school student, undergraduate student, graduate student) grade point average, and citizenship status, and all results are presented based on this. Most results are for Latino students but some are for other minorities such as African-Americans. Oddly, the lower the GPA range selected, the more results were displayed, so be sure to try all options. The results are listed in a simple scrollable page with no frills. The descriptions provide a link to the application sites, which was good.

http://www.scholarshipexperts.com/	Tedious profile completion process, and less-than-stellar results.	Maybe	Anne 82 Dave 90	Number of ads/spam: Medium. (Ads appeared on some pages during profile setup. Single-line ads interspersed with scholarship results page, easy to avoid.) Creating the profile was very time-consuming, including many drop-down lists with hundreds of selections, rather than the auto-fill method that fastweb uses. Results are sorted by application deadline date, but you can also sort them based on award title, award category (national or state), by clicking the column headers. Cannot sort by award amount -must view the details to see them, most are low. Can select Favorites, or delete inappropriate results from the list. Some listings are contests, some are essay contests for special causes (Rwanda, mesothelioma, etc.) and some involve long-term competitions (Intel Science Award). Very few state-specific listings. This site required the most extensive profile - e.g., city & county of residence, desired state for college, desired college, work experience of parents (law enforcement, etc.), military experience, deceased parents, community involvement, illnesses/conditions, adversities, income, etc. The results were not worth the time required to fill out the profile.
www.schoolsoup.com	Moderately tedious profile process. Must say "No" to advertising colleges while working on the profile.	Maybe	Dave 190 Anne 179	Number of ads/spam: Medium. (Ads appeared on some pages during profile setup.) Creating the profile was fairly straightforward. Results did not seem to correlate to profile selections because I saw results for categories that I had not selected, such as minority scholarships, religious scholarships, etc. Number of scholarships shown was high but would require "sifting" through them.
www.scholarships.com	Very good functionality with result viewing (sorting, saving). Search results just average.	Maybe	Anne 46 Dave 53	132 results, after making profile selections as broad as possible. Recognized several from other search sites. Only a couple were Colorado-specific. Must select a first-choice college. No results were college-specific even though it asked for a list of three preferred colleges. Must create profile and provide e-mail address, mailing address, and phone. Must select "No" in response to many offers for colleges, tech schools (ITT Tech), etc. Very good functionality with results; can sort by column headings (name, amount, deadline date, "rank"). Can select to save particular results as Favorites and delete others. Small, one-line ads are interspersed with the results.
www.princetonreview.com	Many results, but basic functionality causes results viewing to be time-consuming.	Maybe	Anne 283 Dave 297	Must select one state where you plan to attend college. Later you select colleges that you are interested in (from any state). Results are not sorted by award amount, and you cannot sort by column headings (name, amount, deadline, college if applicable). Listings did provide a link to the sponsoring web site. Could be worthwhile search tool but not a standout.
www.meritaid.com	Not recommended as a primary search tool, but you might want to search for scholarships by college to make sure you didn't miss any.	Maybe	Hard to determine; grouped by college.	Ads/spam: High. Merit-based and academic scholarships. This site did NOT list scholarships/colleges based on the profile entered. After creating a profile selecting desired colleges, the results were NOT displayed according to the colleges selected. Maybe results are weighted toward colleges that pay a fee to Cappex?? You can search by specific college name without setting up a profile. Recommend doing this, since the profile does not seem to have any advantages in seeing results. For example, CU-Boulder had about 100 results. Most CU-Boulder awards are small. Web site refers to the search tool being managed by Cappex.com. During the profile process, ads such as "a college is already interested in you!" (Unix of Phoenix, for example) pop up. You must close the pop-up in order to continue with the profile. When results are displayed, apparently colleges with ads are displayed first, followed by others. Results are listed only by college; you must select a college to see scholarship results for that college. Most awards are very small - \$500-1000. Might be useful as a secondary search tool when you have a particular
http://www.collegeanswer.com/paying/scholarship_search/pay_scholarship_search.jsp	Profile required to search. Detailed answers not required. Scanty results.	Maybe	Anne 46 Dave 52	Profile required. Scanty results. Can save individual scholarships as Favorites. Most awards were small, some large ones, and some that weren't commonly displayed elsewhere, e.g. AXA Achievement Scholarship. Included contests.
http://www.scholarships4school.com/	Not a search tool but an alphabetical listing of scholarships	Maybe	N/A	No profile required. This site has no advantages over other sites, but you might want to use its alphabetical listing of scholarships. The site does provide general information about scholarships

http://wiredscholar.com	Same as collegeanswer.com, a Sallie Mae site.			
www.fastaid.com	Not recommended. Not all colleges, states, cities, are shown as selections during profile creation. Poor results.	No	Dave 10 Anne 12	Profile completion is tedious because of the way the student must select each area of academic study. Also, the profile creation process is not complete - the site seems half-baked. In high school/college selection, only a subset of schools are included in the selection list. In City and County of residence selections, Boulder was not included as a selection; neither was Denver. Only a small number of "city of selected study" options were shown. System response time was slow as it was compiling results. Not recommended.
http://www.studentscholarshipsearch.com	Poor functionality and results; not recommended.	No	7	Number of ads/spam: None (e-mail address is not provided) Basic keyword search tool, with poor results. I searched on "colorado " and got 7 results - 1-contest, 1-for non-students, 1-not college scholarship, 3-major-specific scholarships, 1-masters degree scholarship. Not recommended.
www.freschinfo.com	Poor functionality and lack of profile-specific results were a disappointment.	No	Anne 46 Dave 57	Number of ads/spam: None. 46 matches for Anne; most were not relevant - profile did not ask to see results for minority women, military, native American, or internship results, etc., but they were still displayed. College-specific awards were shown but not for the school selected in the student profile. Result listing shows varying number of "stars" for a listing, but does not explain what the star ratings mean. Dollar amounts are not displayed directly in results but when you hover the cursor over a listing, a summary shows the amount of the scholarship. Most are small.
www.free-4u.com/colorado	See freschinfo	No		Free4u uses the same search informaton/engine as FreshInfo under the covers - does not say this overtly but the appearance of the web page and the results listing is exactly the same.
www.kaarme.com	Profiles are NOT used for scholarship searches. Site is intended for students to set up a profile and then send that information to desired colleges. (This site duplicates some of the Naviance functionality.)	No	Varies	According to the web site, "Kaarme stays away from obscure scholarship funds with specific eligibility requirements and sticks with fewer, more attainable ones." Scholarship searches are not by profile, you search according to categories: geographic area (Colorado has 65); Academic (by college major; e.g., Biology shows 36 results), Artistic, Athletic, Ethnic, Gender, Military, Religious, Non-academic. Scholarships are listed by name, but with no amount; in addition, no summary is provided on the kaarme site; when you click the link, you are taken to the sponsoring site. Specific scholarship information can be very hard to find. Not recommended as the only search tool used, but might be useful to get additional information or to find links to sponsoring organizations' web sites.
www.collegeboard.com/paying	Profile required to search. No amounts are shown in results list; you must view detail. Reading through all results is time-consuming.	No	Anne 101 Dave 121	Their web says, "All of the scholarship information is based on the College Board's Annual Survey of Financial Aid Programs, which is mailed out to over 1,200 sponsoring organizations each year. The information you see was collected this past spring." Result listings do not show award amounts, and no functionality is available (such as sorting of column headings, etc.) for results. As with other search tools, results are not limited if the student does not meet a requirement; for example, caucasian students will see Hispanic scholarships. Without award amounts shown in the results list, it would be very tedious to look through these entries.
http://www.scholarships4school.com/	Not a search tool but an alphabetical listing of scholarships	No	N/A	This site has an alphabetical listing of scholarships, some general information about how to get scholarships, and some groupings of scholarships by category (Academic Scholarships, African American Scholarships, Athletic Scholarships, Community Service Scholarships, etc.). Other sites have more detailed information, better scholarship search features, and a more usable interface.
www.fafsa.ed.gov	N/A	N/A	N/A	This is not a scholarship search site. You use this site to fill out the Federal Student Aid forms online and to investigate federal student loans.
www.nextscholar.com	N/A	N/A	N/A	This is not a scholarship search site; its purpose is to match students to colleges based on selected major. (Student enters basic profile information and results are shown for colleges - one at a time - that apparently paid for advertising, such as Univ of Phoenix, etc.)

www.gocollege.com	N/A	N/A	N/A	This is not a scholarship search site. It is a general information site about the transition to college, and it includes general information and scholarship types (contests, financial aid, grants), college admissions, education options, and how to survive college.
www.srnexpress.com	gone, now studentscholarshipsearch.com	N/A	N/A	N/A
www.theoldschool.org	gone, now www.estudentloan.com, which re-routes to scholarshipexperts.com	N/A	N/A	N/A
www.winscholarships.com	gone, now routes to www.cityofcollegedreams.org - general info site, no scholarship search	N/A	N/A	N/A
www.estudentloan.com	gone, now re-routes to scholarshipexperts.com	N/A	N/A	N/A
www.finaid.com	gone, now re-routes to fastweb.com	N/A	N/A	N/A
Anne Davis profile	80305, 11/1/1991 Senior Majors being considered: business, education, history, communications, biology, psychology Colleges: CU Boulder, Univ of Chicago, Carnegie-Mellon, Rice, Reed College States: CO, TX, IL, PA, NY, MA, WA GPA: 3.7 SAT 750 730 730			
David Fritz profile	80305, 11/1/1991 Senior Majors being considered: business, education, history, engineering, biology, computer science Colleges: CU Boulder, Carnegie-Mellon, Harvey Mudd, Worcester Poly, Univ Puget Sound States: CO, CA, IL, PA, NY, MA, WA GPA: 3.65 SAT 750 750 730			