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COVID-19 EMERGENCY RELIEF

The US Department of Education (DOE) announced on April 6, 2022 an extension of COVID-19 emergency relief for student loans until **August 31, 2022**. The emergency relief includes the following measures for eligible loans: a suspension of loan payments, a 0% interest rate, and stopped collections on defaulted loans.

10 STEPS ON MAKING YOURSELF SEEN IN YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH

1 - Go Local - They offer better chances and you're only competing in the area, versus thousands nationwide. Try searching 'scholarships + your city/state' or using a scholarship search engine.

2 - Search for scholarships that give you an advantage over your competition. Make a list of your strengths and even life experiences and include them in your essays to show them why your skills make you the perfect candidate for the award.

3 - Make your essay stand out - use life and personal experiences and incorporate them into your essay. Use them to tell a story and explain your inspiration.

4 - Seek similar applications - numerous applications and essays can be time consuming. If you find applications with similar essays, it is an easy way to reuse your essays (make necessary tweaks & cater to your audience) and apply for several applications at the same time. It makes the scholarship application process less overwhelming.

5 - Use an extra pair of eyes - allow another person to look over your application for any typos or repetitive writing. Family & friends can also help provide you with insight on things you may not have thought of yourself.

6 - The more the better - there is no limit on the amount of applications you may submit. The more applications, the greater your chances. Try to dedicate time each week to searching and applying for scholarships.

7 - Don't wait until the last minute - avoid the last-minute stress and start your process early. Scholarships are available all year with several different deadlines.

8 - Utilize scholarship search engines - free search engines can help match you with ones that you qualify for based on your filtered searches

9 - Research - do research on the scholarship you're interested in. You can confirm legitimacy with your Financial Aid office. You can find what type of person they are looking for and show them how you're the ideal candidate.

10 - Letters of recommendation - plan them in advance. Allow yourself time and ask for these letters in advance. Also, be mindful in your selection. You can choose individuals based on their relevance to the scholarship and someone who has witnessed your personal character and/or academic ability.



CSOM Scholarship Listing



BEST TOOLS TO USE IN YOUR SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH



- 1 - Use your Financial Aid Office** and the tools provided on their website.
- 2 - Free scholarship search engines** (such as Fast Web or College Board)
- 3 - AAMC, The American Medical Association, and The PA Foundation**
- 4 - Use the internet** - information is at your fingertips with a simple search. If you're unsure of the legitimacy, contact your Financial Aid office



APPLY FOR AS MANY SCHOLARSHIPS AS YOU CAN!