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**LOGAN**

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**TOP 9 FINANCIAL AID IDEAS FOR STUDENTS**

You are wise to begin the scholarship search in your junior year, because there is much information to go over.

***1. Start NOW!***

* The college application and financial aid process much time and effort.

***2. Check with you guidance counselor for more information.***

* They know the latest information about government grants and loans and can give suggestions about where to look.

***2. Contact the financial aid office of all schools you are interested in***

* See what they have to offer and what qualifications you need to qualify for financial aid.
* Ask if the aid is a scholarship or loan that needs to be paid back.
* Not all schools offer the same aid.

***3. Check the internet***

* Google “scholarships for …” then type those characteristics that match you or your family.
* You can find many organizations that sponsor scholarships for students with specific criteria. Think of your heritage, occupation, religion, student major, and other characteristics that may have a qualification for a scholarship.

***4. Be aware of community resources.***

* Check with any groups you belong to and see if they sponsor scholarships for children of members.

***5. Know when deadlines are for filing scholarship applications different apps = different deadlines***

* LCEF scholarship applications usually go out in in late January and are due in early March.

***6. Begin gathering information NOW.***

* Most applications ask for high school activities, honors, community service, outside activities the student has been involved in.
* Begin making that list now and add to it, so when you need it you have it.

***7. Recommendations are important.***

* Begin thinking ***NOW*** about who to ask for teacher and/or community member recommendations for applications.

***8. Think about your goals and future.***

* Begin preparing a paragraph describing what your career ambitions and future goals are and why.
* By doing this now, have time to reflect and revise what is written. So many times it is done last minute and doesn’t allow you to put your best foot forward

***9. Be certain you determine if the aid is a scholarship or a loan AND is a legitimate offer.***

* You have to ***pay back*** a loan, you **don’t pay back** a scholarship, - it is free money!
* You can get started on the scholarship page of our website, [www.lcedfd.org](http://www.lcedfd.org) click on the links
* Click on the links that are on that page.

This will get you started, if you have more questions, I am in the office from 8:00-12:00 M-F unless I have a meeting.  Good luck in reaching your goals!

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