Scholarship Searching Success
Step-by-Step Guide

1) **Establish Your Need**
   a. COA (Cost of Attendance) – EFC (Expected Family Contribution) = Need
   b. Need – Scholarships (HOPE), Loans, Work Study = **Outstanding Need**
   c. Create Your Budget Plan

2) **Identify and Utilize Your Scholarship Resources**
   a. www.fastweb.com
   b. www.scholarships.com
   c. www.gafutures.org
   d. www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
   e. www.scholarshipowl.com
   f. www.scholarshipbee.com
   g. www.cappex.com
   h. www.goodcall.com/scholarships/search/
   i. _____
   j. _____

3) **Essay Writing Tips**
   a. Write (Brainstorm, Draft, Review, Finalize)
   b. Reuse (Tweak to new topic, Review, Finalize)
   c. Repeat

4) **#1 Goal = Staying Organized**
   a. Ongoing, Persistent, Resilient, Thorough, Timely, In Advance

5) **Other Helpful Tips**
   a. Create a separate scholarship email account
   b. Don't take Google for granted
   c. Get creative with funding options (RA, etc.)
   d. Download the Scholly App
   e. Avoid contests or sweepstakes
   f. Ask for letters of recommendation and transcripts in bulk and advance
   g. Eliminate distractions while searching (ie. phone, tv, etc.)
   h. Meet with your financial aid advisor and professors
   i. GPA MATTERS!

6) **http://www.succeedwithdrive.com/services.html**

SWD Event Sign-In:

https://tinyurl.com/y66tcbdk

To Request SWD Financial Aid/Scholarship Help:

https://tinyurl.com/y6tv75d6

To Stay Connected:

Twitter and IG Handle:

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SWD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ORGANIZER

Month/Year to Apply	Scholarship Name	URL	Contact Info	Address	Criteria	Deadline
Sample: Nov/Senior Year	The Jackie Robinson Foundation	ackierobinson.org/appl	www.jackierobinson.org/apply/app	rick Street 2nd FL, New York, NY	resident, 1000	2/1/2019