

# Hidden Scholarship Hunt Checklist

Scholarship season isn't over! Use this checklist to help you find hidden scholarships all year long. Print it, save it, and check off as you go.

- ☐ Check with local community foundations, banks, and small businesses.
- ☐ Ask parents' employers if they offer scholarships for employees' children.
- ☐ Search for niche scholarships related to your major, background, hobbies, or volunteer work.
- ☐ Use scholarship search tools (Fastweb, Scholarships.com, Cappex) and filter for deadlines within 3 months.
- ☐ Focus on smaller awards (\$500-\$2,000) - less competition.
- ☐ Keep a rolling scholarship calendar with deadlines and requirements.
- ☐ Set reminders at least one week before each deadline.
- ☐ Look for unusual or 'weird' scholarships (duct tape prom, unique hobbies, etc.).
- ☐ Apply to multiple scholarships each month to increase your chances.
- ☐ Track awards won and reapply if possible in following years.