



# Santa Fe High School Guidance Department

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## Helpful College Financial Aid Hints

### Financial Aid Options

- **Scholarships** - Scholarships are awarded on the basis of merit, academic achievement and/or special talents and do not require repayment. Some scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need.
  - **Florida Bright Futures Scholarships** – eligible students must apply in the spring of their senior year to get this scholarship. Visit their website to apply.
- **Grants** - Grants are awarded on the basis of financial need and do not require repayment.
- **Student Loans** - Loans are financial aid awards that require repayment. They offer the opportunity to defer the cost of your educational expenses by borrowing now and repaying later. Some loan programs are based on financial need, but there are loan programs available to all students regardless of income.

### Be Wary of Scams/Fees for Scholarship Searches

Scams are everywhere. When you're completing your scholarship or college searches you may come upon websites/agencies that will offer to help you with your search for a fee. Before you accept the agency offer be sure to research the agency. There are also websites/agencies that aren't scams but do charge a fee. Again, do your research. In addition, save yourself the money, there are many websites/agencies that are free (some of the common free websites are listed on the SFHS Guidance Department webpage).

### List of Scholarships

Check out the Monthly Scholarship Newsletter that your Guidance Office has created for you. You can pick up a copy at the Guidance Office or on the SFHS Guidance webpage.

### Want to Learn More?

To learn more about financial aid resources (or college planning) check out the College & Financial Aid Resources document listed on the SFHS Guidance webpage.

If you don't know where to start or you're still looking for more college or scholarship information make an appointment with Mr. Stalbaum.

### Remember

When in doubt ask your counselor