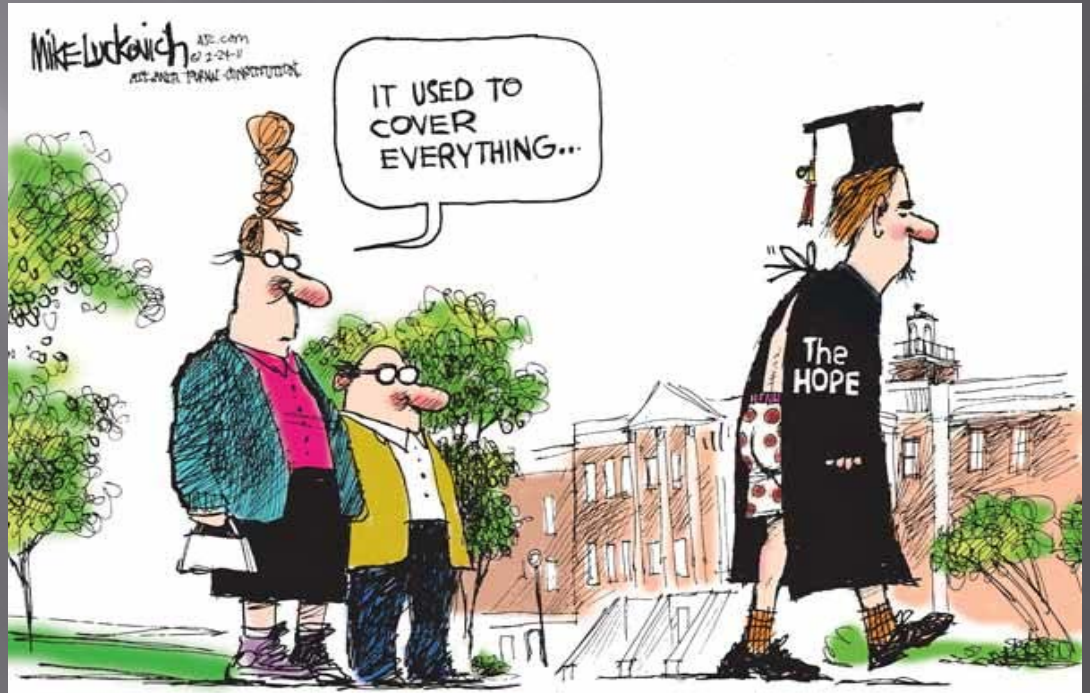


# Outside Scholarship Searches

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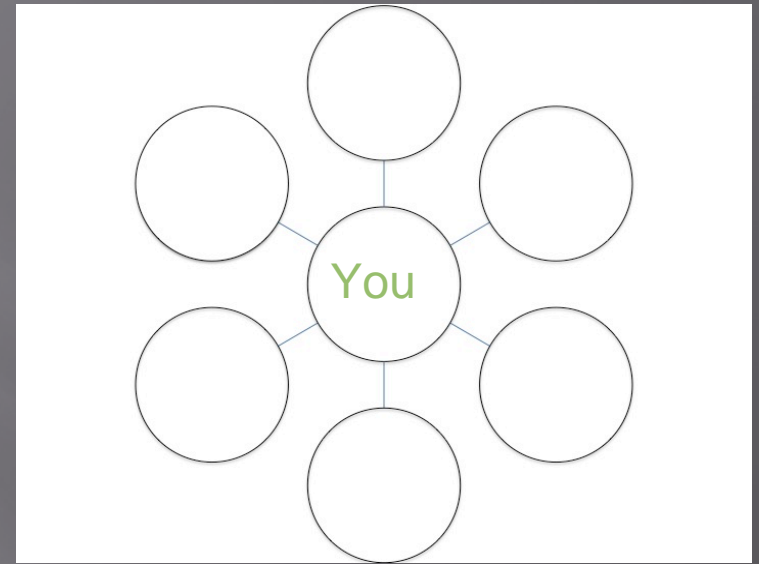
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# First thing first:

- What is an outside resource? Scholarship vs fellowship vs grant
- Understand your School's Cost of Attendance and what your gaps are.
- Make sure you know your school's policy on how outside awards impact any institutional awards you are receiving.
- Can you lose loan eligibility?



## WHO ARE YOU?

- Think individually, academically, locally and globally.
- Multiple identities (circles of my multiple identities) – female, mother, veteran, religious affiliation, fraternity, sorority, service memberships, gay, athlete, differently abled, first-generation college student, educator, Taoist, genderqueer, scientist, or any descriptor with which you identify.
- Geographically – where do I have (or had) residency
- Research/Academic Interests

# Tick Tock goes the clock:

How much time do you really have?



You must decide how much time to put into a scholarship search, because there's no guarantee it will yield results.

- Do you have one hour or five ?
- Limit your search and application process to that amount of time.

# Get Organized:

- **Create a Excel Template (example below)**
- **Know when scholarships are due (often earlier than anticipated)**

Funding Name	Award Amount	Timeline	Eligibility and Criteria	Application Requirements
American Fellowships Dissertation Fellowships Application Instructions	\$20,000	November 15, 2015, by 11:59 p.m. Central Time	American Fellowships are not open to previous recipients of any AAUW national fellowship or grant (not including branch or local awards or Community Action Grants). Members and officers of the AAUW Board of Directors are not eligible to apply for fellowships and grant awards. AAUW staff or volunteers with decision-making authority who wish to apply for an award must recuse themselves from the decision-making process.	Provide: Three recommenders Transcripts C.V./Résumé Narratives Budget Payment The \$40 filing fee is required to cover the cost of administering the application process. Payment will be accepted through PayPal.



# Get Connected:



- Google Search
- \$alt and I-Grad
- Financial Aid Websites at your school
- Contact your academic advisor or grant managers in your department
- Local Library
- Let as many people know you are looking as you can-someone may be aware of an opportunity that you are perfect for-you never know until you ask.

# Every Little Bit Counts



Larger Scholarships are more competitive

- Consider applying for smaller scholarship awards, which tend to be less competitive, and are also less likely to use strict cutoffs for grades and test scores.

# Have your application ready to go:



- Always have a resume and your transcripts ready to go.
- Spellchecker is never enough.
- What do you want to be when you grow up? Have a statement ready
- **Make it easy for others to help you.** When you ask for letters of recommendation, always provide a resume, most recent transcript, and a brief statement of your career goals. You can also provide an addressed, stamped envelope for your recommenders as well.



# Gratitude:



Be certain to send a thank you note or email to the scholarship committee, as well as to your recommenders for taking the time to write a letter on your behalf.

# Resources:

Financial resource for students

<https://www.saltmoney.org/>

Harvard External funding database:

- <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu//admissions/financial-aid/scholarships/external-aid/>
- <http://hls.harvard.edu/dept/sfs/managing-your-financial-aid/outside-resources/>
- <https://www.hks.harvard.edu/degrees/sfs/prospective-students/fellowships-scholarships/intl/external>

NSF: Graduate Research Fellowship:

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=6201](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=6201)

NSF Specialized information for Graduate Students:

[http://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund\\_type=2](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/education.jsp?fund_type=2)

NIH supplements to promote diversity in health related research:

<http://www.nigms.nih.gov/Research/Mechanisms/Pages/PromoteDiversity.aspx>