



## November Scholarship Newsletter

### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

The 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) opened October 1. Students and families hoping to access federal grants, state grants, and loans must complete the FAFSA.

Students and families looking for the FAFSA can find it here: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>. Resources, information, and help completing the FAFSA is available at [Federal Student Aid](#), an Office of the U.S. Department of Education.

Irondale will host a FAFSA Completion Night Tuesday, November 14 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 in the Computer Lab.

### **Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources**

The [Minnesota Office of Higher Education](#) is a cabinet-level state agency providing students and families with financial aid programs and information to help them gain access to post-secondary education. Students and families can find information on how to choose a college, how to pay for college, Minnesota College Savings Plans, Minnesota State Grants, and College Loan Options.

The Minnesota Office of Higher Education is a fantastic resource for students and families planning to attend a post-secondary institution anywhere, not just in Minnesota. Parents will find helpful information and step-by-step, in-depth instructions on the Financial Aid Process and the FAFSA. Materials and information is available in downloadable formats and in multiple languages. Copies are also available in Student Services.

### **Scholarship Search Engines**

Scholarship Search Engines are helpful tools students and families can use to identify local and national scholarships. Students create profiles and Search Engine algorithms identify scholarships that fit these profiles and eligibility criteria.

Below is a list of reputable, commonly-used, Scholarship Search Engines. These Scholarship Search Engines are listed in the Minnesota Office of Higher Education "[Grants and Scholarships \(Free Money\)](#)" publication.

- [CollegeNet](#)
- [CollegeView](#)
- [FastWeb](#)
- [Minnesota Institutional Scholarships](#)
- [Scholarship Experts](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)



[RaiseMe](#) is a social enterprise focused on expanding access to higher education. Rather than waiting until the end of high school to earn scholarships, which is often too late to impact a student's college ambitions or choices, RaiseMe enables students to earn scholarships throughout high school, starting as early as 9th grade, for doing all the things that best prepare them to succeed, whether that's getting good grades, volunteering in the community or joining an extracurricular.

Students can sign up for RaiseMe at any point in their high school career. Once a profile is created, students can follow colleges and universities of interest and begin seeing how their academic, social, and athletic achievements and activities may translate into scholarship dollars.

### **Scholarships**

Post-Secondary Services continues to distribute a monthly Scholarship Newsletter. The scholarships mentioned in these newsletters will be both local and national, with varying deadlines and award amounts. Irondale High School students have won some of these awards in the past.

**Real World Design Challenge Scholarship** - November 17, 2017 (7 Awards - up to \$50,000)

<http://www.realworlddesignchallenge.org/>

**National Elks Most Valuable Student Scholarship** - November 30, 2017 (500 Awards - up to \$50,000)

[www.elks.org](http://www.elks.org)

**Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship** - December 5, 2017 (5 Awards - \$5,000)  
[2017 Stephen J. Brady Stop Hunger Scholarship](#)

**AXA Achievement Scholarships** - December 15, 2017 (52 Awards - \$25,000)  
[AXA Achievement Scholarship](#)

**Easton / NFAA Scholarship Program** - December 31, 2017 (5 Awards - \$5,000)  
[Easton/NFAA Scholarship Program](#)

**Harris Poll Scholarship** - December 31, 2017 (1 Award - \$1,000)  
<https://www.harrispollonline.com>

**Mensa Education and Research Foundation Scholarship** - January 15, 2018 (1 Award - \$500)  
[Minnesota Mensa Application](#)

**Union Plus Scholarship** - January 31, 2018 (100 Awards - \$4,000)  
[www.unionplus.org](http://www.unionplus.org)

**Wallin Education Partners Scholarship** - February 15, 2018 (Multiple Awards - \$4,000)  
[Wallin Education Partners Scholarship Application Instructions](#)  
[Wallin Education Partners Scholarship Application](#)

**2018 North Suburban Golden K Kiwanis Club Scholarship** - February 10, 2018 (1 Award - \$1,000)  
<https://www.moundviewschools.org/Page/2946>