The 6 Be's of Scholarships

**BE CAREFUL.**
You shouldn't have to pay for scholarships or for scholarship searches. School counselors and school financial aid offices can recommend reputable options.

**BE THOROUGH.**
Don't overlook smaller scholarships. Even a few hundred dollars can help offset the cost of textbooks and supplies.

**BE HONEST.**
Don't exaggerate your grades, memberships, skills, or qualifications. You're more likely to receive scholarships if you apply for the ones that match your interests and skills.

**BE PROACTIVE.**
Apply for scholarships every year you're in college. Approximately 50% of available scholarships are for students already enrolled in college.

**BE DILIGENT.**
Pay attention to details. Some scholarships require you to write an essay while others may want letters of recommendation. Send in what's requested and proofread everything. Typos and missing materials can be the difference between winning or losing a scholarship.

**BE ON TIME.**
Some scholarships are very quick and easy to apply for. Others take a little more time. Meet all deadlines. If the scholarship application can't be submitted electronically, use certified mail. Missing a deadline could disqualify you.