



FREE STUDENT GUIDE

# How to use ScholarshipFinderAI

Turn a broad search into a focused, explainable shortlist—then verify the rules and apply through the official source.

- 01 Search or create a profile
- 02 Read the evidence behind each match
- 03 Verify eligibility and deadline
- 04 Apply at the provider's official source

Free to search. Account optional. No scholarship award is guaranteed.

START HERE

# Choose the right matching path

ScholarshipFinderAI gives you two ways to begin. Both remain free; the saved profile adds persistence and more eligibility signals.

**QUICK MATCH**

Best for an immediate search without an account. Describe yourself in one sentence; the AI interprets your level, field, nationality, destination, and funding preference.

**SAVED MATCH PROFILE**

Best for an ongoing shortlist. Save your core details, add optional signals, understand why results rose, edit the profile later, and keep applications in one dashboard.

## A strong Quick Match sentence

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**Use four ingredients**

Current education level + field or career goal + citizenship/residence + preferred study destination or funding. Example: “I’m a Cameroonian student seeking a fully funded master’s in computer science in the United Kingdom.”

## What the search does

- Interprets plain-language details into scholarship filters.
- Ranks likely opportunities while keeping broad options visible when a strict combination is too narrow.
- Shows amounts, deadlines, eligibility summaries, and direct official links.
- Uses match explanations as guidance—never as a guarantee of eligibility or selection.

**Fast-path reminder**

Quick Match is excellent for exploration. Build a saved profile when you want state, school-year, activities, goals, or optional targeted-audience details to influence ranking.

YOUR SAVED PROFILE

# Build better matches in four sections

The profile asks for the minimum core details first, then lets you decide whether additional details are worth sharing.

1

**1. Education**  
Choose your current level and, when relevant, school year. Add graduation year, GPA range, and major if they help distinguish your opportunities.

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**2. Location**  
Add residence country, state or region, citizenship country, and a preferred study destination. These often control basic eligibility.

3

**3. Goals and experience**  
Describe career goals, activities, service, leadership, sports, arts, or work. Use concrete keywords rather than a long biography.

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**4. Optional eligibility details**  
Choose only details you want to share—such as first-generation status, financial need, military connection, disability, family background, or identity.

**Privacy by choice**

Education level, residence country, and citizenship are required because they commonly determine eligibility. Sensitive background details are optional, editable, and used to surface targeted awards. ScholarshipFinderAI does not sell personal data.

## Make profile answers useful

|             |                                                                                    |
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| Too broad   | I like helping people.                                                             |
| More useful | Pediatric nursing; rural health; community clinic volunteering.                    |
| Too broad   | Clubs and sports.                                                                  |
| More useful | Robotics club captain; varsity soccer; food-bank volunteer; part-time retail work. |

UNDERSTAND THE SHORTLIST

# Read the evidence—not only the label

The saved-profile engine compares your answers with curated scholarship fields, eligibility text, audience tags, funding type, and current deadline data. It also lowers results when it detects a conflicting level, field, state, or nationality signal.

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>STRONG MATCH</b> | Several specific profile signals align. This is where to start—but still verify every requirement.              |
| <b>GOOD MATCH</b>   | Useful criteria align, while some requirements may be broad, unstated, or still need checking.                  |
| <b>EXPLORE</b>      | A broad or lower-confidence opportunity. Read the complete eligibility rules before investing application time. |

## Use the two explanations on every result

1

**Why it rose in your results**  
Look for specific alignment such as your state residency, major, school year, financial-need preference, leadership, community service, or an optional background detail.

2

**What to verify**  
Open these cautions. They flag missing deadline data, a possible location or nationality restriction, a field or level mismatch, or an application path that still needs confirmation.

**Important**  
A match label is a ranking aid. It does not confirm eligibility, predict the applicant pool, estimate selection probability, or promise that you can win the scholarship.

## When results look wrong

- Check spelling and specificity in your major, state, citizenship, and destination.
- Remove optional details that are no longer accurate.
- Use concrete activity words such as nursing, aviation, community service, robotics, music, or agriculture.
- Open the full scholarship record: a broad title can hide narrow eligibility rules.

## VERIFY AND APPLY

# Run the official-source check

Scholarship rules change. Before writing an essay or requesting a recommendation, confirm these five items on the provider's current page.

1

**Citizenship and residency**

Confirm country, state, county, school district, immigration status, or permanent-resident rules.

2

**Education and enrollment**

Confirm level, school year, enrollment status, institution type, major, GPA, and graduation date.

3

**Current deadline**

Confirm the date, year, time, time zone, and whether the current application portal is open.

4

**Required materials**

Confirm essays, word limits, transcript type, recommendations, financial-aid forms, portfolio, interview, and file formats.

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**Official submission**

Use the provider's official application. Save the confirmation page or email and the exact files you submitted.

## Use the application workspace responsibly

From a scholarship detail page, Apply with AI can create a private workspace with an eligibility review, action plan, document list, draft support, and status tracking. Treat AI output as a starting point: keep every fact accurate, preserve your own voice, follow the scholarship's AI policy, and never submit invented experiences.

**Best practice**

Submit early, confirm every upload opens, save the official confirmation, and record the result in your dashboard.

## KEEP IT CURRENT

# A repeatable scholarship routine

A profile becomes more valuable when it stays accurate. Use this short routine instead of treating matching as a one-time event.

1

**Weekly**

Review new or upcoming results. Open the strongest fits and verify the official deadline.

2

**Monthly**

Update activities, awards, service, work, goals, or funding preferences that changed.

3

**Each term**

Update school year, GPA range, major, expected graduation, residence, or study destination.

4

**Before every application**

Recheck the full eligibility list and current official instructions—even if the match label is Strong.

## Your next action

**Create or update your free Match Profile**[scholarshipfinderai.com/signup](https://scholarshipfinderai.com/signup)

## Final reminder

ScholarshipFinderAI helps you find, compare, and organize opportunities. Providers control eligibility, deadlines, selection, and awards. Never pay to access a scholarship application, never share a password, and verify suspicious requests independently.

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