

# NON-ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIP MONEY

I hope you get offered a full athletic scholarship. Unfortunately, if you're a baseball player, the chances of that are slim.

But I have very good news for you. There is way more non-athletic scholarship money available for you anyway.

Let's talk about some options and where you might be able to find this money.

First, become familiar with FAFSA. This is Federal Student Aid that is given to students based on your parents' income. Learn all the details on the FAFSA website. But know this very important point, this money is first come first serve to qualifying applicants. Getting your application in on time is very important. Visit [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) for more information.

Academic scholarships and grants given by specific colleges are another great place to look. Many schools will have information in the tuition and fees section of their website.

**I cannot stress this enough: grades pay!** Grades not only open up academic opportunities, but they open up scholarship opportunities. I have a full class on SAT hacks, but I cannot over emphasize how a few points improvement on the SATs can create exponential opportunities for scholarship money. Invest in improving your SATs!

Then there are the more public or almost random scholarships. What falls into this category would be the scholarship that your local car dealership offers for example. You likely have a local non-profit or foundation that offers scholarships, too.

Bottom line: there is tons of money out there to help you offset the cost of tuition. You just have to find it.

So where do you look? Below are some obvious places to start your search:

- Your high school guidance counselor
- High school teachers
- The college admissions and financial aid departments
- The college coach
- The internet

It's amazing how many ball players I know that have won "leadership" scholarships that their college coach told them to apply for.

The reality is that between money for good grades and random scholarships that you apply for and earn money from, there is a strong chance that you are able to offset your tuition by a substantial sum.

But, just like being proactive if recruiting, you have to be proactive to seek this money out!