It’s never too soon to begin searching and applying for scholarships.

Get organized with a binder and calendar to keep track of applications, essays and deadlines.

Balance your search time and application submissions between local options and national search engines.

If a search site asks you to create a profile, take the time to answer the questions and fill in as many details as possible. Use as many personal qualities, hobbies, skills, or talents as you can.

Beware of scams. Never pay a fee to do a scholarship search or give out financial information.

Don’t be afraid of essays, just get started and ask for feedback. Concisely communicate your challenges, successes, goals and contributions.

Pay attention to the details regarding scholarship requirements and deadlines.

Spend a couple of hours each week on scholarship searches and submitting applications to increase your opportunities and minimize stress.

Continue your search for scholarships through college.

More tips and information available on our website at: INvestEdIndiana.org/literacy/scholarships