Search for Scholarships Early
There are many opportunities for all types of students. Put in the time and effort to locate opportunities that are right for you.
Don't dismiss a scholarship because the award amount is only $500 or $1,000. A couple of small scholarships can add up.
There are many listings of external scholarship opportunities on the Scholarship Resource Center website at www.ofas.uci.edu/content/OutsideScholarships.aspx

Make Your Application Stand Out
Take the time to research and familiarize yourself with the organization offering the scholarship. Be sure to highlight all the ways in which you match the purpose of the scholarship.
A good strategy is to develop one great essay that you can tweak for slightly different applications.
Develop a strong personal statement that displays your achievements, aspirations, and your plan to achieve your goals. Provide specific examples and details to illustrate your point.

Be Aware of Scholarship Scams
Make sure the organization is legitimate before applying for a scholarship. Legitimate scholarship agencies want to help students and would not expect them to pay to submit an application.
Never provide your bank account, credit card, or debit card information to a scholarship.
If the scholarship organization is asking for your social security number, you may want to call them to ask for an exception.

Have More Questions?
Visit us:
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Make an appointment to visit the Scholarships Resource Center to learn more about scholarship opportunities!

The State of California requires that you be told the following: Federal student loans are available to most students regardless of income and provide a range of repayment options including income-based repayment plans and loan forgiveness benefits, which other education loans are not required to provide.