

HOW TO USE THE DIRECTORY

You will find three types of information in this book: (1) suggestions for finding sources of financial aid; (2) a map and list of institutions of higher education in Tennessee; and (3) a list of individual scholarships.

1. Chapters 1 to 4 of this directory contain suggestions of resources that should be used in searching for scholarships or financial aid. These chapters suggest websites for searches, resources for writing essays and completing applications, information about the upcoming lottery scholarships, resources for nontraditional students, service-based scholarship options, and basic information about educational loans.
2. Chapter 5 lists the public and private institutions of higher education in Tennessee with contact information for the admissions and financial aid departments. This chapter also includes a map of Tennessee with the locations of colleges and universities, which is helpful for finding schools in specific areas of the state. For schools that have Women's Centers or Women's Studies Programs, their contact information is also provided.
3. Chapters 6, 7, and 8 contain individual scholarships. They are listed in alphabetical order by sponsoring organization.

Chapter 6 lists national scholarships open to students across the United States and usually sponsored by large national organizations.

Chapter 7 lists scholarships open to nontraditional students on both the national and state level.

Chapter 8 lists scholarships that are generally open only to Tennessee residents (or residents of specific states including Tennessee or only certain regions of Tennessee) and are sponsored by Tennessee organizations or chapters of national organizations. These are primarily local scholarships.

All scholarships, no matter which section they are listed in, have an individual identifying number and are indexed according to that number, not by the page where they appear.

The best place to start searching for scholarships is in the index. Search the categories listed in the index that apply to you such as your gender, race, residency or where you live, interest or major, contests or essay competitions, need- or merit-based, and level of education.

Scholarships that can be used only at specific schools are not included in this directory. Contact the financial aid office of the schools that you are applying to or attending to get a list of these scholarships.