

Workbook

“Helping Parents Homeschool High School”

A woman with long dark hair and a wide, joyful smile is holding a large stack of US dollar bills. The background is a solid orange color. The text 'Getting the BIG Scholarships' is overlaid on the image, with 'BIG' in large orange letters and 'Getting the' and 'Scholarships' in white letters with blue outlines.

Getting the
BIG
Scholarships

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GETTING THE BIG SCHOLARSHIPS

WORKBOOK AND NOTES

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3 KINDS OF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

1. NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Need Based Scholarships related to _____
- Access scholarships by completing the _____
- _____ stands for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid"
- (ECF) or Expected Family Contribution is _____

2. PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Private Scholarships are given by _____

Four steps to finding private scholarships

1. Find _____
2. Filter _____
3. File _____
4. Follow through _____

Resource: Coffee Break Book: [College Scholarships for High School Credit](#)

3. MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

- Merit-based Scholarships awarded by _____
- Scholarships based on _____
- Convince colleges you are worthy of merit scholarships by

CLIP COUPONS THAT EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

What are college coupons?

1. Rigorous _____
2. Genuine _____
3. Professional _____
4. Thorough _____
5. Meaningful _____
6. Timely _____
7. Great _____
8. Self-reflective and technically perfect _____

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5 WAYS TO IMPROVE CHANCES OF MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS

4. PLAN A RIGOROUS CURRICULUM

Exceed ordinary college preparation

Rigorous College Preparation	
English	4 years
Math	3-4 years
Social Studies	3-4 years
Science	3 years, one with lab
Foreign language	2-3 years of a single language
PE	2 years
Fine arts	1 year or more
Electives	Adds up to 24 credits or more overall

- Exceed _____
- Challenging _____
- Cover the _____
- Find excess credits by including _____

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5. PREPARE FOR TESTS

Take the best test for your child

- Colleges accept these tests: _____
- Take a sample _____
- Choose the test that makes your child look _____

Study for the test

- Use real _____
- One section _____
- One essay _____
- One whole test _____

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6. FIND THE RIGHT COLLEGE

How to use test scores for scholarships

- Compare your test score to _____
- Apply to 3 kinds of schools
 1. Reach _____
 2. Fit _____
 3. Safety _____
- Ivy League Schools and Military Academies are _____ Reach Schools for _____
- Apply to both _____

How to find a college

1. Attend a college fair _____
2. Compare college _____

3. Visit colleges by _____

4. Choose 4-8 colleges by _____

Colleges want students who

1. Will succeed _____

2. Will stay for _____

3. Will graduate _____

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4. STAND OUT ABOVE THE CROWD

Delight directed learning _____

Outside documentation can prove your child is _____

- Subject tests demonstrate knowledge by testing. Test options include:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
- Real-world experience provides outside documentation. Options include:
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____
- Great letters of recommendation are outside documentation. The best recommenders...
 1. Know _____
 2. Writes _____
 3. Not _____

Perfect college application essays are based on meaningful college visits

1. Self-reflective and personal _____

2. Technically perfect _____

3. Unique essay for each college _____

4. Essay tailored for each _____

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5. PROVIDE THOROUGH HOMESCHOOL RECORDS

Thorough homeschool records are outside documentation you can control.

Comprehensive Homeschool Records include these common elements

1. Official Transcript _____
2. Course Descriptions _____
3. Reading List _____
4. Activity and Award List _____
5. Work Samples _____
6. School Profile and Counselor Letter _____

Ingredients of a Course Description

1. What you did _____
2. What you used _____
3. How you evaluated _____

The easy part: course descriptions are _____

The hard part: homeschool records must be:

1. Thorough _____
2. Timely _____

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MORE WAYS TO SAVE

1. APPLY FIRST

Scholarships are _____

Begin applications _____

Beat application deadline _____

2. AIM LOW

Choose a college _____

3. AIM HIGH

Choose a college major _____

4. SHORTEN TIME IN COLLEGE

Choose these tests _____

Consider dual enrollment _____

5. COMPARE COLLEGE OFFERS

Compare cost out of pocket _____

Ask for more money _____

Have a back- up plan _____

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

ONLINE RESOURCES FOR HOMESCHOOL SOLUTIONS

Comprehensive Record Solution: create records for college admission and scholarships

www.ComprehensiveRecordSolution.com

Total Transcript Solution: everything you need to solve transcript worries

www.TotalTranscriptSolution.com

High School Solution: everything you need know to homeschool through high school

www.HighSchoolSolution.com

Gold Care Club: support and encouragement with personal coaching

www.GoldCareClub.com

BOOKS AVAILABLE IN PAPERBACK AND KINDLE

Reference Books

[The HomeScholar Guide to College Admission and Scholarships](#)

[Setting the Records Straight: How to Craft Homeschool Transcripts and Course Descriptions](#)

Coffee Break Books

[Upper Echelon Education: How Homeschoolers Can Gain Admission to Elite Universities](#)

[College Scholarships for High School Credit: Learn and Earn With This Two-for-One Strategy](#)

Encouragement

[Finding the Faith to Homeschool High School: Weekly Reflections for Weary Parents](#)

[TechnoLogic: How to Set Logical Technology Boundaries and Stop the Zombie Apocalypse](#)