

# SP<sup>3</sup> - Student Planning Pointers for Parents



## Conversation Starters

### Researching Scholarships – 12th Grade

You know your student the best, so the following talking points are simply a guideline to use in starting a conversation with your 12th grader about searching for scholarships.

- ▶ The time it takes to apply for scholarships really pays off. For example, if you spend one hour applying for a \$500 scholarship, you made more money in that hour than you could earn at any job.
- ▶ By studying financial literacy tools, you can qualify for the \$2,000 Iowa Financial Know-How Challenge: Senior Scholarship at [www.iowaStudentLoan.org/ScholarshipSignUp](http://www.iowaStudentLoan.org/ScholarshipSignUp).
- ▶ I will help you look for scholarships through employers, clubs, associations, etc.
- ▶ Talk to your school counselors about scholarship lists they have.
- ▶ Let's set a goal that you will complete at least one scholarship application every two weeks.
- ▶ You can use similar ideas and information for multiple applications as long as you create new essays and responses.
- ▶ Let's check out the financial aid website of the colleges you're considering and see what academic awards you might qualify for.



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