Senior Year
Scholarship Search

Learning Target: The purpose of this project is to help you focus your financial aid search by finding scholarship opportunities that you qualify for according to your resume.

Getting Logged In

1. Go to **www.careercruising.com** and enter your username (pekin) and password (highschool).
2. Next, log in to "My Plan." Enter your username (PCHS-followed by your school username) and password (same as school password). Example: PCHS-smithjoe000 and a1b2c3d4.

Search for Financial Aid

1. On the Main page, click the **Financial Aid** link in the top menu bar.
2. Choose **Financial Aid Selector**. Click **Start Selector** to begin answering questions.
   - Answer all eight pages of questions.
   - The more questions you answer results in a more comprehensive list of scholarships.
3. Now you can browse through your list of scholarships.
   - To learn more about a scholarship, simply click on it. Clicking will take you to the **Scholarship Profile**.
   - Click the URL on the left side of the screen to explore the organization and online application materials.
   - After browsing through the scholarships on your results page, save all that you are interested in pursuing by clicking **Save to My Plan**.

Federal Financial Aid

Don't forget Federal Student Aid! Click the **Financial Aid** link in the top menu bar. Then click **Federal Financial Aid** just beneath the top menu bar. Read through the information provided on the blue questions on the left side of the screen.

Hint: ALL students must complete a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. This is often a requirement for merit based scholarships! Go to https://fafsa.ed.gov/ .

Resume Builder

Click the **Employment** link in the top menu bar. Then click **Resume Builder** just beneath the top menu bar. To begin building your resume, click **Build My Resume**. Most professional resumes are one page and include: Career Objectives, Education History, Work Experience, Volunteer Experience, and Extracurricular Activities. To add information to each section, click the to record your experiences. For print options, click the blue "Format & Print" box in the top right corner.

Next Steps:

- **Visit your college's financial aid office.**
- Notify your counselor of any scholarship rewards you receive.
- **Also check out local PCHS scholarships at www.pekinhigh.net .**