

## Game Rules

How to Start and Sustain Your Scholarship Hustle

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Game Pieces

Tips to Win

## Introduction

As the Associate Director of Scholarships, my main goal is to help students graduate. Along the way on their journey, I would like to help guide them to borrow loans responsibly, keep up their scholarship application stamina which I call – the "Scholarship Hustle", and teach them how to use their scholarship dollars to reduce their overall debt before graduating.



Get paid to go to school!

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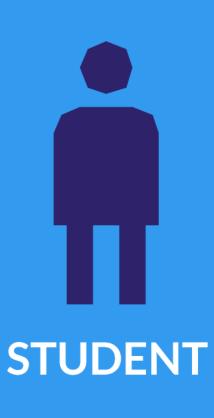
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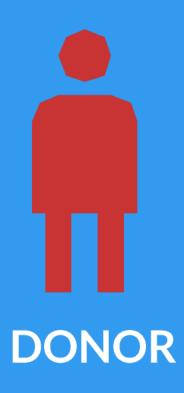
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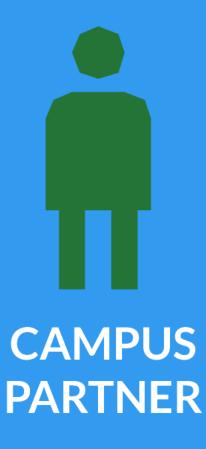
# GAME PIECES

Who are the players to The Hustle Game









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# Winning Tips

Here are some quick tips on how to win the game!

1 Know the Basics

2 Find out how to Hustle

3 Keep Hustling

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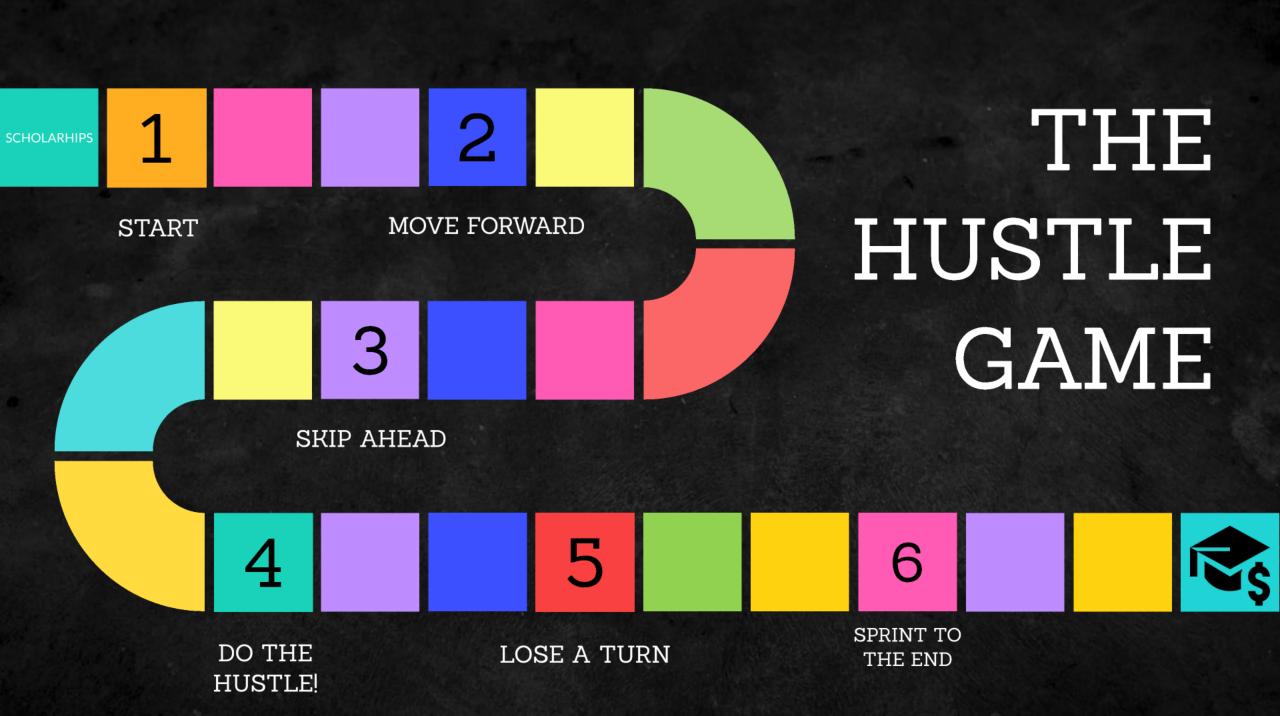
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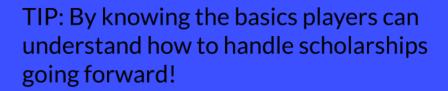


# **BASICS**

What are scholarships?

Where do Scholarships come from?

What can they be used for?



TIP: Most scholarships have guidelines called MOU - Memorandum of Understandings. These must be followed when awarding aid.

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All about scholarships

What are scholarships?

- Funds where students do not have to pay back
- Funds where students can apply for outside of Financial Aid

Where do Scholarships come from?

- Endowments
- Foundations
- Federal or State
- Community

What can they be used for?

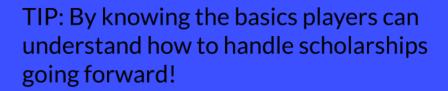
- Tuition
- Fees
- Room & Board
- Books
- Educational Costs

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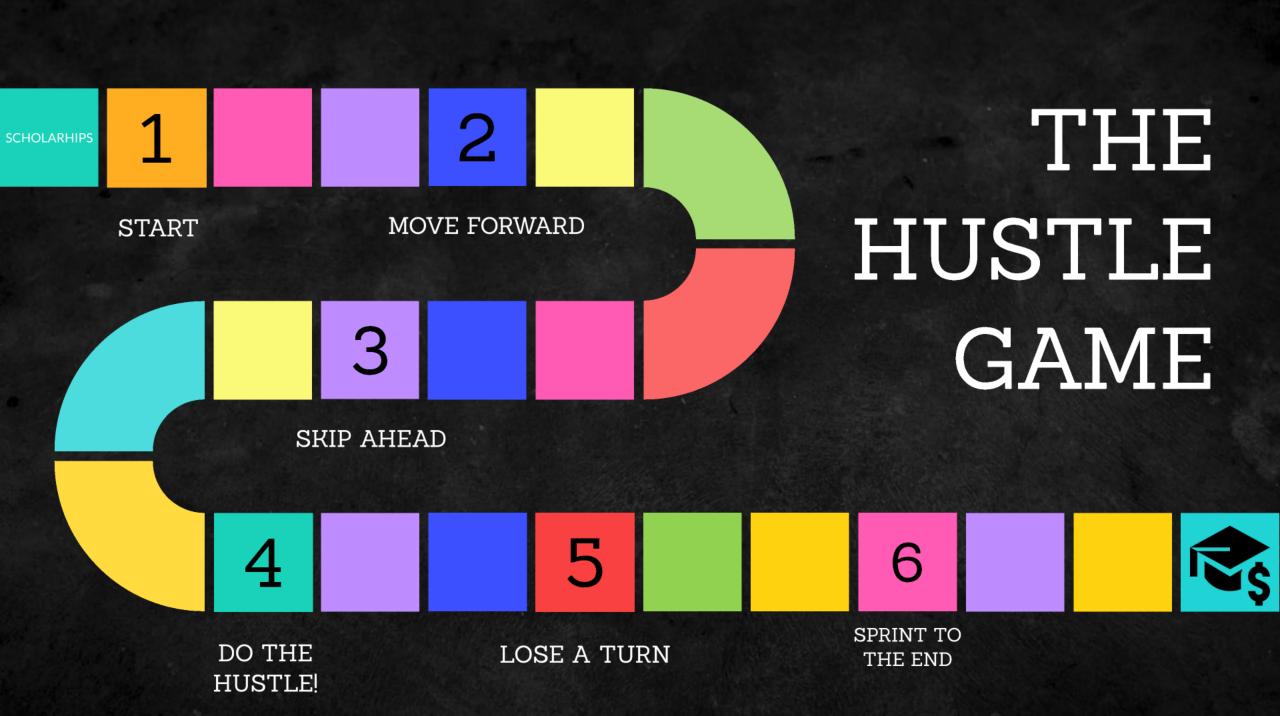
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- 2. There is too much competion.
- 3. It's too hard to apply for scholarships.
- 4. Don't waste your time with the small ones.
- 5. It's too hard to find scholarships for college.
- 6. Applying for scholarships is a one-time thing.
- 7. You only need to apply for a few scholarships.
- 8. Filling out the FAFSA is all you need.

Reality

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What we can tell students to encourage them to apply to scholarships and aid them in sustaining their hustle.



Scholarships are awarded to all types of students.



Scholarships can be found on campus, google, and through your community.



More than \$100 million dollars in scholarships go unclaimed every year!



Not all scholarships require essays and you can repurpose your essays.



Not every scholarship makes you jump through hoops to apply.



Apply for scholarships through out your whole college career.



Many are in the \$500 to \$1000 range. You may think they're not worth it, but they can add up.

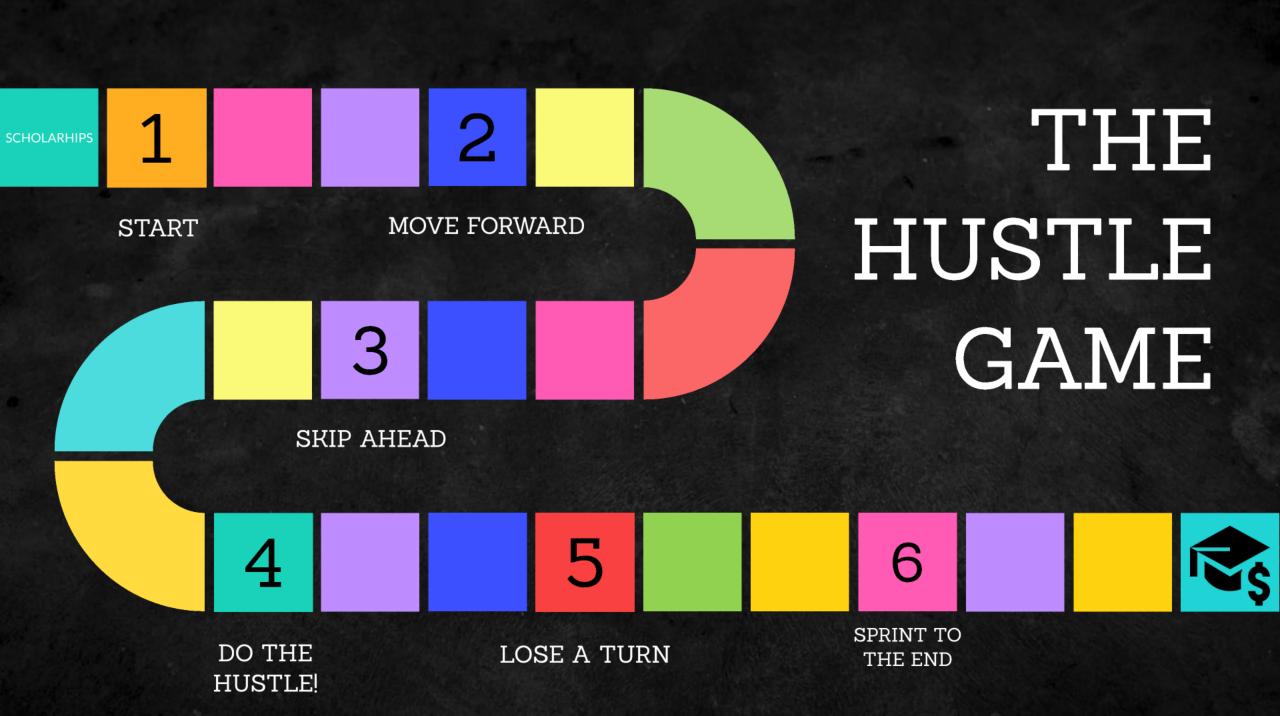


FAFSA is used with scholarships, but a separate applications are required.

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How-to-guide on getting your hustle on!

Step 1: Start

Step 2: Execute and Continue

Step 3: Repeat



Step 1

Step 2

Step 3

# Step 1: Start ()



Best time to start is now. Get more familar with the applications and deadlines.



FAFSA is a great start, but also include MHEC. Department of Labor, Google, your job or parents jobs, and more.



Search your campus websites for scholarships. Plus if you have a scholarships data base!

# Best Times for Scholarships



Search Hack: scholarship "deadline: july"

#### March - May

Spring Break

Summer Break



#### June - July

Deadlines B4 Fall Semester



#### **August - October**

There may be campus based scholarships who are looking for applicants.



#### **December - January**

These months are usually when winners are announced



## Best Places for Scholarships





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## Step 2: Executing



#### Writing your Essay Advice:

- Something that interests you
- Your Why (Reason)
- Your Inspiration



#### Writing your Essay Advice:

- Review for any mistakes
- Get feedback
- Keep a copy of your essay



#### Writing your Essay Advice:

- Keep organized Hustle Sheet
- Repurpose your essays
- Answer the questions & follow the rules.

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## Step 3 Repeat



Set your calendar for reoccuring annual dates to remind you to reapply.



Apply even if - you didn't receive the scholarship last time, try & try again.

Make sure you answered the questions.



Do a search for scholarships now and set your calendar for future opportunities. Continue to search your institutions as new scholarships come through.

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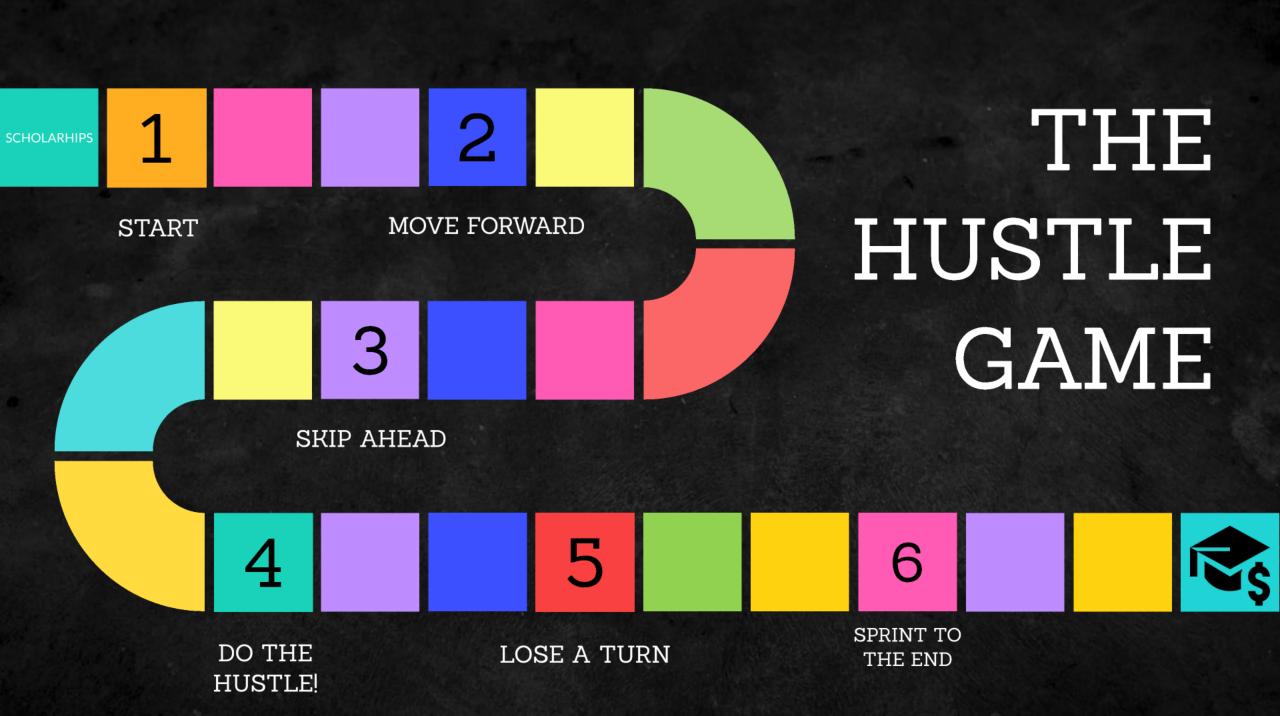
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**Processing Fees** 

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# Signs of a Scholarship Scam

"The scholarship is guaranteed or your money back."

"You can't get this information anywhere else."

"I just need your credit card or bank account number to hold this scholarship."

"We'll do all the work. You just pay a processing fee."

"The scholarship will cost some money."

"You're a finalist [for a contest you never entered]."

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## You Were Scammed!

What To Do If You Paid a Scammer

Scammers often ask you to pay in ways that make it tough to get your
money back. No matter how you paid a scammer, the sooner you act, the

better. Learn more about how to get your money back.



Report Scams
Report financial aid and scholarship scams to the FTC at
ReportFraud.ftc.gov your state attorney general

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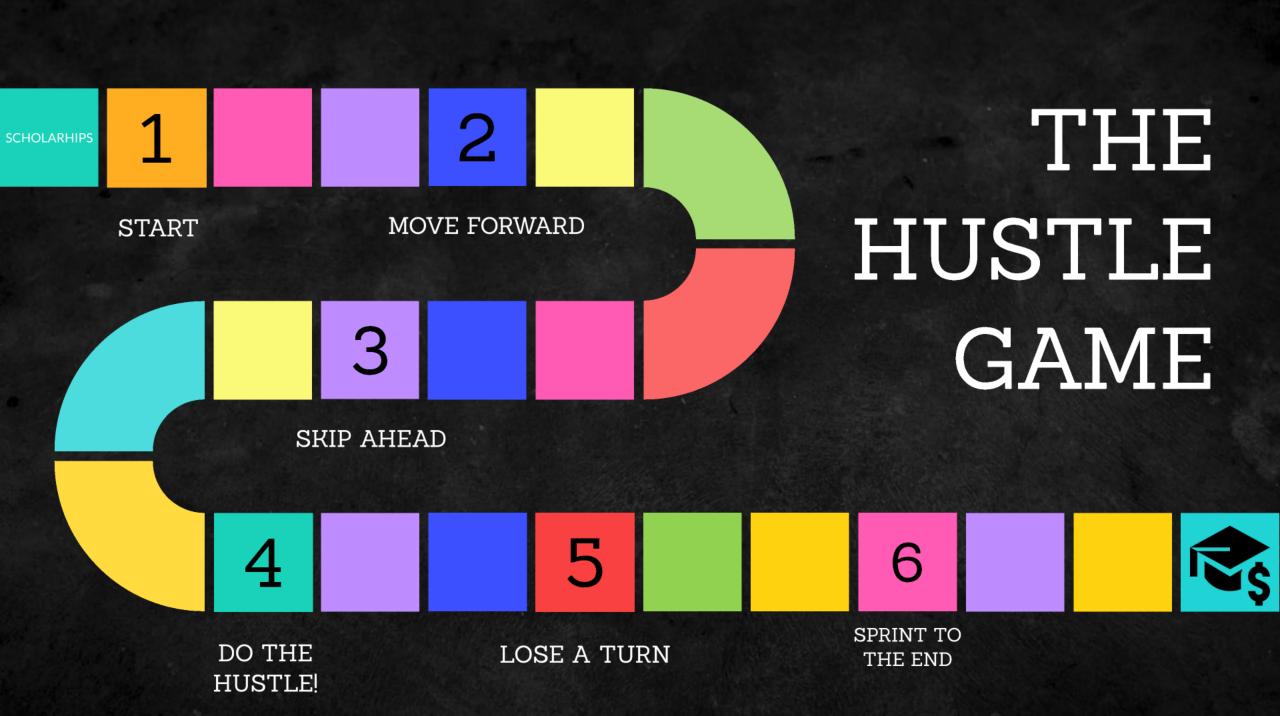
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# Sprint to the End

Summary of our Hustle Game. Make sure you are ready to receive!



**Hustle Game** 

Set your Calendar for future dates

Where to send the funds WHEN you receive \$\$ - Student Business Office



