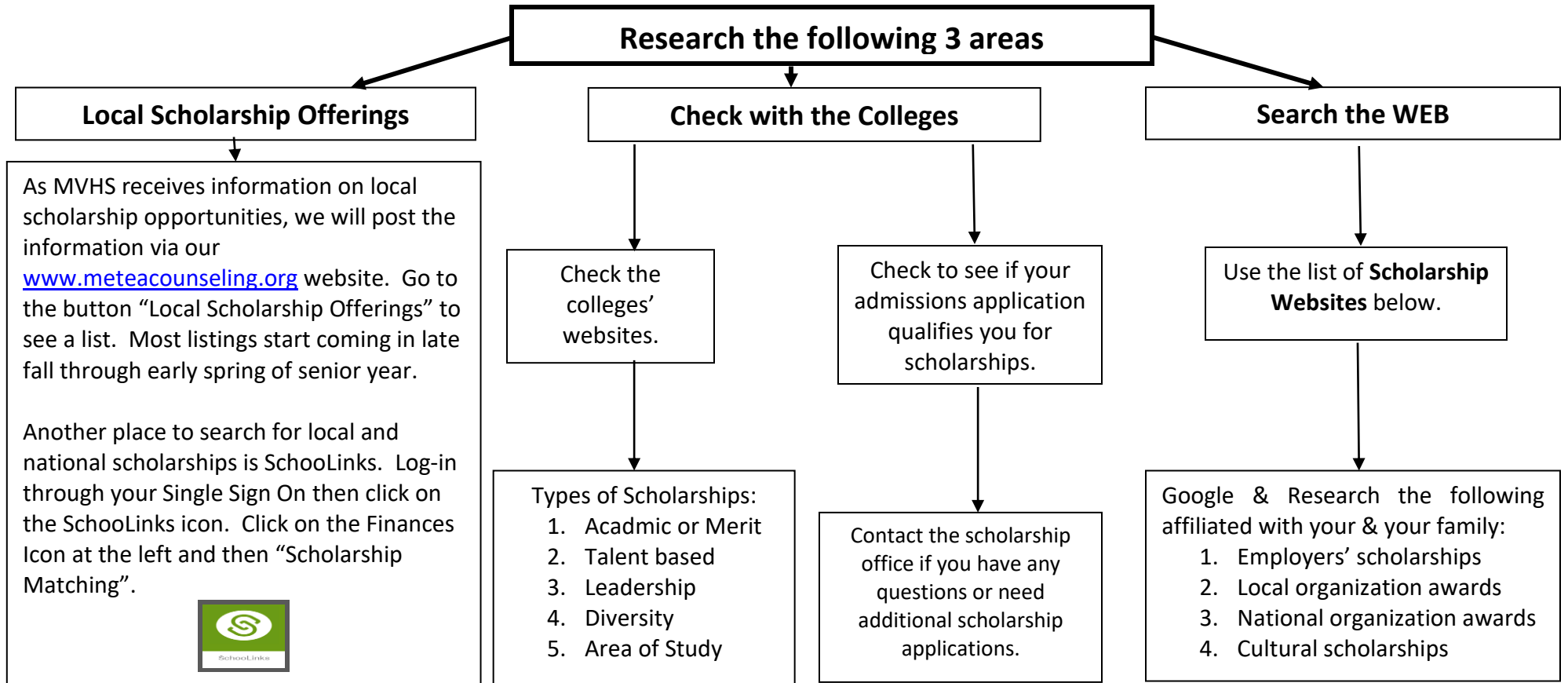


# How to Search for College Scholarships



## **Additional Tips:**

1. Remember that researching scholarships takes time and work. It is similar to a job sometimes, and it can pay off!
2. Be sure to watch your deadlines and check the requirements. Many scholarships need essays and maybe letters of recommendation.
3. Chances are greater for receiving local scholarships versus national scholarships, as there are fewer applicants.
4. The largest scholarships awarded are typically awarded by the colleges. Individual financial aid pages of the colleges often times list types of scholarships.
5. Private colleges have more scholarships available to help bring the cost down versus public universities.
6. Some out-of-state public universities have great scholarships for Illinois students.
7. Apply for financial aid (file the FAFSA soon after October 1<sup>st</sup> of senior year). You never know what you might qualify for in aid and possible grants
8. Beware of scholarship scams. Visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scholarship-and-financial-aid-scams#scholarship> for warning signs.

## **Scholarship Websites**

[www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com) [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com) [www.isac.org](http://www.isac.org) <https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/>  
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