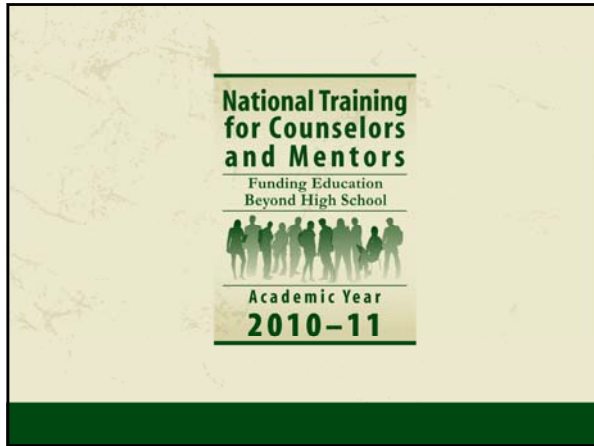
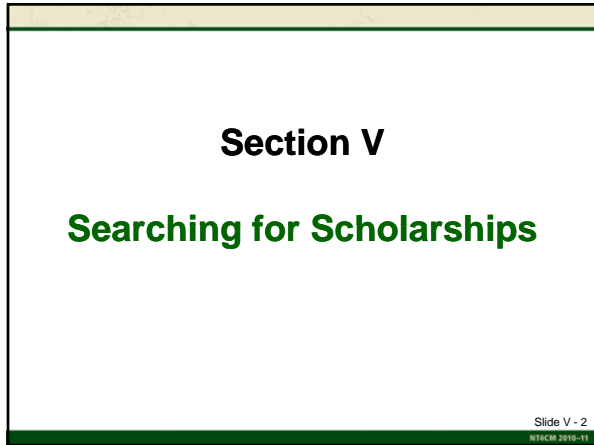


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Federal Sources

www.students.gov links to sources such as

- U.S. Department of Education (Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship)
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- U.S. Armed Forces

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State and Institutional Sources

- Insert URL for state aid agency
- Insert URLs for institutions

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Private Sources

- Foundations
- Community organizations and civic groups
- Religious or ethnicity-based organizations
- Organizations related to student's field
- Local businesses and employers

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Internet Research Tools

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Typical On-line Scholarship Search

www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov

- Search using keyword or
- Search targeted to student's information
- Always use free searches!

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Avoiding Financial Aid Fraud

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Fraud Warning Signs

- Students unaware of free resources
- Students pay for help or “guaranteed” aid before seeking advice from knowledgeable adult

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Common Fraud Complaints

- Paying for guaranteed aid and not receiving anything
- Paying for help to find aid
- Paying to file the FAFSA

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Resources for Avoiding Financial Aid Fraud

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**U.S. Department of Education
Web Site**

- *Looking for Student Aid*
- Student publications page
- Office of the Inspector General hotline

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Federal Trade Commission Site

- Handouts
- Lists of individuals and companies found guilty of fraud
- Complaint form
- Publications to order

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