### **Scholarship Guide for High SAT Scorers**

#### Introduction

Achieving a high SAT score can open doors to **merit-based scholarships** offered by colleges, private organizations, and foundations. This guide provides a list of **scholarships for high SAT scorers**, eligibility criteria, and application tips to help maximize your opportunities.

## 1. Merit-Based Scholarships from Universities

Many colleges offer **automatic scholarships** for students with top SAT scores. Below are some well-known institutions that reward high-achieving students:

College/University	Scholarship Name	SAT Score Requirement	Award Amount
University of Alabama	Presidential Scholarship	1360+	Full Tuition
Arizona State University	New American University Scholarship	1300+	Up to \$15,000 per year
Baylor University	Regents' Gold Scholarship	1450+	Up to \$25,000 per year
University of Kentucky	Presidential Scholarship	1400+	Full Tuition
University of Miami	President's Scholarship	1350+	Up to \$28,000 per year

**Tip:** Check each university's scholarship webpage for the latest requirements, as SAT score cutoffs may change.

# 2. National Merit-Based Scholarships

If you scored exceptionally well on the **PSAT/NMSQT** and **SAT**, you may be eligible for **National Merit Scholarships**:

- National Merit Scholarship Program Awards range from \$2,500 to full tuition, based on PSAT/SAT scores and application strength.
- Coca-Cola Scholars Program Awards \$20,000 to students with outstanding academic achievements.
- Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Scholarship Provides up to \$40,000 per year for students with high SAT scores and financial need.
- Dell Scholars Program Offers \$20,000 plus a laptop for high-achieving, low-income students.
- **Horatio Alger Scholarship** Awards between **\$10,000 \$25,000** for students overcoming adversity with strong academics.

## 3. Private & Corporate Scholarships

Many private organizations and corporations offer **SAT-based scholarships**:

- Burger King Scholars Program Awards up to \$50,000 to students with strong academic performance.
- The Gates Scholarship Covers full tuition for exceptional minority students.
- Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Scholarship Offers \$1,000 \$12,500 per year to students with high SAT scores.
- Ron Brown Scholar Program Provides up to \$40,000 to African American students with leadership potential.

### 4. Tips for Winning Scholarships

- Apply Early Many scholarships have fall deadlines, so start applications by junior or early senior year.
- Write a Strong Essay Many scholarships require a personal statement or essay—showcase your unique experiences.
- ✓ Get Strong Letters of Recommendation Ask teachers, counsellors, or mentors well in advance.
- ✓ Meet All Deadlines Late applications are not considered, so stay organized.
- ✓ Look for Local Scholarships Community organizations, businesses, and nonprofits offer smaller scholarships that add up.

# **Final Thoughts**

A high SAT score not only helps with college admissions but also unlocks **valuable financial aid opportunities**. Apply for as many scholarships as possible to reduce college costs and minimize student debt.

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