

Funny Money – College Version:

Lesson Plan

Objective

The following activity is designed to help students discover some of the stranger ways they can find scholarship money to assist paying for a college education. It draws on students' knowledge and comfort level with researching topics online using search engines.

Students will be able to:

- Use the Internet/search engines to search for answers.
- Discover various ways to find scholarship money.

Teaching Materials

- Student handout
- Computer for each student
- Scholarship website links

Lesson Activity

1. Prior to beginning the activity, inform students that the activity is organized into a table.
2. Share the following resources with the students:
 - a. [Unique Grants and Scholarships](#)
 - b. [Some Weird Scholarships](#)
 - c. [45 Weird and Unique Scholarships](#)
3. Instruct the students to read the *funding source clue* located in the center column of the table and then conduct research to see if it is an actual source of scholarship money or if it is made-up.

Note: Most of the funding sources are real.

4. As students research each of the *funding source clues* listed in the table below, tell them to check **Real Deal** if they discover that the funding source is real. Otherwise check **No Deal**.

Real Deal	Funding Opportunity	No Deal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire sprinklers can help you pay for college without getting soaked.	

	Use social media to get signatures on a petition for a scholarship.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make a video of Abraham Lincoln delivering his Gettysburg Address.	
	Design a golf ball with triangular dimples.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Join the Llama Association and apply for its annual scholarship.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dare to show up at prom wearing an outfit made from duct tape.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Develop your “mibster” skills and win a tournament.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Become fluent in Klingon.	
	Set a new world record for juggling on a unicycle.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are you the next American Idol? Write and submit an original song with lyrics and music.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roses are red, violets are blue, create a unique greeting card and win money for you.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bordeaux, Burgundy or Pinot Noir? Pursue a career in the wine and grape industries.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quack quack. Draw, paint or sketch a picture of North American waterfowl.	
	Learn to sing <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> backwards.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meat free. Promote vegetarianism in your school or community.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Master your duck calls and win a contest.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	February 1865 was the only month in history <u>not</u> to have a full moon. Take a test on random and useless facts.	
	Ink me. Create an elaborate portrait on your back with fake tattoos.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Win a contest as an athlete with an amazing milk mustache.	

Answers:

Real Deal	Funding Opportunity	No Deal
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fire sprinklers can help you pay for college without getting soaked. Source: American Fire Sprinkler Association Scholarship	
	Use social media to get signatures on a petition for a scholarship. Made-up.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Make a video of Abraham Lincoln delivering his Gettysburg Address. Source: Samsung Superhero Competition	
	Design a golf ball with triangular dimples. Made-up.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Join the Llama Association and apply for its annual scholarship. Source: Michigan Llama Association Scholarship	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dare to show up at prom wearing an outfit made from duct tape. Source: Stuck At Prom Scholarship	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Develop your “mibster” skills and win a tournament. Source: National Marbles Tournament Scholarship	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Become fluent in Klingon. Source: KOR Memorial Scholarship and Starfleet Academy Scholarship	
	Set a new world record for juggling on a unicycle. Made-up.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are you the next American Idol? Write and submit an original song with lyrics and music. Source: John Lennon Scholarship	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Roses are red, violets are blue, create a unique greeting card and win	

	money for you. Source: Create A Greeting Card Contest	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Bordeaux, Burgundy or Pinot Noir? Pursue a career in the wine and grape industries. Source: ASEV Scholarship Program	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Quack quack. Draw, paint or sketch a picture of North American waterfowl. Source: Junior Duck Stamp Program	
	Learn to sing <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> backwards. Made-up.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Meat free. Promote vegetarianism in your school or community. Source: Vegetarian Resource Group Scholarship	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Master your duck calls and win a contest. Source: Chick and Sophie Major Memorial Duck Calling Contest	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	February 1865 was the only month in history <u>not</u> to have a full moon. Take a test on random and useless facts. Source: Common Knowledge Scholarship	
	Ink me. Create an elaborate portrait on your back with fake tattoos. Made-up.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Win a contest as an athlete with an amazing milk mustache. Source: Scholar Athlete Milk Mustache of the Year (SAMMY) Award	

Conclusion:

Scholarships exist for even the most eccentric skills, talents and interests. You must actively search for these opportunities in order to discover the many ways to help pay for a college education.