

## Funny Money – College Version

### Student Handout

**Essential Question:** What opportunities exist for scholarship money?

**Objective:** The following activity is designed to help you discover some of the stranger ways to find scholarship money to help pay for a college education. It draws on your knowledge and comfort level with researching topics online using search engines.

**Instructions:**

1. 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.
2. Research each of the *funding source clues* listed in the table below, and check **Real Deal** if you discover that the funding source is real. Otherwise check **No Deal**.
3. The following links can be useful to find the scholarship the *funding source clue* refers to:
  - a. [Unique Grants and Scholarships](#)
  - b. [Some Weird Scholarships](#)
  - c. [45 Weird and Unique Scholarships](#)

Real Deal	Funding Opportunity	No Deal
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fire sprinklers can help you pay for college without getting soaked.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Use social media to get signatures on a petition for a scholarship.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Make a video of Abraham Lincoln delivering his Gettysburg Address.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Design a golf ball with triangular dimples.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Join the Llama Association and apply for its annual scholarship.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dare to show up at prom wearing an outfit made from duct tape.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop your “mibster” skills and win a tournament.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Become fluent in Klingon.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Set a new world record for juggling on a unicycle.	<input type="checkbox"/>

<input type="checkbox"/>	Are you the next American Idol? Write and submit an original song with lyrics and music.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Roses are red, violets are blue, create a unique greeting card and win money for you.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Bordeaux, Burgundy or Pinot Noir? Pursue a career in the wine and grape industries.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Quack quack. Draw, paint or sketch a picture of North American waterfowl.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Learn to sing <i>The Star Spangled Banner</i> backwards.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Meat free. Promote vegetarianism in your school or community.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Master your duck calls and win a contest.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input 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.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ink me. Create an elaborate portrait on your back with fake tattoos.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Win a contest as an athlete with an amazing milk mustache.	<input type="checkbox"/>

4. For each of the funding sources you found to be real, please provide the name of the scholarship, grant or contest and the website (URL) address.

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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.