



# Voluntary Education

## Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer (SFAeX) – Search Engine for scholarships and financial assistance

The **Scholarship and Financial Aid Explorer** ([www.MCSFeX.net](http://www.MCSFeX.net)) or **SFeX** contains comprehensive information on an extensive list of scholarships and financial aid offerings of numerous public and private organizations. Like in AeX (the search engine for academic degree programs), SFeX users can quickly and efficiently locate scholarship and financial aid offerings that best meet their needs, thereby avoiding the overwhelming amount of information provided by generic webbased search engines and portals that proclaim to have lists of websites that offer scholarships. SFeX is also an open platform and can be used by any Service member or family member.

SFeX does not require users to register with the system, or provide any personal information whatsoever. There are no data collection forms on the site, and all scholarship and financial aid opportunities are thoroughly screened and regularly updated to ensure the quality of the information. The online search capability of SFeX is also robust. It allows users to search and evaluate scholarships and financial aid options using a variety of search criteria including: Keywords; Scholarship Name, Scholarship Type, Scholarship Offeror, Degree Level; Branch of Service; and other criteria. SFeX is easy to use and presents information in a clear and helpful manner. Once users narrow the list of opportunities down and can focus on the scholarships and/or financial aid offerings that meet their criteria, they can then explore the details for each option right down to detailed descriptions, deadlines for applications, eligibility criteria, points of contacts and submission information and a host of other relevant information.

There are currently almost 500 validated scholarship or financial aid opportunities listed on the site, of which over 200 are currently active. This universe will grow by orders of magnitude in the months and years to come. A monthly average of over 1,250 visitors are accessing and using the SFeX website, and this usage is growing significantly from month to month.

