

raise.me

**Scholarships
automatically
awarded as early
as 9th grade.**

How it works:

Most scholarships today are awarded too late to influence students' college ambitions and application decisions.

On Raise.me, students earn "Micro-Scholarships" for the milestones they achieve throughout high school, related to their classes, sports, clubs, community service, and more.



- Students can start as early as 9th grade and use the site through 12th grade
- Students redeem scholarships upon acceptance and enrollment at a Raise.me partner college

Over \$1 billion in Micro-Scholarships are already available from college partners, and we're adding more every month!

Some of our college partners:



WWW.RAISE.ME



Educator FAQs

1. What is raise.me?

Raise.me helps students in 9th - 12th grades to discover colleges and earn scholarships for their academic and extracurricular achievements throughout high school. These bite-sized scholarships are called "Micro-Scholarships".

When students add achievements to their Portfolio on Raise.me, they could be eligible to earn Micro-Scholarships towards our partner colleges. These achievements can include good grades, participating in clubs, playing on a sports team, volunteering, or even starting a club. They can include AP or IB courses, honors classes, and college-level courses, too.

2. How do students use Raise.me?

Students can build a Portfolio of their achievements, Follow Colleges, and watch their scholarship earnings pile up! To see an in-depth demo of how students can earn their first Micro-Scholarship and share the process with them, check out our Classroom Guide PDF on the Educator page (www.raise.me/educators).

3. How many scholarships will a student receive each time (s)he achieves a goal on Raise.me?

The Micro-Scholarships students can earn on Raise.me vary depending on what each college chooses to offer. Some Micro-Scholarships can range from anywhere between \$500 to over \$1,000 dollars. For example, if a student gets an A in an English class, he or she could be eligible to receive scholarships from dozens of colleges on Raise.me.

4. Who can use Raise.me? Is Raise.me only for high school students?

Students who are in grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 and attend high school in the United States can use Raise.me.

Educators (teachers and counselors from high schools, non-profit organizations, and other institutions that work with high school students) are also welcome to use Raise.me with their students. Educators can access their very own Educator Dashboard (www.raise.me/educators), where they can connect with students, follow colleges, and access resources to help students learn how to earn even more scholarships.



5. If a student begins using Raise.me in 12th grade, can the student be awarded Micro-Scholarships for his or her achievements going as far back as the start of 9th grade?

Yes. Students can fill in their high school Portfolio retrospectively with achievements going back to the start of 9th grade, and they will be eligible to earn scholarships as if they had been using Raise.me since 9th grade. The more complete a student's Portfolio, the more opportunities to earn Micro-Scholarships they will have.

6. How do you verify that the information entered by students is accurate?

Student information is self-reported and students are expected to make sure all of their information on Raise.me is accurate. Students also submit their transcripts as part of the college application process, which means that everything can be verified by the colleges and universities. If any students' self-reported information is found to be false, they will lose all of their hard-earned Micro-Scholarships.

Some colleges require that students have their profile reviewed by a teacher or college counselor at their high school. Students can send their teacher or counselor a private link to review and approve their online portfolio. The teacher or counselor can also ask the student for more proof to verify accuracy, if needed.

7. When and how do students receive their scholarship earnings?

When students achieve a goal and earn Micro-Scholarships, they can view their earnings in their personal Portfolio on Raise.me any time throughout high school.

Each college has a different Deadline for students who wish to earn scholarships on Raise.me. If students decide to apply for admission to a college where they have earned Micro-Scholarships, they must Follow a college before its Follow Deadline and make sure their Portfolio is as complete as possible to ensure their information is fully submitted to the college. If the student is admitted to the college, their scholarship earnings will automatically be included in their financial aid package.

Raise.me will also automatically submit the Portfolios for Seniors in high school to the colleges they are following if their Profiles are complete (they have at least 15 credits) by the colleges' Deadlines. The scholarships earned on Raise.me represent a guaranteed minimum amount of scholarship or grant aid that students will receive in their financial aid packages if they are admitted and choose to attend that college. If a student receives an even larger scholarship upon admission, then that scholarship will include or replace the amount that he or she has earned on Raise.me.

Important Note: Each college has a different Follow Deadline, and a college's Deadline could be as early as August or as late as March during Senior year. If a student does not Follow before the Deadline, the scholarships earned on Raise.me will not be included in their financial aid package from that college. Keep in mind that once the Deadline has passed, students can no longer earn scholarships from that college on raise.me.

For additional questions, contact support@raise.me



8. Can students use the scholarships they earn from College X to pay the cost of attending College Y?

Micro-Scholarships are not transferrable between different colleges. Students can only use the scholarships they earn from College X toward the cost of attending that same college.

Each of our college partners creates their own unique Micro-Scholarship program on Raise.me; therefore each college awards different amounts for each Micro-Scholarship. For example: One college may award \$400 for getting an A in a core course, while another college awards \$1,000.

9. Which colleges can students earn scholarships from on Raise.me?

Over 100 colleges are awarding Micro-Scholarships on Raise.me, and many more have begun the process of joining. We'll notify students when new colleges they may be interested in are added to Raise.me. If a student is following a college on Raise.me that becomes a partner and if the student is eligible for the college's Micro-Scholarship requirements, the student will automatically become qualified to start earning Micro-Scholarships to that school.

10. How many scholarships can students earn from a college on Raise.me?

The highest amount students can earn is different for each college. It could be \$8,000 at one college, and \$60,000 at another college. The great thing is that students can be eligible to earn from all of the colleges on Raise.me at the same time if they meet the requirements and choose to Follow the colleges.

11. Are these real scholarships?

Yes. When a college awards students scholarships on Raise.me, they are guaranteeing that they will include those scholarships in students' financial aid packages if they apply for admission and are admitted.

12. How are students' GPAs calculated on Raise.me?

Raise.me displays students' unweighted Grade Point Averages. The GPA on Raise.me is based on an average of students' grades in Core Courses, on a scale from 0 to 4.0 (4.0 for an A, 3.0 for a B, etc.). Core Courses include Math, Science, English, Social Studies, and Foreign Language. Note that each college on Raise.me requires that students meet their minimum GPA to be able to unlock and start earning their Micro-Scholarships. You can see the minimum required GPA for each college by visiting the Colleges page.



13. Why is it important for students to Follow colleges on Raise.me by their Senior year? When is the cutoff date for earning more Micro-Scholarships?

Starting at the beginning of 12th grade, Colleges will lock in Raise.me earnings as part of their financial aid package calculations. Each college has a different Deadline for students who wish to earn scholarships on Raise.me. To be eligible for these scholarships, students must Follow a college before its Follow Deadline and make sure their Portfolio is complete and accurate. This means their Portfolio must have at least 15 credits worth of grades to qualify and their personal information must be correct (full legal name, address, etc.).

Raise.me will also automatically submit the Portfolios for Seniors in high school to the colleges they are following if their Profiles are complete by the colleges' deadlines. The scholarships earned on Raise.me represent a guaranteed minimum amount of scholarship or grant aid that students will receive in their financial aid packages if they are admitted and choose to attend that college. If a student receives an even larger scholarship upon admission, then that scholarship will include or replace the amount that he or she has earned on Raise.me.

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14. What is the Minimum GPA that's listed for each college?

Each college on Raise.me has their own minimum GPA requirement. One college might have a 2.5 minimum GPA—that's usually an equal mix of B's and C's—while another college might have a 2.75 minimum GPA.

If a student is Following a college and is above the college's minimum GPA, the student could be eligible to receive Micro-Scholarships from that college for achievements added to his or her Portfolio. If students are below a college's minimum GPA requirement, then they would need to increase their GPAs in order to increase their eligibility to unlock Micro-Scholarships at that college.

15. What are some of the organizations supporting Raise.me?

Funders of Raise.me include the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and Facebook's charitable giving. National youth organizations partnering with Raise.me include the National Speech & Debate Association, College Summit, Close Up Foundation, and VolunTEEN Nation, among others.



16. Is Raise.me free?

Raise.me is entirely free for students and high schools. The cost of the program is paid by charitable foundations, colleges, and other funders.

17. Can I follow my students' progress on Raise.me, so that I can support and encourage them to achieve their goals?

Educators can sign up for an Educator account (www.raise.me/educators). Educators with whom students choose to connect, can see students' Profile and Portfolio information. We verify Educators' profiles before they are allowed to connect with students to protect students' information. Students can choose to limit Educator access to their Portfolios through the Connections page.

Educators that have connected with students can view and support their progress in earning Micro-Scholarships, invite more students to the Raise.me platform, and find resources to help students improve their Portfolios and eligibility for earning Micro-Scholarships.

18. Who can see students' Portfolios and other personal information?

We believe students should have full control over who is able to see their Portfolio and Profiles. That's why only the colleges that a student chooses to follow, and Educators with whom students choose to connect, are able to see students' Profile and Portfolio information.

By following a college, students indicate that they would like to earn scholarships from that college, learn more about them, and allow the college to learn more about the student.

Only verified teachers and counselors can see student information so that they can review the accuracy of student information if necessary. We verify Educators' profiles to make sure they are who they say they are before they are allowed to connect with students on Raise.me. Students can limit Educator access to their Portfolios through the Connections page. No one else can see students' information.

A black and white photograph of three students in a classroom. A young woman with blonde hair is in the foreground, looking at a laptop. Behind her, a young man in a hoodie is also looking at the laptop. To the right, another young man is pointing at the laptop screen. The background shows a window with a grid pattern.

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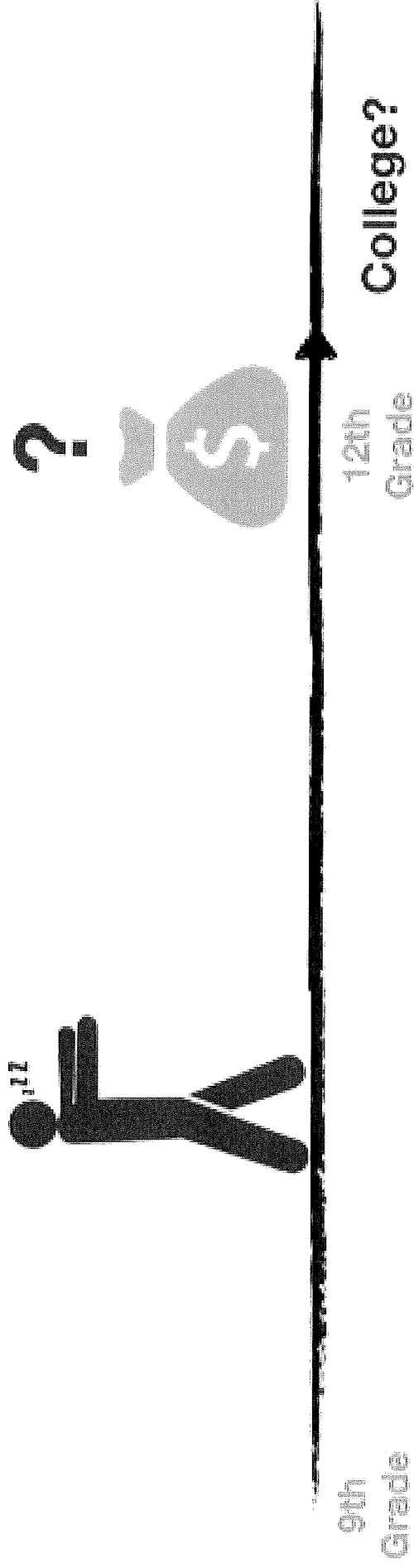
Powering the next generation of financial aid

Mission

To help students from all backgrounds
achieve their college ambitions and career
ambitions.

The Problem

Institutional grants and scholarships are awarded at the end of high school – **too late** to impact students' college ambitions or application decisions.



The Solution

Raise enables students to earn scholarships throughout high school (starting in 9th grade) based on their **personal** progress and achievements.



What are micro-scholarships?

Micro-scholarships represent guaranteed scholarships that the student will receive if they apply, are admitted, and matriculate to a Raise partner school.

Raise Increases Student Outcomes

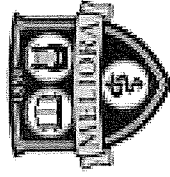
- Raise motivates students to take on more rigorous courses & activities, allowing educators to cultivate a more engaged classroom.
- Raise gives students insight as to what colleges value as important in their future applicants earlier in high school.
- Raise increases the number of students attending college district wide.

Select college & university partners

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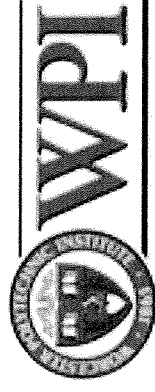
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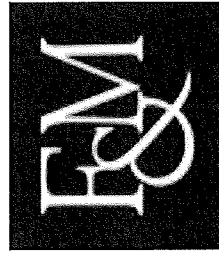
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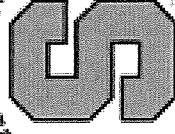
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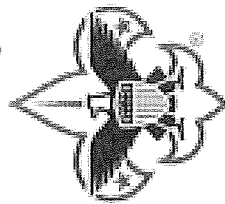
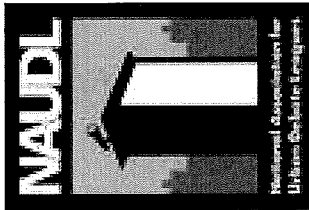
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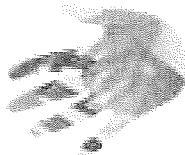
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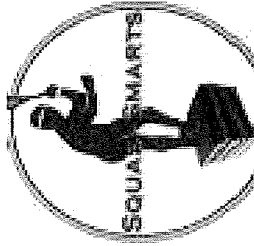
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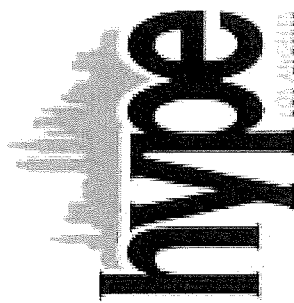
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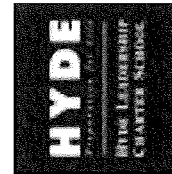
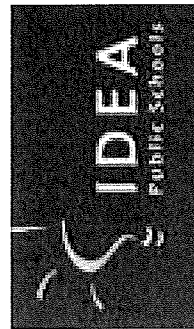
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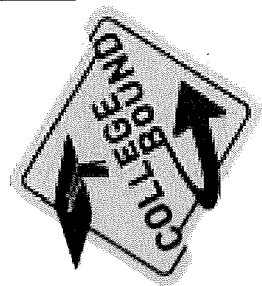
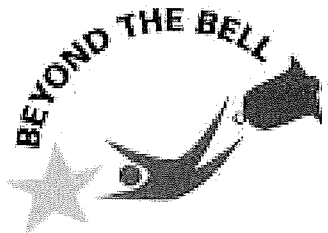
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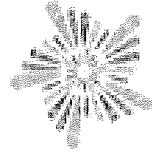
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COLLEGE GRADUATION. PERIOD.



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Student Dashboard

What's New
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Micro-Scholarships
Courses

Jack Benton

Class of 2015 Northeast High School
I love technology and hope to be an engineer at Ford, me what I graduate college

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