



## **Tuition Funding Sources**

The Tuition Funding Sources website, TuitionFundingSources.com, is being made available to all public libraries in Idaho for the first time free of charge. The goal is to increase scholarship availability and awareness for high school and college students and their parents. Especially those students that are economically disadvantaged and otherwise might be left behind.

Tuition Funding Sources ("TFS") is a private website where high school and college students are matched with scholarships and grants. The scholarship matching service is provided to students free of charge.

The TFS scholarship database represents 24 years of scholarship research and is larger than any other source of scholarship information. The database is made up of millions of need-based, merit and general scholarships and totals more than \$41 billion in available awards.

In addition to general scholarships that can be used at any school, the scholarship database contains millions of scholarships that are school specific, meaning they are only available at the sponsoring school. Next to federal and state grants, this scholarship category is the largest pool of scholarships available and is one of the reasons the TFS scholarship database is so large. New scholarships are added to the database every month.

The TFS scholarship data is a respected resource and was displayed for many years at a demonstration lab in the Smithsonian Institution. It was also selected by the Department of Defense for use in their international schools.

Pepsi-Cola has sponsored Tuition Funding Sources every year since 1989 but the TFS website is completely non-commercial. There are no advertisements - not even for Pepsi products even though they sponsor the website. Member's information is not sold, shared or rented to third parties.

There are no hidden fees or obligations - this is truly is an opportunity for Idaho libraries and their patrons to access the Tuition Funding Sources website free of charge.

The referring url or link that should be used by all Idaho libraries wanting to use the TFS website is <http://www.TuitionFundingSources.com/?Library=IdahoLib-ID>.

This is the link that should go on a library's website. It points to the Tuition Funding Sources website and recognizes the user as a patron of an Idaho library. Patrons can login to the TFS website onsite or from any remote location.

Most libraries put the referring url behind their own authentication process but it is not necessary. The TFS website can also authenticate patrons based on library numbers or ip address ranges if desired.

Libraries that offer their patrons access to the Tuition Funding Sources website will be able to showcase their desire to help students attend college and avoid student debt. Due to the economic problems confronting most families today, the scholarship and grant information contained in the Tuition Funding Sources website is needed more now than at any time in the past.

Please contact Sally Stephens ([Sally.Stephens@TuitionFundingSources.com](mailto:Sally.Stephens@TuitionFundingSources.com)) to obtain TFS posters or handouts for library bulletin boards, TFS graphics for library websites or to answer any questions.