The aim of this thesis is to investigate the categories of modules over the so called string algebras. In particular, we try to understand the cotorsion pairs in these categories, which boils down to understanding the decompositions of extensions of such modules. For string algebras with some oriented tree for the underlying quiver, we describe some classes given by these cotorsion pairs in terms of purely combinatorial closure properties. For any string algebras, the combinatorics appears to be similar, althought more complicated.