



Scholarship Application Information

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Application Dates: December 20, 2019 – February 1, 2020

Recommended Steps:

1. Print and review the Scholarship Directory. A PDF version for high school scholarships will be available as an attachment on the application page. Read through each scholarship to determine which ones you are eligible for.
2. Review the Scholarship Directory. Yes, this is a repeat of step 1. It's important. **Review. Review. Review.**
3. Gather the following information:
 - Personal information – address, email address (do NOT use your high school email), birthday, parent/guardian names, etc.
 - College information – name, address, program length, major(s), minor(s), enrollment status (full or half)
 - Work history – employer, address, dates employed, hours per week
 - References – name and address
 - Activities – academic, athletic, and other extracurricular groups involved in each year of high school
 - Community volunteer service
 - Church involvement (*for specific scholarships*)
 - Completed required essay questions (*150 maximum per question*)
 - What are your professional and educational goals, and what is your plan to achieve them?
 - Describe a situation where you demonstrated leadership skills.
 - Tell us about a personal challenge you recently faced. What did you learn and how has this influenced your goals and perspectives?
 - Optional essays for specific scholarships (*150 maximum per question*)
 - How has FFA and/or 4-H prepared you for the future?
 - How have you demonstrated perseverance, high character, and high effort to overcome a mental or physical disability?



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Additional Items Needed:

1. Two letters of recommendation. *Some may require more – did you review the Scholarship Directory?*
2. Student Aid Report from your FAFSA form – *needed if you plan to apply for scholarships where financial need is a requirement. Indicated with an * on the, you guessed it, Scholarship Directory!*
3. Senior picture – used for the Annual Report.
4. Transcript – ask your guidance counselor to submit on your behalf.

Other Tips:

1. You are unable to save a partially completed form. For this reason, we suggest saving your essays in a separate program, such as Word, and then copy and paste into the application.
2. Submit your application early to allow time for unforeseen issues.
3. Check back with your references to ensure they have submitted their letter to us.
4. One more time. REVIEW the Scholarship Directory. Print it out before Christmas break. It will be some fun reading.
5. If you have questions, we're here to help!

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