**Scholarship Opportunities and Application Tips**

The Counseling Office is continually notified of new scholarship opportunities. Scholarships will be posted on the GSL website under High School/Counselor's Corner/Non-local scholarships. **Local scholarships will be available on the GSL website in December.**

Tips for completing a winning scholarship

1. Apply only if you are eligible
2. Complete the application.
3. Read and follow all instructions.
4. Submit a clean and neat application.
5. Submit a well-composed essay that makes a definite impression.
6. Be aware of and meet all deadlines.
7. Mail application to the proper address with the proper postage affixed.
8. Give your application materials a final review.
9. Seek assistance if you feel you need it.
10. Make sure you're proud of and satisfied with your application submission
11. **Give plenty of time** to the person writing a recommendation and let them know what you have been involved in and what you want them to emphasize on when writing the recommendation.

Common mistakes made when filling out a scholarship application

1. Applicant mailed the envelope without the application enclosed.
2. Applicant submitted an incomplete application.
3. Applicant forgot to include their name and/or address.
4. Applicant submitted an illegible or unintelligible application.
5. Applicant sent the application with insufficient postage- returned "postage due."
6. Applicant submitted irrelevant or inappropriate supporting documentation.
7. Applicant submitted a dirty or stained application.
8. Applicant applied for an award when falling short of the minimum requirements.
9. Applicant made a number of spelling errors.
10. Applicant was rude or abusive to the judges.