

SCHOLARSHIP BOOTCAMP



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RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDERS



LOCAL

Greater Salina
Community Foundation

Local high school websites

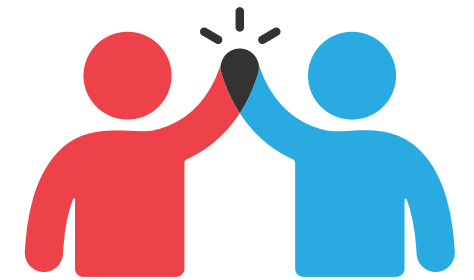


NATIONAL SEARCH ENGINES

www.fastweb.com

www.collegeboard.com

www.scholarships.com



BUSINESSES

Local businesses

Larger corporations

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN RESEARCHING SCHOLARSHIPS

CRITERIA

Read ALL of
the criteria



DEADLINES

Do you have enough
time to complete the
application?

WHAT WILL YOU NEED TO PROVIDE?

- Transcript (unofficial or official)
- Resume
- Letters of Recommendation



WHAT WILL IT COVER?

- Tuition
- Room & Board
- Fees



HAVE A PLAN OF ACTION

- Use the [SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TRACKER](#) to organize the scholarships you plan to apply to.
- Don't just apply to the big scholarships. The small ones add up.
- Start early!!
- Use a professional email. NOT your high school or college email.
- Research the scholarship provider. If it is a memorial scholarship, research the person it was made in memory of.

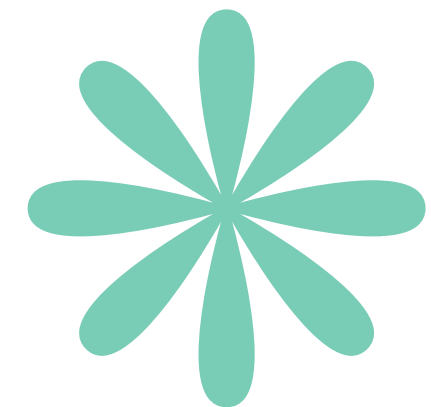


GSCF'S ELIGIBILITY ASSESSMENT

Available November 1



1. Go to www.gscf.org
2. Click on Scholarships
3. Click on "Take the Assessment"
4. Follow instructions to set up an account through the scholarship portal.
5. Click on "Start Eligibility Quiz"



TIPS FOR INTERVIEWING



- Practice Practice Practice
- Arrive early
- Eye contact
- Firm handshake
- Be yourself
- Be confident
- Have questions to ask the judges
- Do your research
- Write a thank you note for the opportunity

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS



Scholarship providers are looking for grit.



How to make the most out of your resume.



Writing an essay or personal statement that shows who YOU are.

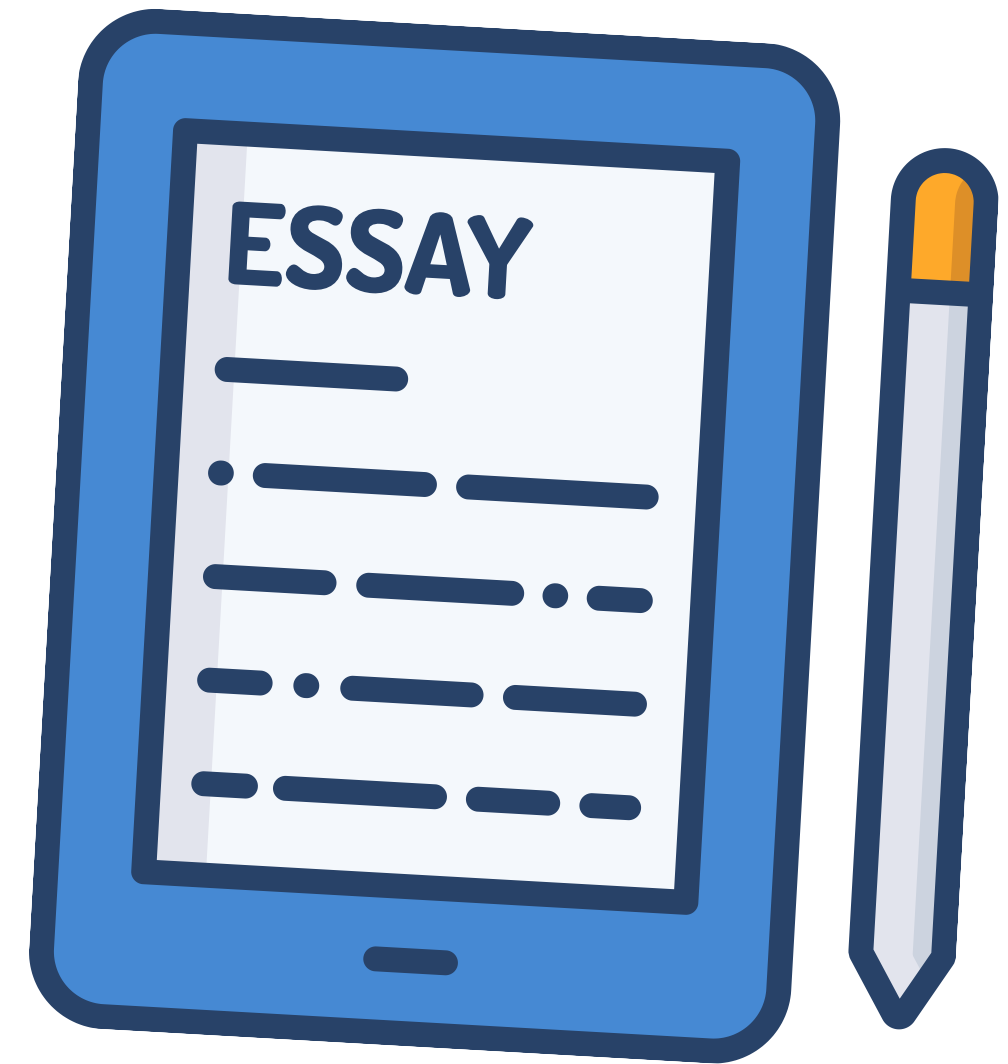
RESUME GUIDE



RESUME TIPS

- Your resume advertises YOU! Capture your strengths.
- Brief and to the point.
- One page, easy to read font.
- Use actions words = organized, led, created, served
 - NO personal pronouns
- PROOFREAD! Avoid grammatical errors or typos.
 - Ask an adult or friend(s) to proofread your resume.
- Update resume with new experiences or achievements.

WRITING A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY



WHY WRITE THAT ESSAY?

- Some scholarships go UNCLAIMED because of lack of applicants.
- Test scores, FAFSA, and grades provide the hard data. Essays provide the personal story. Everyone has a story to tell!
- There are a multitude of resources to aid with the writing process if you are a hesitant writer.
- Scholarship money is worth the effort!!

THE WRITING PROCESS

Show, Don't Tell

"I am a very hard-working individual."



"At my current job, there is a lot of 'down-time'. Instead of just sitting around, I stay busy by dusting, cleaning, taking out the garbage, and doing other chores. I try to look for things that need to be done instead of waiting to be told what to do."

ESSAY TIPS

- Adhere to page, length, and font requirements.
- Make sure you edit and proofread carefully.
 - Avoid swearing, grammatical contractions, and overly informal language. Keep it professional, but still YOU!
 - Keep it clean and clear, but also keep it REAL!
- Ask someone else to read your essay and give you honest feedback.
- Do not write your essay at the last minute.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU APPLY?

APPROVED

1. Write a thank you letter!
2. Complete scholarship acceptance forms.
3. Let your college know.

DENIED

Still write a thank you letter for the opportunity.

THANK YOU NOTES

Dear donor,
Thanks for providing me with this scholarship. it
will help me financially. college is expensive. i
really appreciate it.

thank you,

Sara

Dear Mrs. Jones,

Thank you so much for selecting me as a
recipient for the Jones Memorial
Scholarship. It is an honor to be selected.
Your generosity will allow me the financial
freedom to focus more on my studies and
pursue volunteer opportunities like
volunteering at the on-campus food pantry!
I am thrilled about this new chapter in my
life. Thank you for investing in me and my
education.

Sincerely,

Sally Smith

TIPS ON SURVIVING YOUR FIRST YEAR

01. Don't be afraid to ask questions.

02. Don't go home for the first couple of weekends.

03. Find the location of your classes BEFORE the first.

04. Figure out your study plan BEFORE you have homework.

05. Get involved!

06. Go to class, take notes, and don't procrastinate.

07. Read the syllabus.



TIPS ON THRIVING YOUR FIRST YEAR

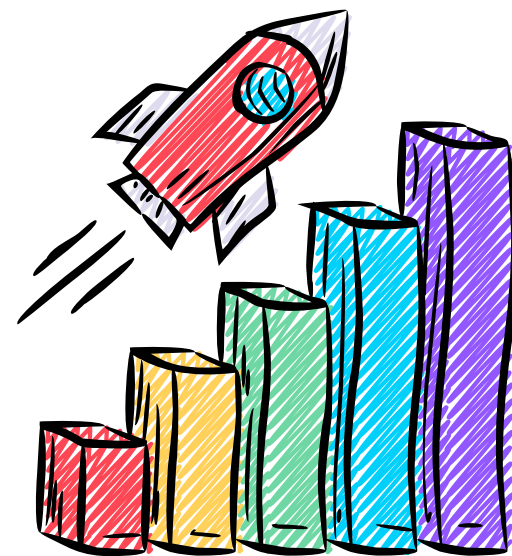
01. Make at least one acquaintance in each class.

02. Figure out where to-go meals fit into your meal plan.

03. Sign up for study room in bulk and in advance.

04. Visit the tutoring center AND the career center.

05. Visit those office hours!



06. Do not forget to take breaks and have fun!

07. Read the syllabus.

08. Get your money's worth out of your studies.

09. Put scholarship renewals in your calendar reminders.

10. Do not study where you sleep!

REMINDED

- GSCF applications:
 - OPEN - November 1
 - CLOSE - February 15
- Start early!
- Do your research
- Let them see YOU!
- Ask questions!

QUESTIONS?



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