

Get Funded!

A SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

What Most Scholarship Applications Require

- Application Form
- Transcript
- Essay and/or Short Answers
- Recommendation Letter

Timeline & Staying Organized

- Deadlines are VERY important
- Complete applications are VERY important
- A Google doc, spreadsheet and phone reminders can help keep you on track

Most local applications open in January with decisions and awarding in the spring.

DOs

- Follow directions exactly
- Draft your answers in a separate document
- Be honest and specific about your goals, share why the scholarship matters
- Proofread for spelling, grammar and clarity
- Have a trusted friend or relative review before you submit
- Start with a personal story or a good hook, don't just restate the prompt
- Take the time to customize your responses to each application

Where to Find Scholarships

- Guidance Counselor's Office
- School Website
- Civic Clubs, Churches, Places of Employment
- Local Community Foundations
- Online Searches
 - Be careful of scams!

Why Local Scholarships Matter

- Fewer applicants
- Emphasis on community involvement

SMALL SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNTS ADD UP!

DON'Ts

- Wait until the last minute
- Submit an incomplete application
- Use your school email address
- Assume GPA is everything
- Skip an opportunity

Just Apply!

EVEN IF YOU'RE UNSURE YOU WILL WIN... IF YOU APPLY TO NONE, YOU GUARANTEE YOU WON'T.

Applying is a bit of work, but it is PAID work if you are selected for the scholarship!

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