

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST



College can be affordable thanks to financial aid such as scholarships and grants. The checklist below will help you keep organized while navigating the scholarship application process so you can earn the most financial aid possible for college.

INFO YOU MAY NEED WHEN APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Information

- Current School Info - name of high school or college, class rank, expected graduation date
- School Transcripts
- Recommendation Letter(s)
- College Choice(s)
- Intended Academic Major(s)/Area(s) of Study
- Academic Information - GPA, AP, honors courses
- Six-digit school code (for high schools)

Personal Background Information

- Personal Information - name, full address, phone number, date of birth, parents' names & employment
- Email Address (one that you check regularly)
- Personal Statement - list of goals (education, career, personal)
- Resume or Curriculum Vitae

Financial Information

- Parents' Income - or most recent federal tax return if you are a dependent
- FAFSA - completed free application for federal student aid at www.fafsa.gov
- Completed Student Aid Report (SAR) from your completed FAFSA

Miscellaneous Information

- School Activities - list of extracurricular activities, clubs, organizations, sports
- Community Activities - volunteer, community or public service activities + # of hours volunteered
- Employment - list of internships, assistantships, summer jobs
- List of any awards or honors you have received
- Scholarship Essay
- Portfolio

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION "TO DO" LIST

TASKS:

- Check your college choices to find merit-based scholarships and other scholarships available to incoming students
- Create a free profile on a scholarship search website like Scholarships.com

ONCE YOUR SCHOLARSHIPS.COM PROFILE IS COMPLETE:

1

Sort list of scholarship search results by deadline

2

Select the scholarship with the earliest deadline and visit the scholarship provider's website to verify the eligibility requirements, application guidelines and deadline to apply

3

Read the application guidelines and follow the instructions on how to apply

4

Begin your online or paper application

5

Have someone else review and proofread your scholarship application

6

Submit your completed application

7

Make a list of scholarships you will be applying for and keep track of the dates you applied and dates the winners will be announced

8

Go back to your list of scholarship search results and select the next scholarship with an upcoming deadline; repeat steps 1-6