

Make Your Scholarship Application **SHINE!**



Apply **EARLY!**

- ✓ Deadlines can make or break you.
- ✓ Official Transcripts take time to obtain and overnight mailing is **EXPENSIVE**.
- ✓ Online applications can't be completed two hours ahead of deadline. Give yourself time as you might run into technological or login problems.

Apply **OFTEN!**

- ✓ Practice makes everything better.

Create a scholarship **RESUME**

- ✓ Education
- ✓ Campus Involvement
- ✓ Community Service
- ✓ Scholarships & Awards
- ✓ Work Experience

Review the **PURPOSE** of the Scholarship

Establish solid **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION** or **STUDENT ASSESSMENTS**

- ✓ Choose someone who knows you well and can provide specific and pertinent information.
- ✓ Explain the criteria of the award (photocopy the application).
- ✓ Give recommenders ample time to compose your letter.
- ✓ Send thank-you letters afterwards

Writing your **ESSAY**

- ✓ Stick to the topic.
- ✓ Use vivid details. Make your application stand out.
- ✓ **PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD, PROOFREAD!**

Your applications should be **NEAT** and **EASY TO READ**

- ✓ Type everything (if paper) or proofread (if online). Never submit your first draft.
- ✓ Organize information with bullets.
- ✓ This is your one chance in front of the judges...make a good impression!

Have **MULTIPLE** people **CRITIQUE** your application

Double-check your application for **COMPLETION**

- ✓ An incomplete application is as good as **NO** application.

PRINT your application before submission

- ✓ You can use it as a reference for future scholarships.
- ✓ If it gets lost, you have a spare.