



Scholarship Tips

1. Apply if you are eligible.

Read all the scholarship requirements and directions carefully and make sure you are eligible before you send in your application.

2. Ask for help if you need it.

If you have questions or have problems with your application, call the funding organization.

3. Be organized.

Stay on top of deadlines; plan to submit applications and all required documents at least a week prior to the official deadline.

4. Complete your application in full.

If question does not apply, write "not applicable" on the application.

5. Neatness Counts.

If a paper application is provided, always type your application. But if you must print, do it neatly and legibly.

6. Follow Instructions carefully.

Answer all questions and provide everything that is required. Some scholarships require an essay; others require recommendation letters.

7. Give it a final review.

Proofread the entire application and essay carefully. You may want to ask a parent, teacher, or friend to proofread it as well.

8. Keep copies of everything you send.

If your application gets misplaced, you will be able to resend your information quickly.

9. Check your emails frequently.

Organizations may require you to submit additional paperwork if you are selected as a finalist. Make sure to comply with all requests by the given deadline.

10. Continue your scholarship search.

Apply for as many scholarships as possible. Applying for one scholarship does not guarantee you an award. Register with a scholarship search engine.

11. Beware of scholarship scams.

If a scholarship requires you to pay a fee, it is probably a scam. If you know of a scholarship scam, report it.