



# Scholarship Application Guide

4 steps to successfully find and win money for college

## Plan to Win

The key to winning scholarships is having a strategy and staying organized! Make sure you understand what the scholarship committee is looking for and give yourself plenty of time to prepare.





### Do your research

Search for a range of scholarships at the local and national level that align with your interests and background. Check their websites for criteria, required materials, and stories of previous winners.



Add each deadline (with reminders) to your calendar, planner, or scholarship tracker, so you can prep your materials. Finalizing your essays and resume may take longer than you think!





#### Read, write, review

Read (and re-read) each essay prompt. It's okay to use similar essays, but make sure you fully answer the question! Schedule enough time to fill out applications, write essays tailored to the topic/program, and have them proofread.

### Submit early

If any academic or financial documents are needed, ask your school and your family early. Give them plenty of time to help you while you work on other materials. With this plan, you're ready to submit a strong app!

