

Scholarship Tips

What IS a scholarship?

- Free money for your education
 - Universities
 - Foundations
 - Individuals
- Criteria for use differs
- Criteria for selection differs
 - Merit
 - Community Service
 - Financial Need



Where to find scholarships and how to apply...

■ Institutional Scholarships

- Check the college / university you plan to attend
- Separate applications
- Automatic consideration
- Priority deadlines

■ Private / Foundation Scholarships

- Scholarship Bulletin
 - Apply directly
 - Apply through PMHS
- [Fast Web](#)
- [Federal Student Aid Scholarship Search](#)
- Online and paper applications
 - Follow scholarship guidelines

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Before Applying

- Community Service
- Extracurricular Activities
- Leadership
- Document activities
 - Tracking sheet
 - Create a resume



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Applying

- Read criteria carefully
 - Don't waste time applying if you don't qualify
- Follow all instructions exactly
- Check the type of GPA required (Weighted vs. Unweighted)
- Letters of reference
 - Request well in advance
 - Let them know if you will pick up the letter or if it is to be mailed
 - If mailed, address envelope and provide postage
 - If picked up, provide an envelope with deadline in bottom corner (i.e. Letter needed by 3-4-2007) and with your name and the scholarship name in the center)
 - Provide a current resume

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Applying cont...

■ Essays

- Stay focused on the prompt
- Present your most positive self
- Think about your audience
- Ask for help
- Always have someone proofread it for you

■ Transcripts

- Included or mailed?
- Request well in advance

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Submitting

- Presentation
 - Type if possible
 - Make sure email addresses are professional & appropriate

- Provide ALL requested documents

- Deadlines
 - Postmarked by OR Received by

If you want to be successful...

- Apply early
- Apply often
- Ask for help

