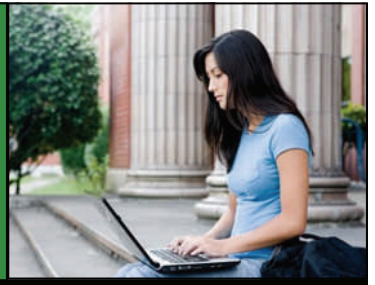


# SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

## — Tips —



### **Completing the Application:**

- Remember, your scholarship application represents **YOU!**
- Give your application the time, attention, and preparation that it deserves.
- Complete **all** sections.
- Respect deadlines. Financial aid offices and scholarship personnel adhere to them!
- You are responsible for making sure that all parts of the application arrive on time.
- Print a copy of the application for your file.
- Keep a written record of scholarships for which you've applied. Make a note of the deadlines, requirements, and responses.
- Finally, **ASK FOR HELP** if you need it.

### **Writing the Essay:**

- Be personal and specific. Include details about yourself so the reader can get to know who "you" are and what you stand for. Be honest.
- Think before you write. Brainstorm to generate ideas, create an outline to help get you going, and make sure to answer questions clearly.
- **Create a portrait of a winner** that depicts the person behind the grades, activities, and awards.
- Be original and creative in your answers.
- Proofread. You don't want to have a typo on your essay. Check spelling and grammar. Ask a parent, friend, or teacher to proofread your completed application.

### **Getting Letters of Recommendation:**

- Make certain the people you ask to prepare letters of recommendation know you well.
- Give the people who will write your letters **generous lead-time** and a stamped, addressed envelope if the letter is to be mailed separately.

**Think you're not eligible for a scholarship? You may be surprised!**

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