

Tips and hints for successful completion of scholarship application:

- Personal information - shows us you are an asset to not only your school, but your community as well. Reflects your diverse interests, leadership qualities, motivation, character, etc. Remember you have done more than just go to school and go to church. THINK ABOUT what you have already done in your life.
- Personal Statements – **NOTE DIFERENT INFORMATION REQUESTED FOR EACH ESSAY.**
- Essays give us insight into your dreams, life goals, and initiative to meet these life goals. (Example: for a career in counseling, you are mentor for younger students in school; as well as helper or leader for church youth group, boy/girl scout troop; reflects motivation, initiative to obtain career).
- Essays tell us what career you are pursuing, what caused you to choose this career and how you have pursued it. (Example: An essay telling us of the loss of a pet that lead you to start volunteering at the local animal hospital; which lead to a job after school and summers and turned into a passion for veterinary medicine tells us more than you once rode a horse and thought it would be nice to work with animals).
- Letters of Recommendation - from **non relatives** written within the past year.
- One from a **non educator** (i.e. employer, mentor) who can speak of your personal attributes and potential for future success.
- One from an **educator** who can speak of your academic and extracurricular school activities, and your desire for achievement.
- Rough draft of essays and personal information. Review both for content and grammar. Objective review of essays by respected person (hint, non relative, non close personal friend for objectivity purposes).
- Final draft application, remember, **COMPLETE ALL SECTIONS.**
- Submit official transcript including GPA and SAT/ACT scores.
- Obtain Letters of Recommendation and include in packet.
- Check for completeness. Neatness counts
- **SIGN APPLICATION AND MEET DEADLINE DATE.**
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