



Scholarships

Earn money to pay for college!

Inclusion: Build-a-Scholarship

If you had \$50,000 to create a scholarship what would it be?

- How many recipients would there be? How much would each get?
- Who would be eligible? Would it be geared towards a specific group, interest, major?
- What would the requirements be? Essay? Task?
- What would the name be?



Share:

What is your biggest setback when applying to scholarships?

Do Your Research!

- Why was this scholarship established? What are they looking for in an applicant?
- Who is your audience? Who will be reading your essay?
- What does the scholarship foundation value? What is their mission?

Example: “We’re pleased to award a scholarship in the amount of \$1,000 to a student who is committed to community service and bringing out the best in area youth”.

Example: “The Links, Incorporated is an international civic organization of accomplished, dedicated women whose primary focus is working together to meet the needs of persons of African ancestry.”

Example: “The mission of AFWA is to enable women in all accounting and finance fields to achieve their full potential and to contribute to their profession.”

Tell a Compelling Story

- Let your essay flow so that the readers feel connected. Elaborate!
- What struggles have you had to overcome?
- Why do you deserve this scholarship?

“I started tenth grade three years ago after my family moved to the United States from Mexico. I had to face the problems of not knowing the language or how the education system worked. I felt alone. Everything was different from my country. I could not express myself with the people around me. Often I felt frustrated. Many people told me that graduating would be hard for me because I did not know the language and was just starting to learn English.

Instead of being upset about this comment, it motivated me to study hard and to get good grades...”

Radiate Confidence

- Showcase your personality, and your voice.
- Describe how you exceed expectations of the scholarship committee.
- Share your excitement about college, your goals for the future, and how you plan to succeed.

“I knew what I wanted to do for the rest of my life, and I am more than ever positive that the choice I made was the right one. I want to help young people like myself to enter adult life, to form their personal opinions, to believe in themselves, and to find the right path in life. That is what the profession of a university adviser or counselor is about to me. ..Unfortunately, a master’s level education in our country is extremely costly, but I believe it should not come in the way of achieving my goal.”

Highlight Your Involvement

- Involvement in campus organizations
- Volunteer service
- Leadership experience
- Work experience

Volunteer work has also been an activity that I like to include in my life. As I previously mentioned, I currently volunteer at the San Diego Center for Children. During my senior year of college I served as a volunteer, mentoring gifted children through my university's honors program. Helping a child realize his or her own potential gives me a strong sense of accomplishment. Both of these experiences have been emotionally rewarding.

I hope that by sharing my activities and goals, I have been able to give you a glimpse into the person I am and what I hope to achieve.

Pay Attention to the Details

- Proofread, proofread, proofread!!
- Visit the Writing Center
- Have 2 other people read your essay
- Submit as a PDF

Madison College Foundation Scholarships

Open October 9th - December 1st

- Open only to Madison College students
- One application will help you be considered for hundreds of scholarships
- “Special Applications” exist and are updated throughout the year for students in specific programs (healthcare, protective services, insurance, etc.)
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Foundation Scholarship Tips

1. Don't fill the essays out in your browser
2. Have someone proofread your essays before submitting
3. Apply if you are not receiving financial aid!!!
4. Talk yourself UP. Many students only write 2-3 sentences on these essays, which doesn't leave much to go on
5. Why do you deserve this support? Make that clear in your application.
6. You will be assessed on a rubric: involvement, interest, and future planning all matter.

Time to work on your essays!

1. Grab a scholarship worksheet.
 2. Pick a scholarship (visit topcollegesuccess.wordpress.com for more)
 3. Talk to staff and peers for help!
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