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# SCHOLARSHIPS

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# CHECKLIST

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# Making a List & Checking it Twice

Congratulations! You have decided to go to college and we're sure are deep in the process of filling out applications. If you have decided to search for scholarships also, which we can assume if you're reading this eBook, then we know you might be feeling a bit overwhelmed with the growing list of to-do's.

With that said, *The Scholarships Checklist* is here to make your life easier. Engage the checklist and questions below, and happy scholarship hunting!

# The Set Up

**Open up an Excel spreadsheet to keep track of all applications.**

This spreadsheet should include deadlines, application requirements (such as essays, letters of recommendation, etc.), and any other important information about the scholarship

**Get a list of scholarships from your guidance counselor and identify the ones that you qualify for.** This will help to narrow your search.

**Besides what was on that list, write down any other possible**

## **scholarship sources and their contact information to reach out about scholarship opportunities.**


This could be your local church, country club, community centers, small business, etc. You can always check their website, but don't be afraid to ask either. Sometimes a scholarship may not be advertised even if it does exist. Also, while they may not have a scholarship set up, they could know another small business or local organization that does.

# The Application Process

**Pay very close attention to your deadlines.** If you want to win scholarships you are going to have to put your best foot forward. An essay written at the last minute is a huge risk. Make sure you know all deadlines. We even suggest keeping them posted in a place where you see them everyday to remind you of what is due and when.

**Start drafting any essays two months in advance.** The earlier you begin to draft a scholarship essay the better. You want to ask

a trusted teacher, parent, and/or guidance counselor to read your essay WELL BEFORE the due date so that you can make any necessary changes.



**Ask for any letters of recommendation two months in advance (and request any other materials needed for the application).**

# pro tip

If you are planning on applying for any National Scholarship or competitive merit scholarship, we strongly suggest starting the process of preparing for those scholarships your junior year.

Consult with your guidance counselor to determine a strategy for applying for those scholarships.

# After the Application

**Thank and keep in contact with any organization that gave you a scholarship.** The more competitive scholarships tend to keep their cohorts of scholarship winners in a network, but sometimes the smaller scholarships don't have those types of resources. Maintain a network by keeping in contact with any community organizations, alumni groups, or churches that provided you with scholarship money.

**Don't stop searching for scholarship opportunities!**



One of the biggest mistakes we see students make is assuming that the scholarship search is over once they start college. This is not true. There are paid fellowship opportunities, scholarships created just to help students finish their degree, scholarships within your department that you can tap, etc.

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