

How to Apply for Scholarships

1. Planning

- Create a scholarship folder or use your NUAMES Portfolio to keep all of your information in one place. Organization now will save you time later.
- Decide how much time you can dedicate to scholarship searching and schedule it in your planner.
- Items to have in your scholarship folder/NUAMES Portfolio include:
 - Letters of recommendation from those who know you best. Keep at least 2, updated yearly.
 - Teachers, professors, advisors, coaches, employers, etc.
 - A generic essay of your accomplishments that can be tweaked to fit multiple scholarships.
 - Resume- Create a strong 1 page resume. This is your time to shine!!!
 - Service hours, work experience, transcript, enrichment opportunities, leadership opportunities, etc.

2. Explore

- Take advantage of work, school, and bank scholarships.
 - Ask Employers about special scholarships available just to employees.
 - Talk to family members, friends, and school counselor about scholarships.
 - Check your high school and perspective college/s website for scholarships.
 - All banks have \$1,000.00 scholarships available to all students available through random drawings.
- Search local.
 - You have better chances of getting a local scholarship than those available to the whole State, Nation, etc.
- Complete the FAFSA
 - If you are a senior, completing the FAFSA will make you eligible for several more scholarships and is required for college scholarships.
- Build Yourself
 - Many summer programs have scholarships attached to them, such as Engineering days at University of Utah and Utah State.
- BEWARE of scammers. Do not pay for a scholarship or scholarship search.

3. Track

- Follow application instructions for each scholarship carefully. All scholarships have hard deadlines.
- Keep track of all offers (not just the ones you accept) throughout the year so we can recognize you at the scholarship banquet.

Scholarship FAQ

Q: Should I apply for scholarships if I am leaving on a service mission?

A: Yes, apply for college scholarships as if you are going to attend college in the fall. Then you can apply for deferment after awards have been made. (This does not count for FAFSA)

Q: Can I apply for scholarships in college?

A: Yes! There are several scholarships you can only apply for while in undergraduate and graduate school.