

Scholarship application tips



Everyone wants to win a scholarship

A photograph of a scholarship application form on a desk. The form is white with the title "SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION" in large, bold, black serif capital letters. Below the title, there are fields for "Applicants Name:" and "Present Address:". To the left of the form, there is a stack of colorful brochures or magazines. In the background, a portion of a laptop keyboard is visible.

**SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

Applicants Name: _____
Present Address: _____

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**Application
process**

Be organized. Stay on top of deadlines, gather all pertinent documents, and make copies of everything you submit.

Be honest. Don't exaggerate your grades, memberships, skills, or qualifications. It is better to focus on the scholarships for which you might be eligible.

Follow instructions carefully. Scholarships require you to write motivation and recommendation letters.

SECRETS

TO WINNING A
SCHOLARSHIP

1

- Tailor your **application to the sponsor's goals**.

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- Before you start filling out your scholarship applications, you need to **spend some time thinking about how to write a scholarship** motivation and recommendation letters that will get the results that you want.

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- 1-2 > Repeat

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- If you have difficulty writing motivation or recommendation letter, try **recording yourself as you answer the question out loud, and transcribe the recording later.** Most people can think and speak faster than they can write or type. Create an outline afterward to organize your thoughts.

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- Personalize your **motivation and recommendation letter**, and be passionate. Write about something of interest to you. Make your application stand out from the crowd. Talk about your impact on other people. Give examples and be specific.

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- Google your name and make sure you have a **professional online profile.** Use a professional email address, such as `firstname.lastname@xyz.com`. Clean up the content of your Facebook account, removing inappropriate and immature material.

set
new goals

focus on
your dream

stay
positive

generate
new ideas



Motivation



Are you really motivated?

Motivation Letter

Tips for getting ready to write a strong motivation letter:

- 1. Make a list of all your accomplishments.**
- 2. Develop a list of your extracurricular activities.**
- 3. Write down the three accomplishments of which you are the most proud.**
- 4. Think of a problem that you have faced and write down how you were able to overcome it.**
- 5. Put in writing your career goals, or your reason for wanting to attend college.**
- 6. Pretend that you had to write a letter of recommendation for yourself. Write down the three most important things you would say.**

Example Scholarship Motivation Letter Questions

Describe one specific example of your leadership ability.

Describe why you wish to obtain a college education and why you are deserving of a scholarship.

Describe what influenced your decision to pursue Engineering as a career.

What personal information do you wish to share with the scholarship selection committees?

20 POWERFUL

WORDS TO USE IN A COVER LETTER

1. SOLVED

2. PROMOTED

3. OVERSAW

4. IMPROVED

5. ADAPTED

6. POSITIVITY

7. INITIATED

8. PLANNED

9. MANAGED

10. LEAD

11. INNOVATIVE

12. TRAINED

13. BUILT

14. INTRODUCED

15. STRENGTHENED

16. DIRECTED

17. PERSUADED

18. ORGANIZED

19. PROJECTED

20. ASSESSED



Who to ask to write a letter of recommendation

Letters of recommendation are not popularity contests—they are an important part of the application process. Ask someone who knows you well and can write intelligently about you and your academic achievements. Professor, Counselors, advisors, coaches, etc. are all good sources for recommendations.

However, be sure that the person you ask has the ability to write a good letter, and give them enough time to get it completed by the deadline.

7 C's of Winning Scholarships



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Content

There is plenty of content detailing directions of how to successfully apply for scholarships. Such content exists in resources like books, testimonials of scholarship winners and websites.

Commitment

Applying for scholarships is a numbers game. The more you apply to, the better your chances of winning.

Communicate

Let others around you know that you are looking for scholarship opportunities, as well as opportunities to gain experiences that scholarship providers will value. Let your teachers, mentors, etc. know so that they can provide letters of recommendation to include within your scholarship applications.

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Cases

Take opportunities to volunteer for cases you are passionate about. It looks great to scholarship providers and, if it is a case you are really passionate about, you will also likely stick with it longer.

If you are a student that cares about issues and are committed to making a difference in the world, scholarship providers are more likely to notice and value your contributions.

Create

If opportunities are not presenting themselves, create them. If you are interested in something and your school does not have a club for it already – create one. Taking initiative looks great and, if you are passionate enough to create the opportunity, you will likely enjoy participating in it.

Compliment

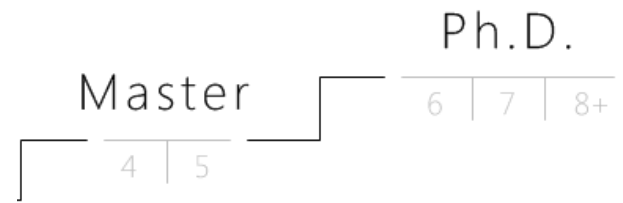
Your achievements are something to be proud of and something selection committee should absolutely be aware of.

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Curriculum

Try to balance out your curriculum by taking a mix of more and less challenging courses. Remember, scholarships do take your grade point average into consideration!

Tips for full studies (Master and PhD)



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Writing must be clear and concise. Remember that the selection committee members may not have a specialized knowledge of your particular area of research. You need to convey to the reviewers the answers to the following questions:

What issue will the research address?

Why is this issue important?

What is already known about the issue?

How is your approach innovative?

How will it advance knowledge in the field?

Why are you qualified to carry out the research?

Contact mentor earlier

Ask for research support recommendation

Mentor contacts and examples



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By bookboon.com | [December 10, 2013](#)

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