

Scholarships

A scholarship is a financial award for you to further your education. It does not have to be paid back. You apply for scholarships and they are awarded based on various criteria usually reflecting the values and purpose of the donor or founder of the award.



Collect Scholarship Information

- Start researching scholarships early. Try looking on the internet, the library, local organizations, or asking your counselor or college financial aid office.
- Apply to as many scholarships as possible.
- Never pay to access scholarship information.

Stay Organized

- Create a document to keep track of all the scholarships you are interested in applying. It's a good idea to include the deadline of the scholarship application, the date you submitted the application, and your application status.
- Share your résumé with people who are reviewing your essays or writing your letters of recommendation so they can have a better understanding of your background and achievements.
- Keep copies of all the applications you submit.

Read All Instructions

- Read instruction carefully to make sure you are eligible to apply and you will complete the scholarship.
- Ask a friend to review your application to make sure it is complete.

Letters of Recommendation

- Choose someone who will represent you well and can speak of your strengths. Check to see if the scholarship requires a certain person, such as a teacher, to be the letter writer.
- Communicate early with your letter writer. Let him or her know about the scholarship, why you are interested, your strengths, and the deadline you will need the letter.
- Make sure you allow enough time (at least 2 weeks) for the letter writer to write you a letter.
- Follow up with the letter writer. Send a thank you card or let them know if you later receive a scholarship.

Complete applications and submit required documents

- Check to see what additional documents the scholarship donor requests. Common request documents include: school transcripts, Financial Aid SAR (Student Aid Report), personal statement or essay, and letters of recommendations.

Never miss deadlines

- Turn in application before the deadline.

At South, Apply for the FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

- All South students are eligible to apply
- Preference given to students who are currently enrolled as full time students and are Washington state residents.
- Scholarship is for tuition only
- Applications are due the last Monday in October and the first Monday in February each year.

Top Mistakes in Scholarship Applications:

- Not checking your email
- Answering essays and questions incorrectly
- Submitting late documents
- Not updating contact information
- Sending incorrect forms.
- Not proofreading
- Not keeping copies

