

# SCHOLARSHIP TIP SHEET

Toledo  
Tomorrow



## WHY ARE SCHOLARSHIPS IMPORTANT?

Scholarships provide financial support for students to help pay for a college degree or certificate. Without these funds, many students may not be able to obtain higher education. But scholarships are much more than financial aid. Some have leadership programs and larger communities where students can develop professional skills that are extremely valuable to their futures. So where should students start?



*There is an estimated 1.7 million private fellowships and scholarships nationwide.*

## SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Scholarships are awarded based on certain criteria set by the scholarship provider. Some characteristics to look for include:

### Common:

- Merit-based
- Need-based
- Talent-based
- GPA Requirement
- FAFSA Required
- Renewable/Non-renewable
- Local/National

### Unique:

- Being left-handed
- Artwork submissions
- Height
- Being vegetarian
- Fashion design
- Being a twin
- And more!



*"Scholarships help students have more time to focus on their studies." - Post University*

## ESSAY TIPS AND HOW-TO'S

### PLAN AHEAD

Don't procrastinate on writing your essay! You want ample time to proofread and review before submitting.

### FOLLOW THE PROMPT

Avoid starting paragraphs with answers to questions. Write fluidly as if you were writing a school essay. Stay within the word count!

### KNOW YOUR AUDIENCE

Make sure to write professionally. Is there an ideal candidate for this scholarship? How do you fall into that?

### BE PASSIONATE

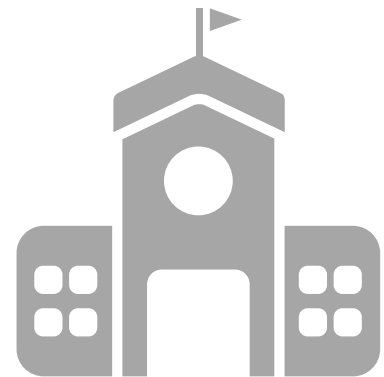
Use personal stories and connections. Add emotion to your writing

### PROOFREAD

Check spelling and grammar. Use formal vocabulary. Have someone else read your essay before turning it in.

## COMMON APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Why did you choose this school?
2. Why did you choose this major?
3. What is your greatest strength/weakness?
4. What are your career or future goals? How can this scholarship further that?
5. List your extracurriculars
6. List your community involvement
7. List your leadership positions/roles that you held
8. List any awards and honors you have received



## HELPFUL SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH LINKS



[UToledo Scholarship Portal](#)



[Bowling Green State University Scholarship Portal](#)



[Owens Community College Scholarship Portal](#)



[Lourdes University Scholarship Portal](#)



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[www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)



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