



10 Tips for Students Applying for Foundation Scholarships

1 Start early! This will eliminate pressure, help you relax and write better, and allow maximum time for feedback from others.



2 Consider doing some volunteer work before applying, even if it's just short term. This shows the scholarship committee that you're willing to go above and beyond to help others.



3 Get involved in extracurricular activities if you have time. The committee will see that you're engaged in school and that you're going beyond what's simply required.



4 If you work, use your job duties somewhere in the application, if possible, to help emphasize your work ethic, sense of responsibility and other talents.



5 You can include two references—teachers, employers, volunteer coordinators, etc.—on your application. This comes in the form of a survey that you will email to your references. Be sure to give your references at least two weeks to respond, and follow up with them once you add their email to your application.

6 Read each question carefully and jot down notes before you start typing answers, so you can respond more thoughtfully.



7 Answer each question with as much detailed information as you can. The better the info, the more the scholarship committee will understand who you are. Don't leave questions unanswered.



8 Think in terms of presenting your very best self, so avoid slang, use a professional tone, and triple check your spelling and grammar.



9 The artful ask: Don't say, "I deserve this scholarship because..." Instead, say, "A scholarship would really help me..." or "With a scholarship, I could..."



10 Spend the most time on your personal statement. This is where you can really shine. Show the committee the "you" that they can't see on your transcripts. Write your personal statement ahead of time and utilize the RRCC Writing Center to get professional feedback (<https://www.rrcc.edu/writing-center>; located upstairs in the RRCC Library).



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