First Impressions

Applying for scholarships can be a lot like applying for a job. The first thing the employer (or scholarship grantor) sees is a piece of paper with your qualifications. Why do you deserve a scholarship?

My diploma goal: □ Core 40 □ Core 40 with Academic Honors (AHD) □ Core 40 with Technical Honors (THD) □ International Baccalaureate □ General diploma

My current GPA: ____________ My GPA goal for high school: __________________________

I plan to take... □ Advanced Placement (AP) courses □ Dual-credit courses □ International Baccalaureate courses

I participate in these extracurricular activities: _______________________________________

Before I graduate from high school, I also plan to participate in (if applicable): ________________

Digging Deeper

In addition to the information listed above, scholarship applications often include an essay or even a personal interview. Just like an employer is likely to bring you in for an interview if your résumé looks good, a scholarship grantor will want to know more about you if you make a good first impression.

Pick one of the following: □ A community foundation scholarship for an outstanding citizen □ A public college’s scholarship for students with your intended major

Write one paragraph about why you will make an excellent candidate for this scholarship. Why will you stand out from the rest?

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Remember: Scholarships aren’t automatic. Plan on spending time during your senior year applying for scholarships from many sources.