



Tips for Submitting a *Great* Scholarship Application

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Not all scholarships are all about GPA.

Your GPA may be some indicator of your potential BUT your success is also based on what kind of person you are, how you approach challenges, how dedicated you are and how hard you work.

MN TRIO Scholarship – demonstrate impact TRIO has had on applicant, and the ability for applicant to accomplish their goals

EOA Board of Director Scholarship – demonstrate impact TRIO has had on applicant, involvement in extracurriculars, and why the scholarship is important to applicant.

Scholarship applications often include the following:

- Application Form
- Transcript
- Resume
- Recommendation/s
- Essay/s

Why is all of this necessary?

For the Scholarship Committee to get an idea of what the applicant is like and if they are a good fit for their scholarship.

What is a resumé?

- A one or two page “brag” sheet that summarizes your experience.

Why are recommendations so important?

- Recommendations are testimonials from a professor, coach, advisor, staff member, employer, etc. that demonstrate the person's knowledge of you, your academic ability, your dedication, etc.
- It is important to begin to form relationships with your professors, TRIO advisors, employer, coach, etc. NOW because they can help you by writing better recommendations for you later!

Recommendations are one of the most important items in the application process that assist the Scholarship Committee in getting to know you.

Another is the scholarship essay...

Tips to get you started:

- Think Positively.
- Write Down the Essay Question.
- Recognizing that All Essays are About You.
- Know Your Audience.
- Create Goals for the Writing.
- Make an Outline.
- Work on Your Flow.
- Write. Rewrite.

Tips continued...

- Make the Introduction Inviting.
- Show, Don't Tell.
- Answer the Question. PLEASE!
- End with a Compelling Conclusion.
- Ask Others for Help.
- Double-Check the Scholarship Rules.
- Turn in Your Application Materials on Time!
- Congratulate Yourself!

Questions?

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