

Intro to Scholarships typical types,
tips on Applications, essays typical
types/ tips, and searching for
scholarships



Types of Scholarships

- **1. Academic Scholarships-** This type of scholarship is merit based. They usually require a certain GPA and ACT/SAT score. These are usually the most common. Example: [President's Merit Scholarship](#)
- **2. Average Academic Performance Scholarships-** Partially merit based. Average Academic Performance Scholarships focus more on community service, leadership, and the essay content. Example: AXA Achievement Scholarship.
- **3. Athletic Scholarships-** Scholarships that are merit based and sports-related. Typical type for star football, basketball, and baseball players.
- **4. Community Service Scholarships-** Scholarships designed for volunteers. These scholarships are excellent for students who have learning disabilities or did poorly on the ACT/SAT. Example: Red Cross Scholarship

Types of Scholarships

- **Scholarships for Minorities-** These scholarships are targeting minorities. They can be single or directed at a specific group. Example: Cherokee Nation Scholarship Program.
- **Scholarships for Women-** These scholarships are targeting women . They can focus on all women or a single ethnic group.
- **Example:** Jeannette Rankin Women's Scholarship
- **Creative Scholarships-** For artistic types. Example : Krylon® Clear Choice Art Scholarship.
- **Unusual Scholarships-** These scholarships are unique and require something creatively. Example: Stuck at Prom Scholarship Contest (Famous Duct Tape Contest).

Assessment #8 Part 1 Sign up for Fastweb

- Sign up for Fastweb:
- <http://www.fastweb.com/>
- Remember, you have to do this for part of the assessment.

Top Ten Tips on Scholarship Applications

- **1. Only apply if you are eligible:** If you do not meet the criteria, it is not worth your time. Remember, there are many scholarships out there you can apply for.
- **2. Complete the application:** Remember, you need to fill out the whole application unless specify. Do not forget to include items needed for additional information.
- **3. Read and follow all instructions:** Do actually what the application says.
- **4. Submit a clean and neat application:** Submit application in a folder or binder. Show professionalism.
- **5. Be aware of and meet all deadlines:** Schedule the dates in a planner or online calendar.



Top Ten Tips on Scholarship Applications (Cont.)

- **6. Submit a well-composed essay that makes a definite impression:** Construct the type of essay required. Make sure to check for grammar and spelling. Look for samples online (Google) and get ideas from samples (Do not make identical- major FAIL).
- **7. Mail application to the proper address with the proper postage affixed:** No brainer. Suggestion: Mail it FedEx or UPS if possible.
- **8. Give your application materials a final review:** Make sure everything is in order.
- **9. Seek assistance if you feel you need it:** No brainer.
- **10. Make sure you're proud of and satisfied with your application submission:** No brainer.



Five Typical Scholarship Essay Types

- **1. Call to action:** This one of the most common types for scholarships. They can range from clean energy to medical related. This type of essay requires you to take up a cause and defend
Example: The Animal Welfare Call to Action Scholarship.
- **2. Personal :** This essay is about something that happen to you or someone close. It can also be about an event or goal in life. Example: The Mesothelioma Group Scholarship.
- **3. Promoting a Product:** A Brand made want you to promote their product in a Essay. Example: [KODAK Student Scholarship Program](#)



Five Typical Scholarship Essay Types (Cont.)

- **4. Informational Type:** These essays are focus on facts and data about something particular. This can range from a Math Contest to a History Contest. Example: Texas History Essay Contest
- **5. Creative:** Something out of the ordinary. Can be art related or video related. Example: Fred Myers Award for Excellence in Drawing and Painting.



Five tips on Scholarship Essays



- **1. Directly Answer The Question:**
Stay on topic . Give them what they want.
- **2. Address Your Mistakes:** If you made poor grades, address this in the essay if application ask about academic performance. Explain how you will do better or how you learn from your mistake.
- **3. Show That You Are Well Rounded:**
Show them that you are more than just grades and excellent scores. Tell about your hobbies and organizations you belong (unless it is off topic). Explain why they are unique to you.
- **4. Add A Personal Touch:** Put personality into the essay. Include
- **5. Last But Definitely Not Least, Proofread:**
This one is self-explanatory.

Searching for Scholarships



- **Local Sources:** Find out from Guidance Counselors , Principals, or from the School Board about local scholarships.
- **Check colleges websites and call:** Type in Scholarships in the College's Search Bar. They will usually have a Scholarship Tab somewhere on their page. Call them and ask.
- **Organizations and Businesses:** Call them or check out their websites. Examples : Wal-Mart, Target, Pfizer, etc.
- **Search the Web:** Use Google and Bing to find private Scholarships.

Watch Out for Scams



- **The advance fee :** Scholarships that require a fee to apply.
- **Never happen:** You never hear about winners and nothing happens.
- **The scholarship prize:** They tell you that you won, but you must pay a “disbursement” fee. No legit requires this.
- **False search engines:** Fastweb (<http://www.fastweb.com/>) , and Scholarships.com (<https://www.scholarships.com/>) are the only two I would trust.

Tips for International Students

- 1. **Apply for scholarships:** This may seem cliché , but most international students do not apply to a lot of scholarships. Apply to as many scholarships possible.
- 2. **Be a leader:** American education tends to place emphasis on leadership. They want you to have good listening skills, a team player, effective communication skills, ability to take charge, and more charismatic qualities.
- 3. **Perfect your writing skills:** Make sure your grammar is excellent (My grammar sucks). It does not have to be perfect, but the essay should be near perfect. Keep focus on the main idea.

Aga Khan Foundation

- International Scholarship Programme
- 50% loan and 50% grant.
- Rewarded to a select few individuals from countries such as Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Syria, Egypt, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Madagascar and Mozambique.

International Student Scholarships

- 1. [“Foreign Fulbright Student Program](#)

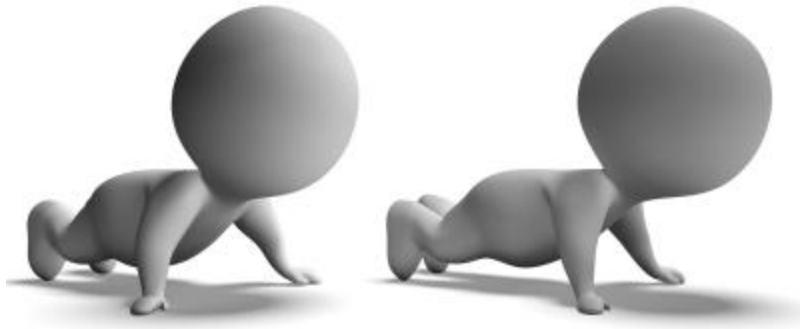
The Fulbright Program are full scholarships in USA for international students who wants to pursue a Master’s or PhD degree. The scholarships can also be awarded for non-degree postgraduate studies. The grant covers tuition fee, textbooks, airfare, a living stipend, and health insurance.”

- 2.” [Humphrey Fellowship Program](#)

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program provides a year of professional enrichment in the United States for experienced professionals from designated countries throughout the world. Fellows are selected based on their potential for leadership and their commitment to public service in either the public or private sector. The fellowships are full grants covering all related expenses.”

Exercise

- “Sweat it off!”



Assessment #7 Part 2:Applying for a Scholarship

- **You must apply to this scholarship! Takes about 3-8 hours.**
- **Essay Contest**
- **George Watt Prize, 2015**
- ‘Graduate and undergraduate students from the United States and elsewhere are invited to submit an essay or thesis chapter about any aspect of the Spanish Civil War, the global political or cultural struggles against fascism in 1920s and 1930s, or the lifetime histories and contributions of the Americans who fought in support of the Spanish Republic from 1936 to 1938. Two prizes of \$250 each will be awarded, one in the undergraduate and one in the graduate category. Work will be judged on the basis of originality, quality of research, and effectiveness of argument or presentation.’
- “Please note the following contest guidelines:”
 - ‘Submissions must be between 3,500 and 7,500 words;’
 - ‘Submissions may be in Spanish or English;’
 - ‘Submissions must have been produced to fulfill an undergraduate or graduate course or degree requirement (please specify course, degree, and institution; for thesis chapters, please add a thesis abstract);’
 - ‘Any work produced since January 2014 is eligible for the competition.’
 - **‘Deadline:** The submission deadline is **August 1, 2015.**’
- Source: Copy and paste link.
- <http://www.alba-valb.org/programs/essay-contest>

Assessment #7 Part 3: Applying and Filling out a Scholarship

- Find a scholarship you can apply for that requires an essay.
- Approximately 1-4 hours.
- Fastweb (Scholarship site): <http://www.fastweb.com/college-scholarships>
- Scholarships: <https://www.scholarships.com/>