

Your Scholarship Search

Answer these questions to focus your scholarship search and applications:

These are my “stats”:

GPA _____ Test Scores _____ #IB courses (if any) _____

Do you know what you want to **study** in college or do for a **job** someday? (or undecided)

Taken any special **courses**? Academy, business, arts, etc?

Do you speak any other **languages**?

How do you describe yourself **culturally**?

What are your **favorite subjects** inside and outside school? What are your highest grades or subjects that come easiest to you?

Do you have any **specific skills**, academic or other? This could include research, writing, public speaking, computers, arts, sports, hobbies – anything from any part of your life.

Do you pursue any **sports or arts**?

Do you or your family have any associations or memberships with things like religion, military, civic groups (Rotary, Optimist, Kiwanis)?

Do your **parents** work for a company that offers a scholarship or are there **businesses** near you that you can ask?

Have you done any particular **volunteering** or community work?

Do you have any **responsibilities** taking care of any family members or neighbors?

Have you ever had a **job** outside of school?

Have you ever lived in another country?

Do you have any disabilities or conditions?

How are you at **writing** essays?

Have you been involved with any **civics projects**, such as MUN, student government, etc.

Can you give examples of when you've been a **leader**, either as a title or by example, such as being an inspiration or good example for someone else? (hint: everyone has sometime)

Any particular **challenges** you've had to overcome? Personal or family?

What do you describe as your family's **financial need**?

Do the **FAFSA 4caster** and put the results here (it's anonymous)

<https://fafsa.ed.gov/FAFSA/app/f4cForm?execution=e1s1>:

What did you write your college essays about?

Have you done a "**scholarship resume**"? You'll want to save several versions.

Who wrote your recommendation letters? Is there someone who could write you a letter that would be outside of a classroom teacher?

Try these sites: **Blackboard-Family Connection** / WWW.COLLEGEBOARD.ORG / www.chegg.com

Here are a few ideas of scholarships to start with: