

UNDERSTANDING FINANCIAL AID

SCHOLARSHIP TIPS



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1. Follow the directions outlined for the scholarship

- If there is a word or page limit on your response, follow it
- Include all supporting documents that are requested
 - ❖ Save these in one place for future use

2. Be specific and detailed about your past challenges and achievements

- Be honest and be yourself
- Don't use profane or crude language

3. Indicate "Not Applicable (N/A)" where appropriate

4. Don't leave questions blank

5. Complete all sections

6. Pay attention to deadlines

- Understand whether the application deadline states is "postmarked by" vs. "received by"
- Make a calendar appointment to follow up as needed
- Don't wait until the last minute! You might need transcripts or recommendation letters

7. Proofread! Proofread! Proofread! And then have someone else proofread.

8. If you're awarded, send a thank you note.

9. Be sure to stay within the scholarship award guidelines to be considered again.

10. Save a copy of the questions and responses for future reference.

RESOURCES

Colorado resources to research scholarships:

- Scholarships by Super College
<https://supercollege.com/>
- My Colorado Journey Tools – Enrich Financial Planning Tools
<https://cwdc.enrich.org/>
- My Colorado Journey
<https://www.mycoloradojourney.com>

Free online proofreading resources:

- <https://www.grammarly.com/proofreading>
- <https://www.paperrater.com/>