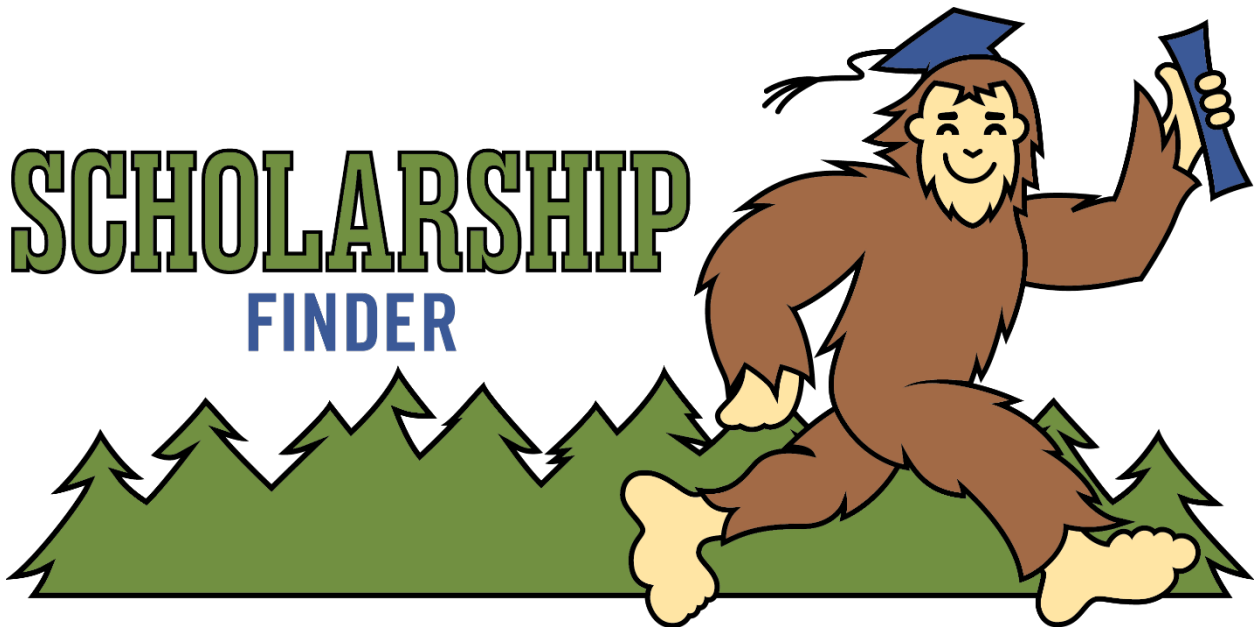


# SCHOLARSHIP FINDER



The Scholarship Finder allows students to search for local scholarship information in one comprehensive site! We have compiled a list of scholarship opportunities that are offered by local schools, businesses, service clubs, and individuals.

This workbook is designed to highlight the expectations of Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation scholarships, which will be listed on the Finder in January. Scholarships listed on the Finder that are offered through other organizations will have their own unique application requirements.

Scholarship opportunities are listed on the Finder throughout the year, as they become available. Visit now to see the current scholarship listings and check back on January 15 to find Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation scholarships!

Visit the Scholarship Finder at:

[ScholarshipFinder.org](http://ScholarshipFinder.org)

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## **Preparing to Apply for Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation Scholarships**

Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) & Wild Rivers Community Foundation (WRCF) offer over 175 unique scholarship funds geared towards students of all levels pursuing a post-secondary education. The 2024 online application will become available on January 15 and gives students access to more than 175 scholarship funds through one application process. This checklist will guide you through tasks that can be prepared ahead of time:

- Community Service, Employment, Extracurricular Activities, Awards & Honors
  - Create a list of these activities ahead of time – see page 2 for more information
- Personal Statement
  - We've included some example prompts on page 2 so that you can start brainstorming
- Transcript
  - You'll need an unofficial copy of your transcript (as a PDF)
  - Request in mid-January so that your transcript includes your Fall 2023 grades and your Spring 2024 class schedule
- FAFSA/CADAA
  - Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) ahead of time
  - Be sure to save a PDF of your Student Aid Index (SAI)
  - *While we encourage all students to apply for FAFSA/CADAA, **you do not need to have applied for these resources to apply for HAF+WRCF scholarships***
- Other Financial Need Information
  - An example financial aid worksheet is included on the last page of the workbook

**Application Opens: January 15, 2024**

Available on the Scholarship Finder at: [scholarshipfinder.org](https://scholarshipfinder.org)

**Application Deadline: March 4, 2024**

Scholarships support students during the 2024-2025 academic year.

Questions? Email [scholarships@hafoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@hafoundation.org)



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## HAF+WRCF Universal Application Questions & Prompts

### **Community Service, Employment, Extracurricular Activities, Awards & Honors**

The application includes a section for you to share any community service, employment, extracurricular activities, or awards and honors from the last four years. *This section is optional; students are not required to have participated in these activities or to have received any awards or honors to be eligible for HAF+WRCF scholarships.*

*Community Service:* Highlight 5-10 activities that you are most proud of or have had the biggest impact on you.

- **Example:** Volunteered at the Food Bank - 4 hours every Saturday for 2 years; Volunteer Coach for Basketball Camp - 2 weeks each summer for 3 years

*Employment:* List your most recent jobs (maximum of 3-5).

- **Example:** Barista at Starbucks (November 2020-current) - 20 hours/week; Babysitting (February 2021-current) - 4 hours twice a month; Camp Counselor at Camp Tawonga - 4 weeks, summer 2020

*Extracurricular Activities:* Highlight 5-10 activities that you are most passionate about or have most influenced you.

- **Example:** On the soccer team freshman through senior years of high school; Acted in the spring play sophomore year of high school; FFA member 2020-2021

*Awards & Honors:* List any awards or honors you have received.

- **Example:** Honor Roll junior and senior years of high school; Most Important Player on the soccer team sophomore year of high school

### **Personal Statement**

*Below is an example of three short questions comprising the personal statement section of the application. You will be asked to answer three questions thoughtfully and succinctly:*

1. How has growing up in your community shaped who you are today?
2. How have your life experiences guided your path to the next step(s) in your education?
3. Tell us a story about a time you worked toward a goal and what you learned from that experience. How did you grow? How will this help you in the future?

*Writing Tips:* Scholarship committee members have let us know that students are often too modest in their personal statements; it's okay to be proud of your accomplishments and aspirations! Ask for help with writing and proofreading! We recommend asking two people to proofread your essay. Writing resources include:

- Academic counselors, teachers, or school administrators
- Career tech staff members
- School writing centers
- TRIO programs



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## Financial Need Worksheet

### Estimated College Expenses for 2024-25 Year

Total the estimated expenses for you to attend college – you can get this information at [collegeboard.org](https://collegeboard.org)

Tuition:	\$
Room/Board:	\$
Other:	\$
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>\$</b>

Keep in mind, you'll be asked what kind of support you may be receiving from your family while in college. Think about who may help with:

- Tuition
- Rent/Housing
- Groceries/Bills
- Textbooks/Supplies for class
- Auto Payments/Insurance

### Statement of Financial Need

The application will ask you to provide a brief statement of financial need. This is your opportunity to tell the committee about any challenges that you and/or your family may have that will affect your ability to afford your education. This might include health-related expenses, loss of employment or inability to work, childcare costs, or any other aspects of your financial situation that may not be reflected in your Student Aid Index.

### Estimated Income for 2024-25 Year

Calculate all income you expect to receive from other sources, including Federal Financial Aid:

Family:	\$
Personal (Savings/Earnings/Etc.):	\$
Confirmed Scholarships:	\$
Confirmed Grants:	\$
Work Study:	\$
Student Loans (Public and/or private):	\$
Other:	\$
<b>Total Income:</b>	<b>\$</b>

### Annual Gross Income of Your Family

Please estimate the total income for your family in 2023 (rounded to the nearest hundred):

\$

How many members in your household depend on the above AGI?	
What is your total anticipated need for college expenses in the coming year?	
Who will be responsible for financing your college tuition?	

What is your estimated Student Aid Index (SAI) from FAFSA or CADAA? Use the <a href="#">2024-25 Student Aid Index Calculator</a> to calculate it.	
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