

Tips for a Competitive Scholarship Application



This document highlights helpful tips for completing Humboldt Area Foundation + Wild Rivers Community Foundation Scholarship applications. Some of the tips included in this document are specific to the Universal Application. *You don't have to be an A student or star athlete to be selected for a scholarship. All you have to do is be yourself.*

REGISTRATION

- Use your *personal* email address.
- Include your cell phone number.
- Make sure this information is spelled correctly and you do not have any typos.

ELIGIBILITY

- Take your time!
- Read each question carefully.
- Make sure the information you provide is as accurate as possible.
- Follow the instructions.

COMMUNITY SERVICE & EXTRACURRICULARS

- Include experiences that relate to your envisioned future.
- Explain the focus of the organization/club if it is not clear.
- Organize experience(s) using bullet points and timelines.
- Include all long-term commitments.

PERSONAL STATEMENT(S)

- Follow the instructions.
- Answer the provided questions with clear, informative, and thoughtful answers.
- Focus on the content of your answers.
- Highlight your passion- it's what makes you unique!
- Take your time composing your answers.
- Have at least one person read your answers before submitting your application.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

- ***You do not need to complete the FAFSA/CADAA to apply.***
- When applicable, provide detailed information about you/your household's financial situation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- If there are additional application questions, consider the prompts before answering.
- Start the application process early! This will allow you to have enough time to reach out if you have any questions about the process.

And after all that hard work - Don't miss the deadline! *We recommend putting a reminder in your phone a few days before to make sure you have all the time you need.*