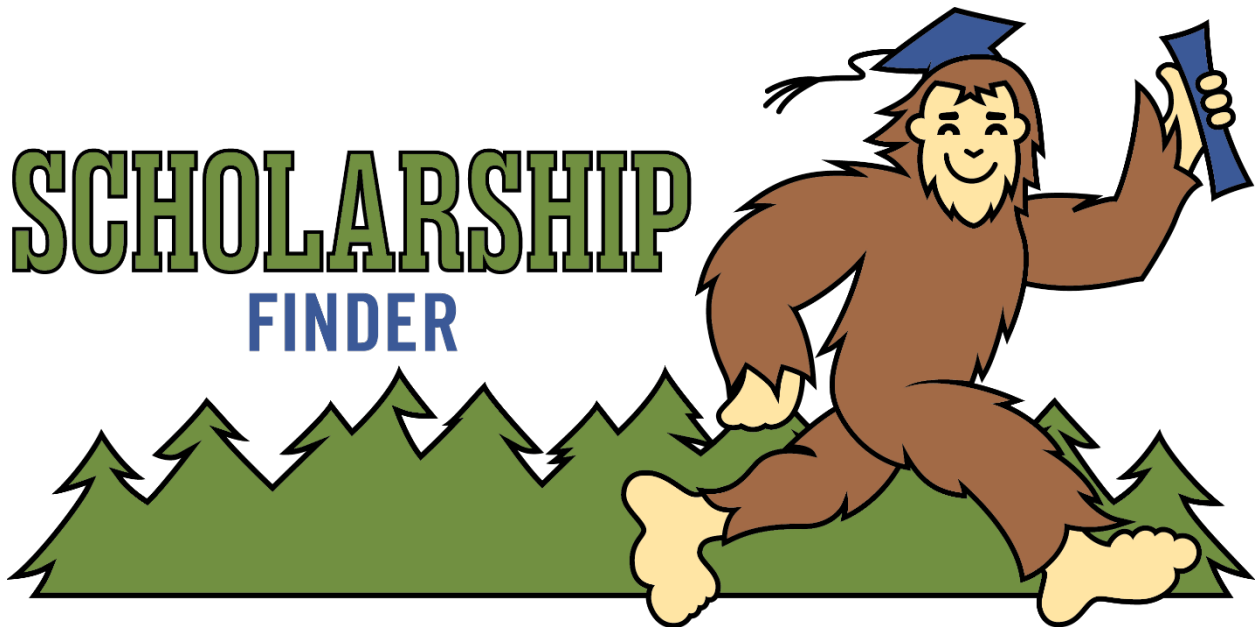


# SCHOLARSHIP FINDER



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:

[www.ScholarshipFinder.org](http://www.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 190 unique scholarship funds geared towards students of all levels pursuing a post-secondary education. The 2025 online application will become available on January 15 and gives students access to more than 190 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 the next page for more information
- Personal Statement
  - We've included some example prompts on the next page 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 2024 grades and your Spring 2025 class schedule
- FAFSA/CADAA
  - ***The FAFSA/CADAA is not a requirement for the HAF+WRCF Scholarship Program, however, we encourage all students to apply for FAFSA/CADAA.***
  - (Optional) 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)
- Other Financial Need Information
  - An example financial aid worksheet is included on the last page of the workbook

**Application Opens: January 15, 2025**

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

**Application Deadline: March 3, 2025**

Scholarships support students during the 2025-2026 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:** Please list any community service or volunteerism that you have participated in the past few years that has been impactful on you as a person.

- **Example:** Volunteered at the local Elementary School, 2 hours after school every Monday and Wednesday for three months; this experience helped me gain direct experience working with children in schools

**Employment:** If you have been employed, please list your last jobs (maximum of 3-5), including how long you held the job and how many hours you worked per week. You may also include a brief description of the job if needed.

- **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:** What have you participated in within the last four years that has made an impact on you?

- **Example:** Participated in biology field projects junior year of college; this project helped me gain experience working in the field of my desired career.

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

- **Example:** 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. Tell us about yourself. What are you passionate about, and why? What makes you unique? What are you proud of? Why?
2. How have your life experiences guided your path to the next step(s) in your education?
3. Please identify and discuss some of the barriers between you and your education.

**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 answers. 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

**HAF+WRCF does not require FAFSA/CADAA completion.** If you choose to apply for FAFSA, remember to save your Student Aid Index documents for easy access on other scholarship applications.

### 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.

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

#### Estimated College Expenses for 2025-26 Year

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

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

### Annual Gross Income of Your Family

Please estimate the total income for your family (before taxes) in 2023:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

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?	

Other questions you may be asked on the HAF+WRCF Universal Application include:

- Please discuss your housing situation
- Have you ever been eligible for free and reduced lunch?
- Does your family own/operate a farm or small business?