

# Tips for Landing a SCHOLARSHIP

## Beef up your qualifications.

Try a new extracurricular activity, volunteer and bump up your GPA to qualify for more scholarships.

## Update your information.

As you accomplish more, update your qualifications listed for your accounts on scholarship sites.

## Keep searching for new opportunities.

Perform new searches through free scholarship sites on a regular basis.

## Stay on top of deadlines.

Plan your priorities to ensure you submit applications before their due dates.

## Touch base with your support crew.

Let teachers, coaches and family friends who have agreed to write letters of recommendation or proofread essays know when you will need help. Allow them enough time to help you while still meeting all their other commitments.

## Reread all your upcoming scholarship submissions.

Check for any typos, make sure you've followed all instructions and submit everything required.

## File for financial aid.

If you haven't yet, complete and submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This is a primary tool to qualify for a scholarships awarded by colleges.

If you need help completing your FAFSA, contact the Iowa College Access Network or attend a free Iowa College Goal Sunday event near you.

## Contact your college.

If your FAFSA doesn't accurately reflect your financial situation or if you have questions about scholarships available at your college, contact the college's admissions or financial aid office.



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