

How to Apply for Scholarships

Who are the Scholarships For?

There are scholarships for all levels of post secondary school: Trade Schools, Community College, 4 year Colleges and Universities

You don't receive any you don't apply for.

Who gives away Scholarships?

Local, State and National businesses, groups and individuals.

Most are outside the school

People who want to help young people reach their goals and give back to their community

When a group wants to give money away, they can make the rules. They can decide who they want to award to, how they want you to apply, and what information they want.

Basic Scholarship Applying

Most will want your transcript and letters of recommendation

Most will want to know your EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) from the FAFSA

We will re-use the letters of recommendation written for college- Ms. Parks and I will upload all letters- even from teachers.

You must follow the instructions and meet deadlines.

Make sure you qualify before you apply

Some want essays or written answers, some do not.

Types of Applications for Local Scholarships

1. **Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars:** over 65 scholarships under one application with \$100,000 given away each year to WINNACUNNET graduates only.
2. **Going Merry:** Any other local scholarship application has been added to this platform. Fully online and one application. Many are for Winnacunnet only but some may be regional as well.
3. **Additional Individual Applications**

Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars

Applications for 2021 scholarships will be accepted between

January 15, 2021 and April 30, 2021.

Application is entirely online at: www.winnacunnet.dollarsforscholars.org

You will receive the flyer/ instructions in a green envelope in the mail as well.

One application for all the scholarships - one deadline.

Rules for Filling out the Dollars for Scholars App

RULES to follow

1. Transcripts: jparks@warriors.winnacunnet.org
2. Primary Reference: mshofner@warriors.winnacunnet.org
3. Secondary Reference: email of a teacher who has already written a letter for you is ideal (not many require this)]
4. Name blind
5. Points awarded based upon meeting what a specific scholarship wants

Dollars for Scholars Tips Continued

6. Make sure you completely fill it out and SUBMIT it.
7. Check your email. If there are problems or missing items, this is how you will know. (It will be from the committee)
8. Check back to apply to any new scholarships
9. Don't miss the deadline

Winnacunnet Dollars for Scholars Flyer

The Flyer will be attached to an email, sent to you in the mail and on the website.

Highlights from the flyer:

Log on to www.winnacunnet.dollarsforscholars.org and go to the "Student & Parent" tab and start the process! Detailed instructions are available to be downloaded from this web page as well.

As you fill out the sections, they turn green when complete. Incomplete means not considered.

In the Financial Section, enter your FAFSA EFC Number in order to be eligible for scholarships requiring demonstration of financial need.

Basic Info

Additional Info

Schools

GPA

Class Rank

Test Scores

Activities

Awards

Employment

Documents

Parent/Guardian Info

Financial Info

Goals Essay

Unusual Circumstances
Essay

Transcripts

References

Help

Click **Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships** to see if there are any New Scholarships you match to.

Apply to all scholarships with a red Apply button

Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships

Scholarships Applications Ready to Complete

If Questions or References button is highlighted red, please click and follow instructions. You must do this step BEFORE you are able to click the Apply button. **The apply button must be clicked BEFORE the close date in order to be eligible.**

NOTE: If you see a button that reads "no longer eligible", then your profile or the scholarship requirements have changed and you are no longer eligible for that scholarship. To check this, click the "Verify Eligibility for all Scholarships" button at the top of this page.

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Scholarship	Close Date	View	Questions	References	Apply
American Legion Roland Paige Scholarship - 2020	04/30/2020	View	Questions	References	Apply
Bob Devantery Scholarship - 2020	04/30/2020	View	Questions	References	Apply
Carol Downer Memorial Scholarship - 2020	04/30/2020	View	Questions	References	Apply
Class Reunion and Memorial Scholarship - 2020	04/30/2020	View	Questions	References	Apply
Connie Manix Memorial Scholarship - 2020	04/30/2020	View	Questions	References	Apply
Dorothea W. Stevens Memorial Scholarship - 2020	04/30/2020	View	Questions	References	Apply

Other Local and State Scholarships

Going Merry: One location to apply to individual local scholarships that are NOT on Dollars for Scholars. Similar in that you do it all online and only fill in the profile information once.

You will receive an invite to Going Merry to create an account.

You will fill out your profile and once you indicate Winnacunnet as your school, you can see and apply to the local scholarships.

You will be able to see our WHS Local Scholarship List and apply to scholarships as well as any other scholarships that you may be eligible for.

Each application is unique and individual and have their own questions and **DEADLINES!**

Going Merry Instructions

Make sure to read over the application to determine you qualify (town, major, etc) and what it requires.

VERY IMPORTANT: When asked for letters of recommendation, please put ONLY my email and Ms Parks. We have access to all the teacher letters and they do not need to spend time uploading. Email both of us to get all letters uploaded.

mshofner@warriors.winnacunnet.org and jparks@warriors.winnacunnet.org

Once we upload the letters, they can be used for any and all of the scholarships. You will not be able to read the letters but can see they are uploaded and available. I will upload my letter and Ms. Parks will upload the teacher's.

Tips for Going Merry

Going Merry will let you know about non-local scholarships you are eligible for. You are more than welcome to apply to as many as you want!

If you want to just see the local scholarships, click local scholarships above the list to see ours only.

Some want documentation of Community Service. Email Ms. Parks and she will send you what the school shows for your hours.

If you do not “match” a scholarship, it is due to what you put on your profile. A scholarship for a Hampton resident will not match a Seabrook resident.

Additional Scholarships

These are scholarships that do not “fit.” They are Statewide.

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation:

<https://www.nhcf.org/how-can-we-help-you/apply-for-a-scholarship/>

Online application that will request an email to upload Letters or Rec. Deadline is April 16th.

These are some of the largest scholarships given statewide.

Additional Scholarships

The American Legion Department of New Hampshire: Statewide Scholarships

<https://legionnh.org/page/content/about/auxiliary-scholarships-and-awards>

If you apply to any of these, contact Ms. Parks. These require Official Documents so that means the school needs to mail the whole application so we will need your completed application and have all of your documents ready by March 12th for the March 15th deadline.

After applying- What happens next?

If you are chosen as the recipient for a scholarship, you will be invited to the Awards Night on the Wednesday before Graduation. You won't know which scholarship you earned until that night. Most scholarships are chosen by committees outside of the high school and we don't know who they choose until they send the name of the recipient.

Most scholarship money is sent directly to the college.

Write a Thank you letter!

FAFSA and CSS Profile

Just another reminder that if you have not filled out the Financial Aid Forms that now is the time to do it!

FAFSA: Free application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov

CSS Profile: Only required by some private colleges.

<https://cssprofile.collegeboard.org/>

