

Helpful tips for completing a Foundation scholarship application

Grammar & spelling count! – Using improper grammar and misspelled words will count against you. Spell check and re-read! Use writing labs, mentors and parents to review and critique your essays.

Community service – The Review Committee is looking for a well-rounded person. Let them know about your accomplishments in the community and extracurricular activities in school. Not completing this section could mean the difference between getting a scholarship and being passed over. If you have no activities, join a club or volunteer now – then update and submit later.

No phones - Do not fill out your application on your phone or tablet. Use a desktop or laptop so you don't miss anything. Do not use texting terms in your essays.

No names please – Do not put your name, ID numbers, or family/friends names in the body of your essay. Foundation scholarship applications are sent to reviewers on an anonymous basis.

Help screens - Be sure that you do not answer any box incorrectly or forget to fill in any boxes. Use and read HELP screens. Still not sure...Save, ask and then submit.

Don't be humble - Make sure you give yourself credit where credit is due with the activities to which you've been involved. Don't feel as if any activity or special quality is too insignificant.

Quality matters - It's not about the QUANTITY of the things you've done; it's about the QUALITY of them, what you learned, and your potential to use those experiences to affect the future.

Drafted vs. Submitted – You may save your General Application by pressing “Save and Continue” putting the application in a “Drafted” state. Applications can be accessed 24/7 and edited numerous times before submitting. Once you submit (Finish and Continue), no more changes can be made.

Deadline approaching – Don't miss the deadline. There are no exceptions and no excuses allowed. Be sure to submit early so you don't miss the deadline or miss something on the application.



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How to write a great essay

It's critical - Your essays are critical to winning a scholarship because it lets the selection committee get to know you beyond grades and test scores listed on your scholarship application.

Be compelling – The selection committees looks for well-rounded students. Write a compelling essay that conveys your background, your experiences, your ambitions, and **your personality**. Make a lasting impression! **Leap off the page** with a powerful passion.

Make an outline - Organizing your thoughts will make the essay read easier and help you avoid putting in meaningless information.

Get feedback - Always have someone else read your essays to catch any errors and give you valuable feedback. Ask a teacher, coach, writing lab, librarian, mentor or parent who has already been to college and/or knows proper English. However, don't ask them to write it.

Do I deserve this? - Clearly state why you deserve to win the scholarship and what sets you apart from the other applicants.

Not a resume - Make sure that you show what you are truly passionate about. Don't make your essays read like a resume. Be yourself.

Answer all parts - Don't skip parts of a multiple portion question. Write at least 2 sentences if not more to answer each part of the essay. But do not go over the required word maximum.

Proofread - read the final version multiple times. Wait a day or two then proofread it again.

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