



Scholarship Application Tips & Tricks

1. Apply to all the scholarships you can – even if you think stronger applicants might be applying. Many scholarships are very competitive, but many others receive fewer applications than you might think.
2. Edit, edit, edit! Ask trusted friends, caregivers, teachers or mentors to read and edit your applications before submitting them. Pay close attention to spelling, grammar, punctuation and capitalization.
3. Save your answers. Many scholarship applications ask similar questions, so you don't have to start from scratch every time. Create one document where you keep your edited application answers, and refer to it and add to it every time you complete a new application.
4. Toot your own horn! Applying for a scholarship is no time to be humble – in fact, it's the perfect opportunity to share all the things that make you amazing and unique. Take time to brainstorm your accomplishments – think about service projects you've helped with, awards or certificates you've earned, jobs or roles you've held, ways in which you've supported your community and praise you've received from others.
5. Use strong language. When describing your accomplishments, use strong, clear language. For example, "In 2019, I worked collaboratively with units in our area to organize and run a successful cookie campaign" is stronger than "I helped to sell cookies with units in my area in 2019."

