Benton Scholarship Foundation Application Process

Step-by-Step Guide





2018 – Key dates

- □ Application opens January 15
- Application closes March 18 (midnight)
- Awards presented May 9 (Senior awards program)



Objectives

- Learn how to access the student profile
- Learn the different components that make up the student profile
- Understand the match and application process for scholarships



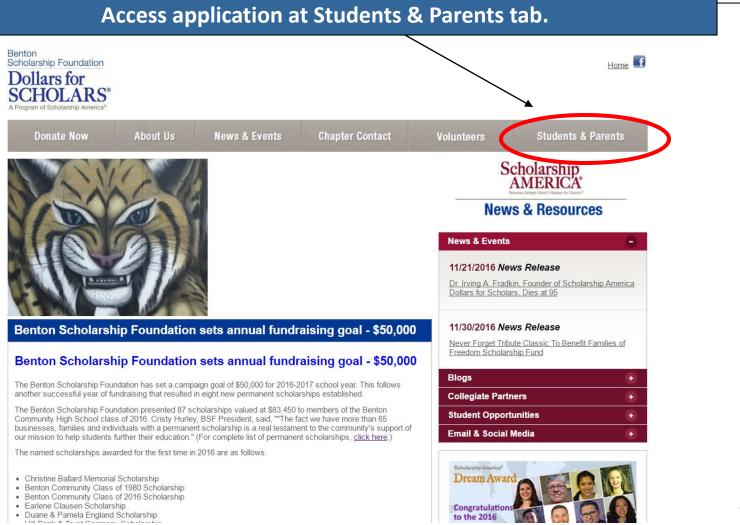
Focusing on Students...

- Visit the <u>bentonia.dollarsforscholars.org</u> website
- Complete the FREE online profile
- Receive list of scholarship opportunities
- Apply for scholarships
- Gain access to bigger, national network of opportunities
- Attend and complete college





Getting started – Log on to bentonia.dollarsforscholars.org





Student Access

Scholarship America®



First time users, click here to start login process.

The Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center

Welcome to the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center! Av creating a free profile you will automatically get access to Scholarship America's valuable resources, and you'll have the opportunity to match to and apply for relevant scholarships. If you live in a community with a Dollars for Scholars affiliate, that matching list will include their local awards; if you don't, you'll still match to scholarships from partners like Fastweb, and others.

In addition to scholarships, you'll find college guidance, financial aid advice, video tips and much more. And don't forget: Scholarship availability is constantly changing, so make sure you return to your profile often.

If you already have an account in the system, enter your email address and password below to login. If you do not remember your password, please click "Forgot Password?" to retrieve your password. If you don't already have an account, please click here.

Student Login		
Email Address Password	Login	
Forgot Password?	Login	

Parents Parents: Click Here to Log In Counselors Counselors: Click Here to Log In References References: Click Here to Log In





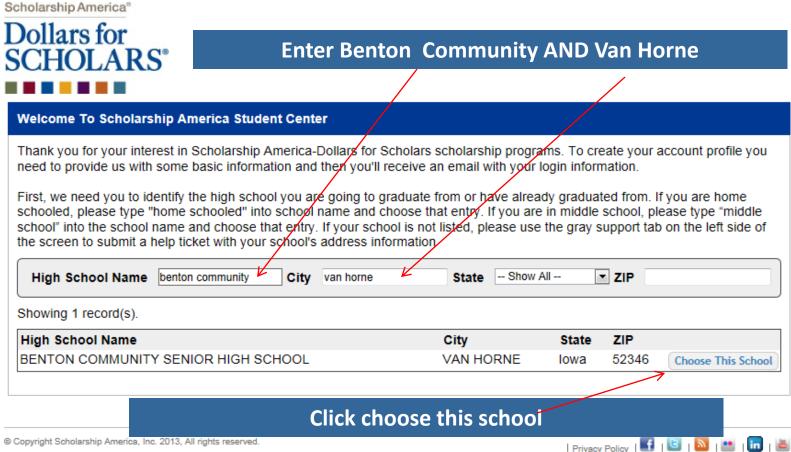




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	GPA	** Legal First Name 💡		
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- 1	Class Rank	Middle Name 2		
- 1	Test Scores	Salutation	Select ▼	
- 1	Activities	Suffix		
- 1	Awards	Preferred Name/ Nickname		
- 1	Employment	** Country		
- 1		** Primary State or Province	Select v	
- 1	Documents	** Primary Address Line 1 💡		
- 1	Parent/Guardian Info	Primary Address Line 2		
- 1	Financial Info	Primary Apartment		
- 1	Essays	** Primary County	Select ▼	
	Transcripts & References	** Primary City ?	Search Unselect	
	•	Primary City (if not found in above list)		
	Help	** ZIP or Postal Code		
Му	Scholarships	** Which school district do you reside in? 🤪	Search Unselect	
		* Time at Current Address		
Му	Opportunities	* Email Address 😯	cristina.hurley@mcqladrey.com	
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You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%.

All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

Once this is complete you will receive an email to verify your profile and create a password.

NOTE: Do NOT use your school email address



Student Access

- Check your non-school email for the next step.
- Follow the directions in the email to create your password.

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Student Dashboard = Your Homepage

Scholarship America®



Logout

Welcome, Cristina Hurley
Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website
NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS
181448 - Benton Scholarship Foundation



My Information

Your profile is 92% complete.

You still have an incomplete profile. You will reach 100% complete when all the starred (*) items in each section are complete, however you may still apply for scholarships with less than 100% complete. If you do not complete your profile, you may not qualify for all scholarships. To work on your profile, Click here

To have a complete profile, the following supplementary information may be required. Request this information by going to the appropriate section of your profile. Current status of these pieces are:

<u>Financial Information</u> (for method 3) from Parent or Guardian: Student does not wish to enter financial information

Transcript Information from Counselor: Requested

Recommendation from Counselor or other Reference: Requested

Consent from Parent or Guardian: Requested

My Scholarships

You have unsubmitted scholarship applications. Click Here to submit your open scholarship applications.

Check this section often, as scholarships open and close all the time. When new scholarships open for which you qualify, they will automatically populate this area. We recommend you check back weekly so that you do not miss any new opportunities.

•To search for new scholarships and edit, submit, and check the status of scholarships you've already found Click Here

My Opportunities

Look here for announcements from your Chapter

GE-Reagan Foundation Scholarship: Renewable \$10,000 awards for high school seniors

Scholarship America Student Resources: Help for every step of the college process.

Read More

My Scholarship News

Look here for news from Scholarship America

Study Finds Teens Select Wrong College Majors:A new report reveals that teens are selecting college majors that do not match their interests.

The Most And Least Lucrative College Majors, In 2 Graphs:Which college majors promise the best starting salaries?

Don't be fooled by the 'college is not necessary'

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My Resources

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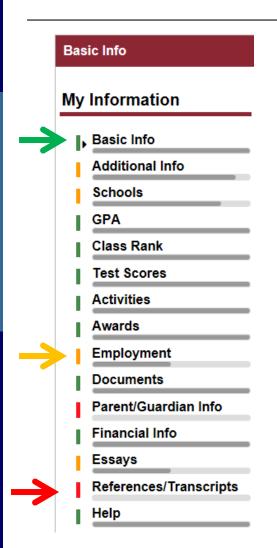
Look here for information from Scholarship America's partners

The College Chanculator From StatFuse: Use real admissions data to estimate your college chances

To begin your profile, click here.



Application progress



As you complete your application, please keep in mind:

You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%.

All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

As you move through the application sections, if you are not sure if a section is complete, refer to the "My Information" column.

Remember:

Green = Completed

Yellow = Not complete

Red = Not started



Student Profile – Required Sections for BSF Scholarships



Welcome, Cristina Hurley
Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website
NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS



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- ✓ Basic Info
- ✓ Additional Info
- ✓ Schools
- **√**GPA
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ Awards
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Parent/Guardian Info
- ✓ Essay
- ✓ References/transcripts

Basic Info		
My Information	You must complete all the double starred (**) it complete all of the single starred (*) items to m are helpful in matching to scholarships, but opt	ove your progress towards 100%. All other items
▶ Basic Info	Click here to change your email address.	
Additional Info		
Schools	* * Legal Last Name 💡	Hurley
GPA	* * Legal First Name 💡	Cristina
	Middle Name	
Class Rank	Middle Name 2	
Test Scores	Salutation	Select ▼
Activities	Suffix	
Awards	Preferred Name/ Nickname	
Employment	* * Country	usa
	* * Primary State or Province	lowa ▼
Documents	* * Primary Address Line 1 😯	7272 19th Ave
Parent/Guardian Info	Primary Address Line 2	
Financial Info	Primary Apartment	
Essays	* * Primary County	BENTON ■
References/Transcripts	* * Primary City 😯	Search Unselect
		VAN HORNE
Help	Primary City (if not found in above list)	
My Scholarships	* * ZIP or Postal Code	52346
wy scholarships	* * Which school district do you reside in? 9	Search Unselect
My Opportunities		BENTON COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT
2	* Time at Current Address	17 years
My Scholarship News	* Email Address 😯	cristyhurley87@gmail.com



Student Profile

Additional information

- Some information is voluntary, however you may match to a broader range of scholarships by filling in all fields.
- Be complete and accurate! Double check your work.



Student Profile – Basic Info

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Back to Dashboard

Welcome, Cristina Hurley Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website



My Information

Basic Info

You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

- Basic Info
- Additional Info
- Schools
- **GPA**
- Class Rank
- Test Scores
- Activities
- Awards
- Employment
- Documents
- Parent/Guardian Info
- Financial Info
- Essays
- References/Transcripts
- Help
- My Scholarships
- My Opportunities

My Scholarship News

complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items

click here to change your email address.

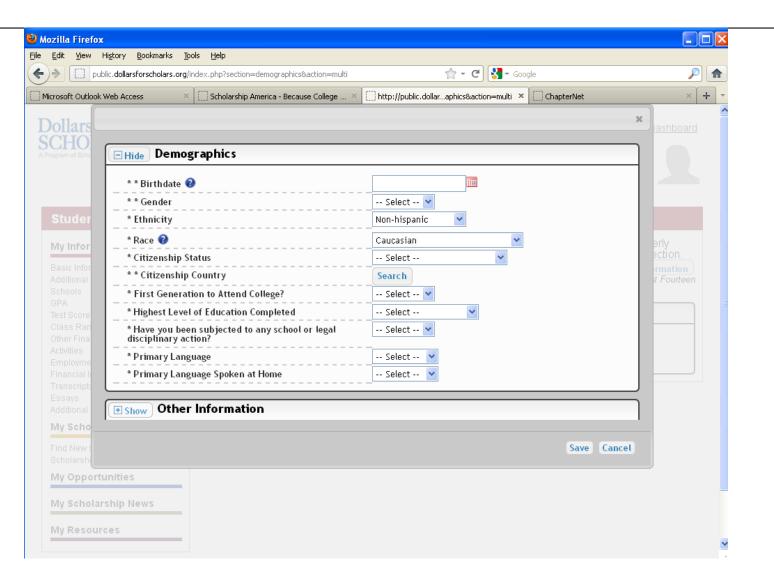
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- * * ZIP or Postal Code
- * * Which school district do you reside in? 😱
- * Time at Current Address
- * Email Address 🔞

Complete each section of the profile.

- The status bar will turn green as you complete each section.
- You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form.
- All single starred (*) items move your progress towards 100%.

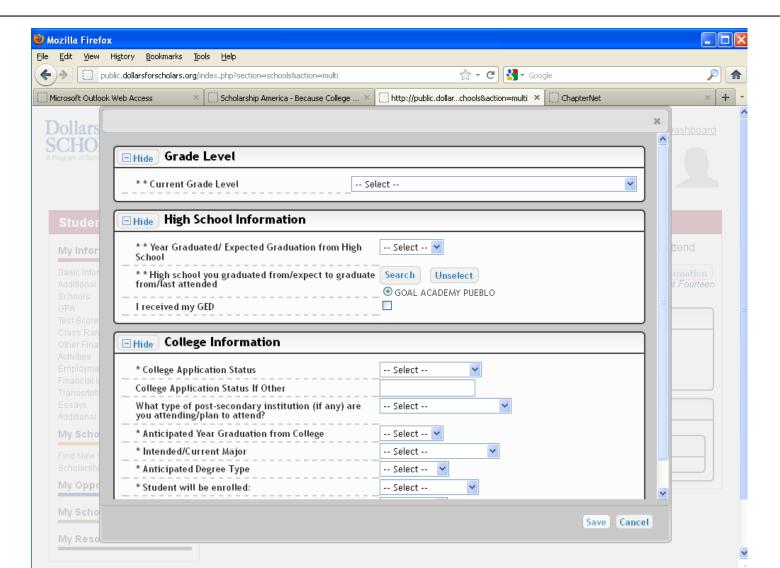


Student Profile - Demographics



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Student Profile – Schools





Student Profile – GPA

GPA				
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Basic Info	** GPA information available I have high school GPA information only			
Additional Info	My school does not calculate GPA on a 4.0 scale			
Schools	My school uses weighted GPAs			
, GPA	Grade 9 GPA 2			
Class Rank	Grade 10 GPA ?			
Test Scores	Grade 11 GPA 2			
Activities	Grade 12 GPA			
Awards	** Cumulative HS GPA 1			
Employment	Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard			
Documents				
Parent/Guardian Info				

Provide cumulative HS GPA.

BCHS does not use weighted GPAs.



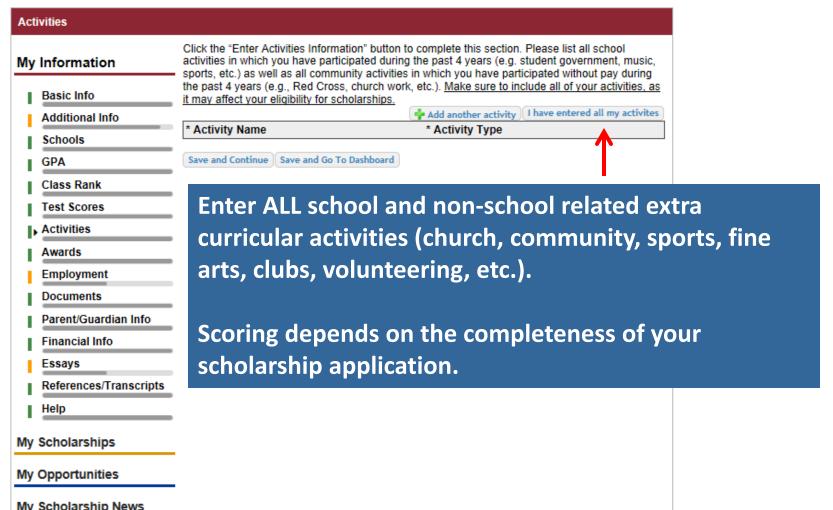
Student Profile – Test scores

Not required for BSF scholarships



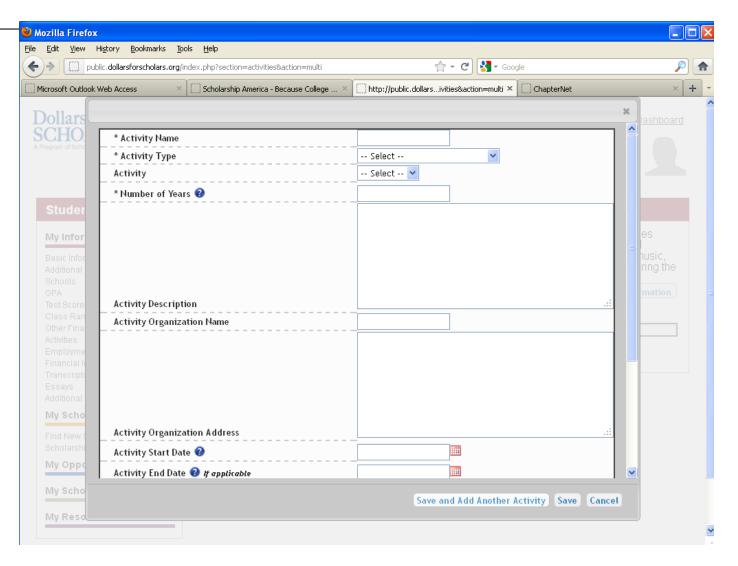
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Student Profile - Activities



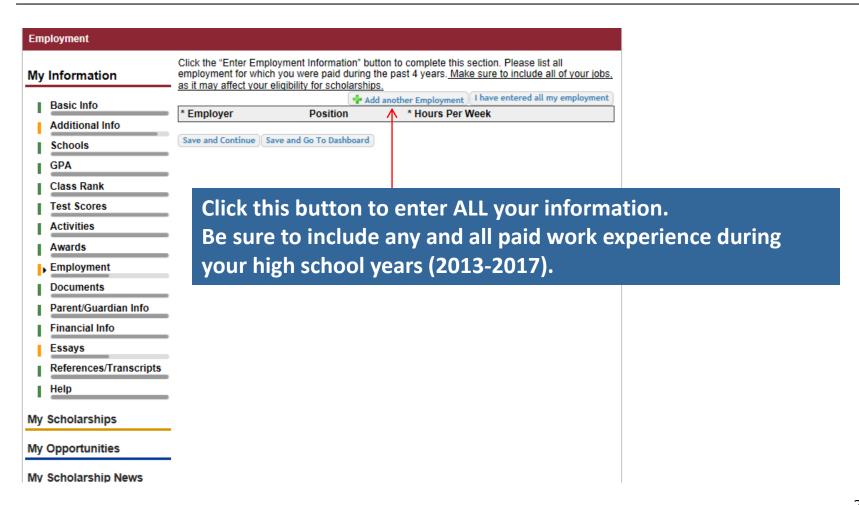
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Student Profile - Activities



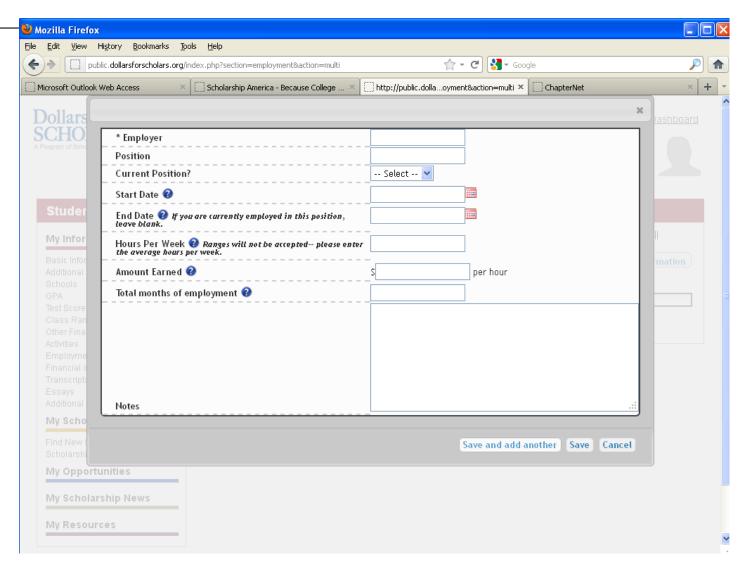


Student Profile - Employment



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Student Profile - Employment





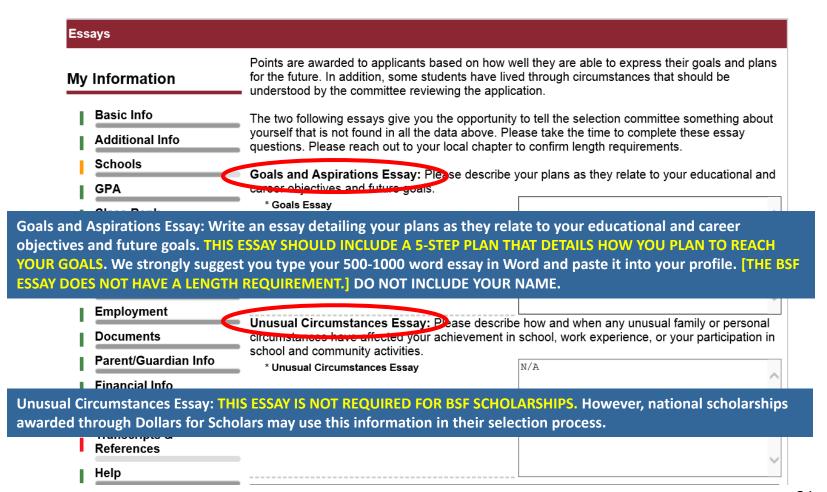
Student Profile - Parent consent

Parent/Guardian Info			
My Information Because you are under 18, You must receive permission from a parent/guardian to complete the scholarship application process. Use the form below to enter information about your			
	Basic Info	parent/guardian and then click the "request consent" button - this will send an email to your parent asking them to grant you permission to continue with the scholarship process.	
	Additional Info	parental permission. If you believe that you qualify, Click here to see if you meet the criteria.	
	Schools		
	GPA		
	Class Rank	* * Primary Parent First Name	
	Test Scores	* * Primary Parent Last Name	
i	Activities	Relation	
i	Awards	* * Primary Parent Phone Number	
i	Employment	* * Primary Parent Email Address	
i	Documents	Request Consent from Parent/Guardian Save and Go To Dashboard I am legally emancipated	
Þ	Parent/Guardian Info		

If you're under 18, you need parental consent to apply for scholarships. Applicants 18 and older, will not have this screen.

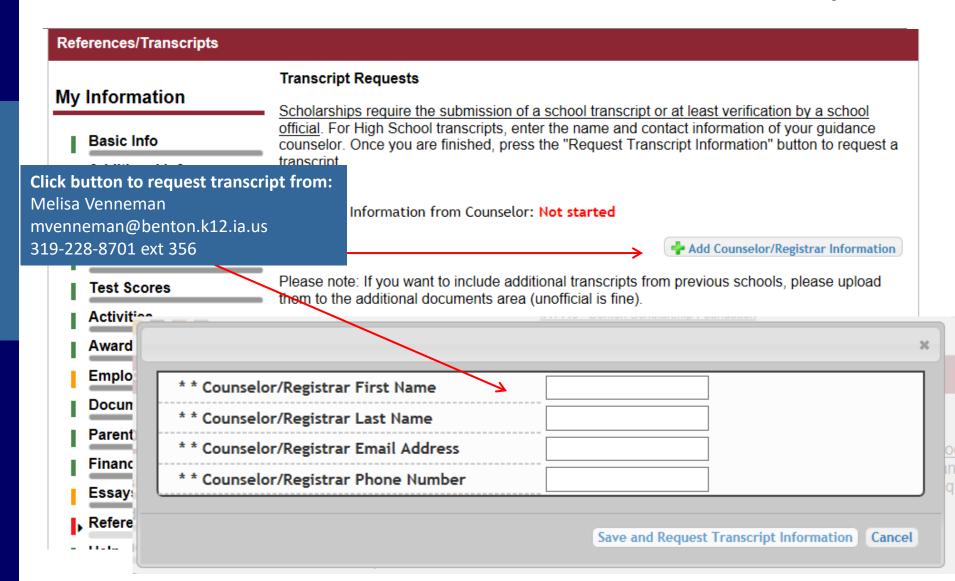


Student Profile - Essays





Student Profile – Transcripts





Student Profile – Recommendation

References/Transcripts		
My Information	×	
Basic Info	* * Reference First Name * * Reference Last Name	
Additional Info	* * Reference Phone Number	
Once you have requested your		
transcript and recommendation, click save	* * Reference Relationship Select V	
and look for scholarships.	Save and Request Appraisal Cancel	
Or if you have an incomplete section(s), save and go to dashboard. Remember: Green = Completed Yellow = Not complete	Scholarships require the submission of a recommendation by a person of your choosing. Pleas enter the name and contact information of your selected reference. Once you are finished, presented the "Request Recommendation" button to request a recommendation be completed. Yellow = Not complete Recommendation from Counselor or other Reference: Not started	
Red = Not started Essays References/Transcripts Help	Save and Look for Scholarships Save and Go To Dashboard	

Student Profile - Finding Scholarships

Dollars for SCHOLARS

Logout

Welcome, Larry Hoffman
Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website
NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS
Test - Test.



Support

My Information

You are 83 percent complete with your profile! You still have an incomplete profile. You will reach 100% complete when all the starred (*) items in each section are complete. If you do not complete your profile, you will not qualify for all scholarships. To work on your profile. Click here

To have a complete profile, the following supplementary information is required. Request this information by going to the appropriate section of your profile. Current status of these pieces are:

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<u>Transcript Information</u> from Counselor: <u>Submitted</u>

Recommendation from Counselor or other Reference: Started, but not submitted

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Four Ways to Prepare for the FAFSA: Although a finished tax return makes filing the form a little easier, it's not required for FAFSA completion, says Karen McCarthy, spokesperson for the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA). Families can complete the FAFSA

10 top jobs for two-year graduates. Among fastgrowing jobs, occupations requiring an associate's degree had the highest average growth - 35 percent, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Health care jobs are driving the rapid expansion of jobs requiring a two-year degree.

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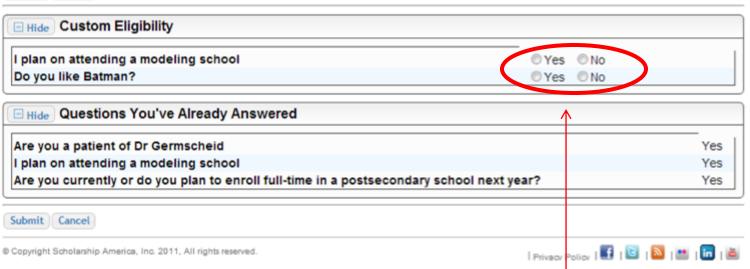


Student Profile - Scholarship Matches

Please note, if you have incorrectly answered any of these questions and want to change your response, please contact dollarsforscholars@scholarshipamerica.org.

*- Required field

Submit Cancel

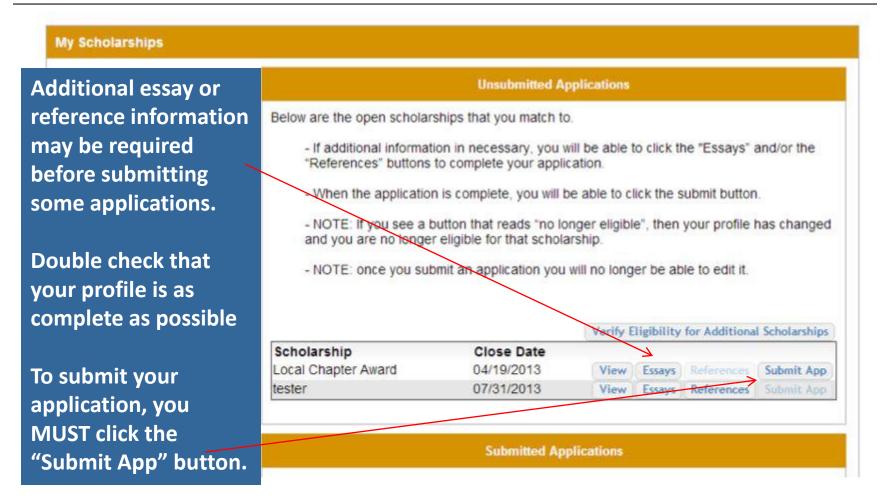


If any scholarships you match to contain any custom eligibility questions, you will need to answer them first.





Student Profile - Apply





My Resources

The Scholarship Coach

My Resources

My Resources To download a hardcopy of your profile Click Here My Information To download parts of your profile into a resume format Click Here Basic Info Buick Achievers Scholarship Program The Buigk Achievers Scholarship Program is open to high school seniors or college undergraduates who plan to major in a Additional Info specified course of study that focuses on Engineering, Technology, or select Design and Business-related programs of Schools Scholarships will be awarded based on participation and leatership in community and school activities, interest in the automotive industry, academic achievement, My Resources Click on My Resources: **GPA** first-generation college student, female, mino Class Rank If you have the passion to succeed — especia Buick Achievers Scholarship Program is looki Test Scores If you would like to download a hard copy of Activities Roundup of Top Financial Aid Sites your application to use for other t's that time of year again. No, I'm not talking Awards The CSS Profile which I wrote about in a red scholarships available from the BSF Career applying to those schools who require it, and **Employment** thought I'd give you all my thoughts on some Read More Center. **Documents** All New: StudentAid.Gov Parents/Financial Info The U.S. Department of Education launched information on all parts of the rederal financia If you would like to download your profile in Essays aid and more. Read More resume format. References/Transcripts Share Your Scholarship Story How did scholarships change your life? Than My Scholarships MyScholarshipStory.org! Read More If you want to learn more about other My Opportunities Scholarship America Resource Cent scholarship opportunities or learn about Scholarship America's Student and Parent Ba aid and scholarship process. Visit scholarship My Scholarship News resources for financial aid and admissions as scholarship resources.



Common questions

Q. My profile isn't at 100% completion, how do I know where I'm missing information?

All the sections of the profile are color coded by completion (see slide 11)

Red = not started

Yellow = started but not completed

Green = complete

Look for the red or yellow sections in your profile, this is where you are missing information.

Q. My profile is at 100%, does that mean I'm done?

Not necessarily! You have to submit to any scholarships you want to be considered for, your profile is not automatically submitted. Go into the My Scholarships section of your profile to see the list of scholarships you have met the requirements for and submit to all of them you want to be considered for (see slides 27-29).

Q. How can I change my answers if I have already submitted my application?

Click the **Support tab** on the left side of the screen to submit a help ticket to Dollars for Scholars specifying which question you answered incorrectly and the IT team can reset it for you.



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Questions?

- Contact any one of the individuals below who can help get an answer to any question or problem you may have with the application.
 - Mrs. Venneman <u>mvenneman@benton.k12.ia.us</u>
 - Gina Krug gdkrug@rockwellcollins.com or 319-223-2040
 - Sue Gessner jandsgessner@southslope.net or 319-223-5495
 - Theresa Thompson tthompson@benton.k12.ia.us or 319-228-8472
 - Cristy Hurley <u>cristyhurley87@gmail.com</u> or 319-228-8690
 - Rita Taylor Stewart <u>ritataylorstewart@hotmail.com</u>