Your One-Stop-Shop for Cash for College

HOW FILLING OUT A SINGLE PROFILE CAN LEAD TO MULTIPLE SCHOLARSHIPS.

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The Basics to Earning Scholarships

1. Visit your local Dollars for Scholars® website.
2. Complete the FREE online profile.
3. Match to scholarship opportunities from local chapters, if available.
4. Gain access to MORE scholarships from Scholarship America®.
5. Apply for scholarships!

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Objectives

- Learn how to access the student profile.
- Learn the different components of the student profile.
- Understand how to match and apply for scholarships.
- Earn scholarships, attend college, and graduate!

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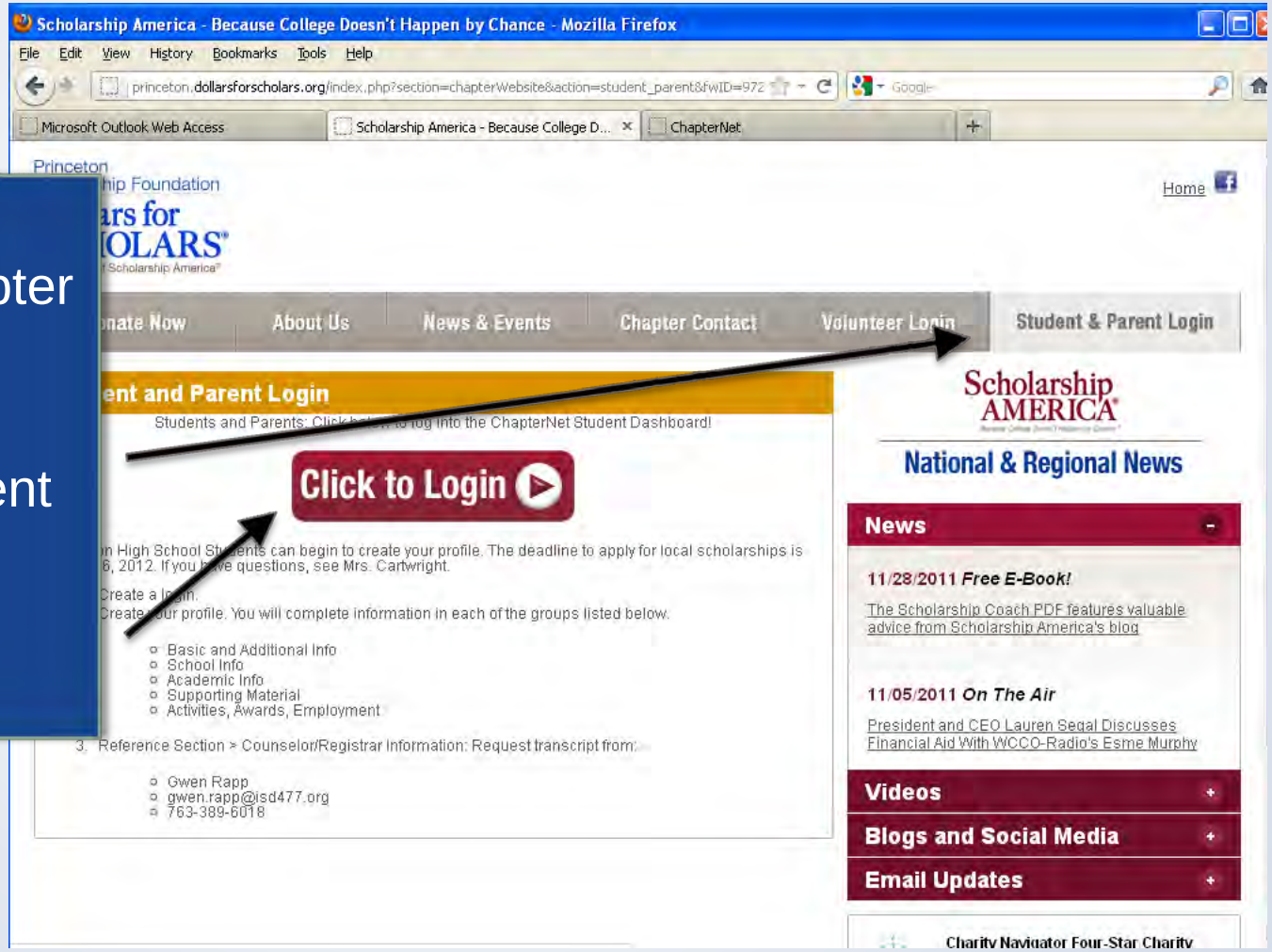
How to Access Scholarships

- Visit ANY chapter website.
- Click on the student & parent login tab.
- Click to login.



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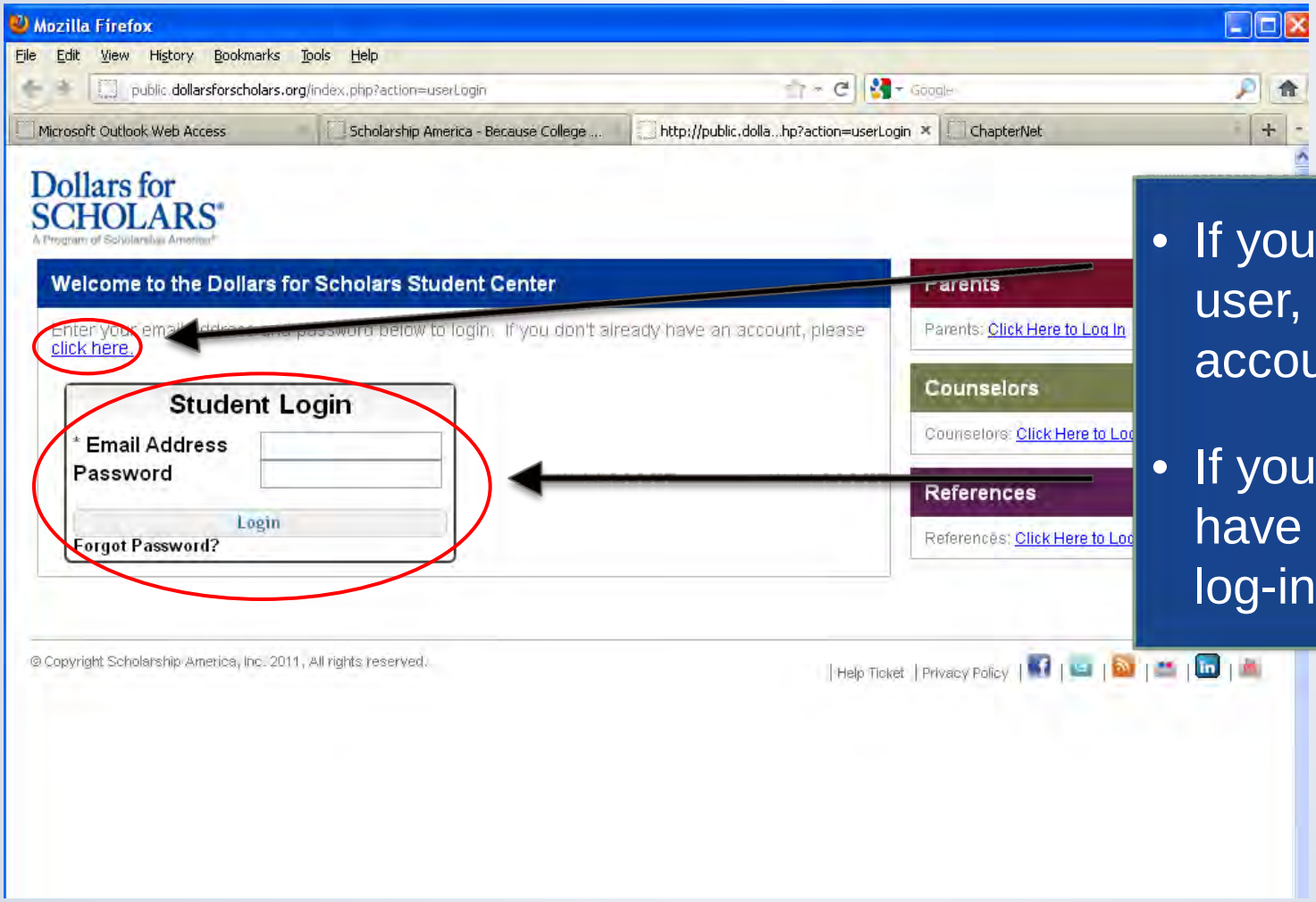

- If you're a new user, create your account here.
- If you already have an account, log-in here.

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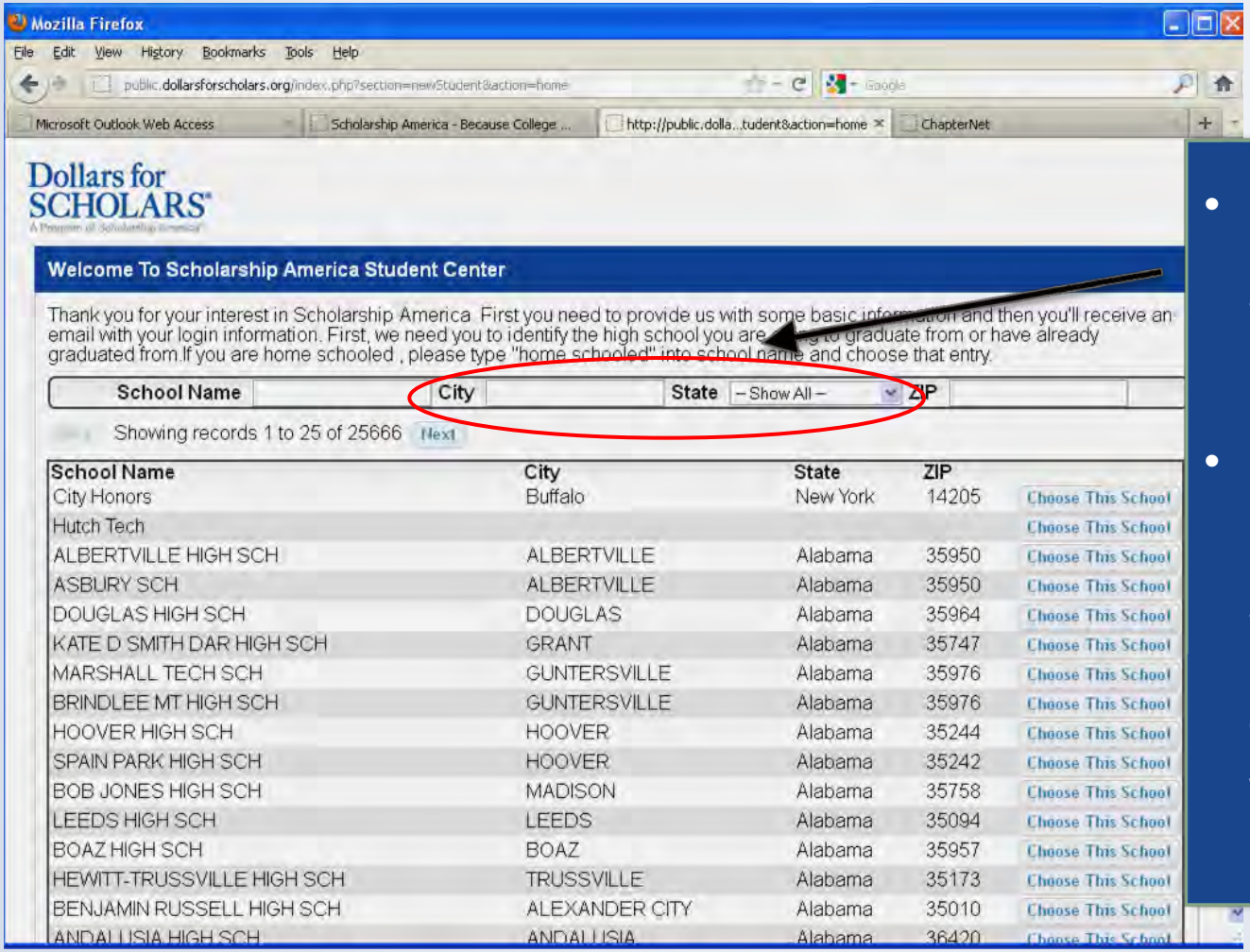
Creating Your Account



- Start by entering the city & state where your high school is located.
- Then choose your high school from the list. (The one where you have graduated or will graduate from, or the one where you are currently attending.)

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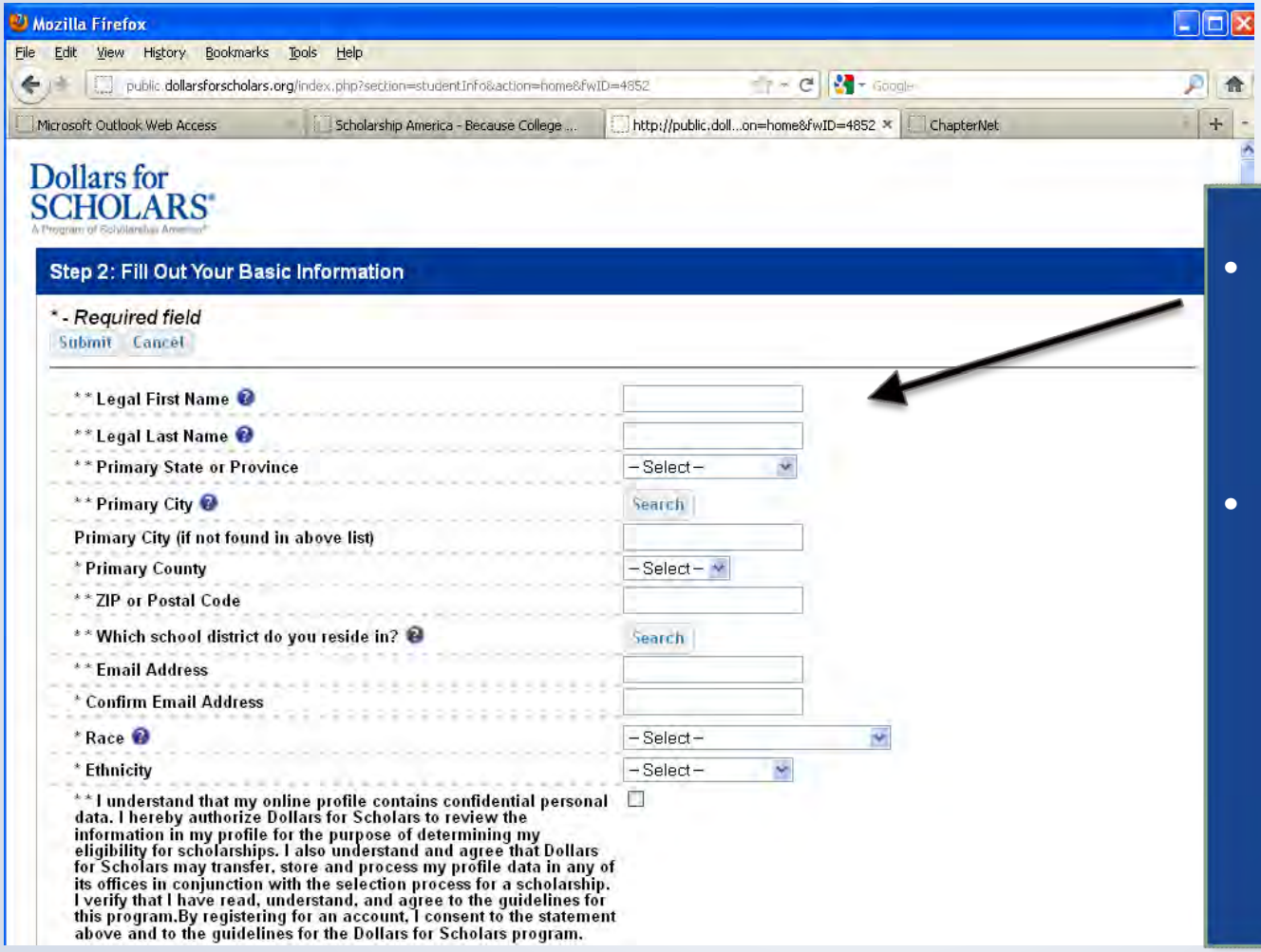

- Start filling out your profile by entering your residential information.
- Once this is complete, you will receive an email to verify your username and password, and will then be directed to the student dashboard.

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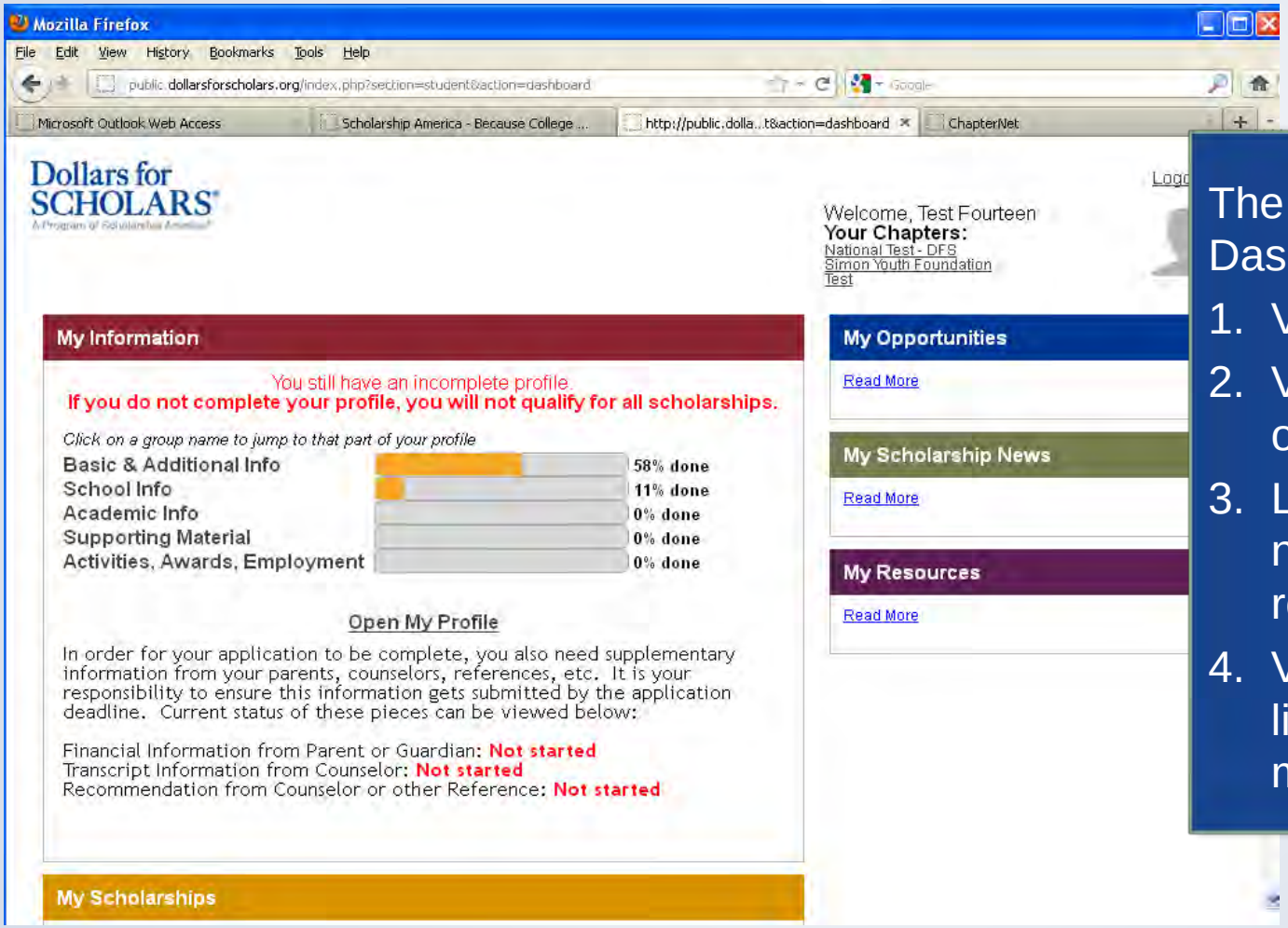
Welcome to the Student Dashboard!



The Student Dashboard lets you…

1. View your progress.
2. View local chapter opportunities.
3. Link to national news and resources.
4. View scholarship listings and matches.

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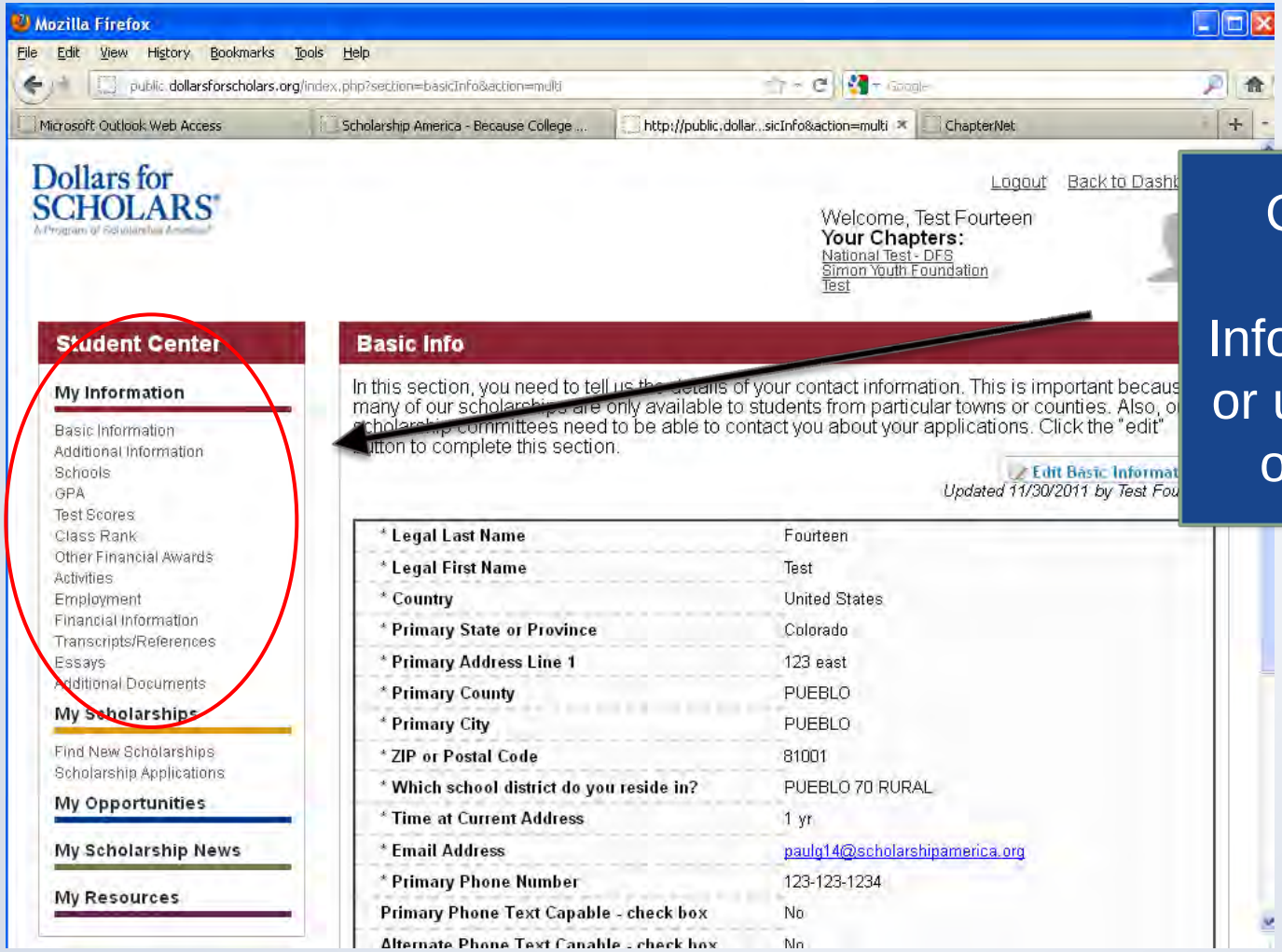
Your Student Profile



Click the links under "My Information" to edit or update sections of your profile.

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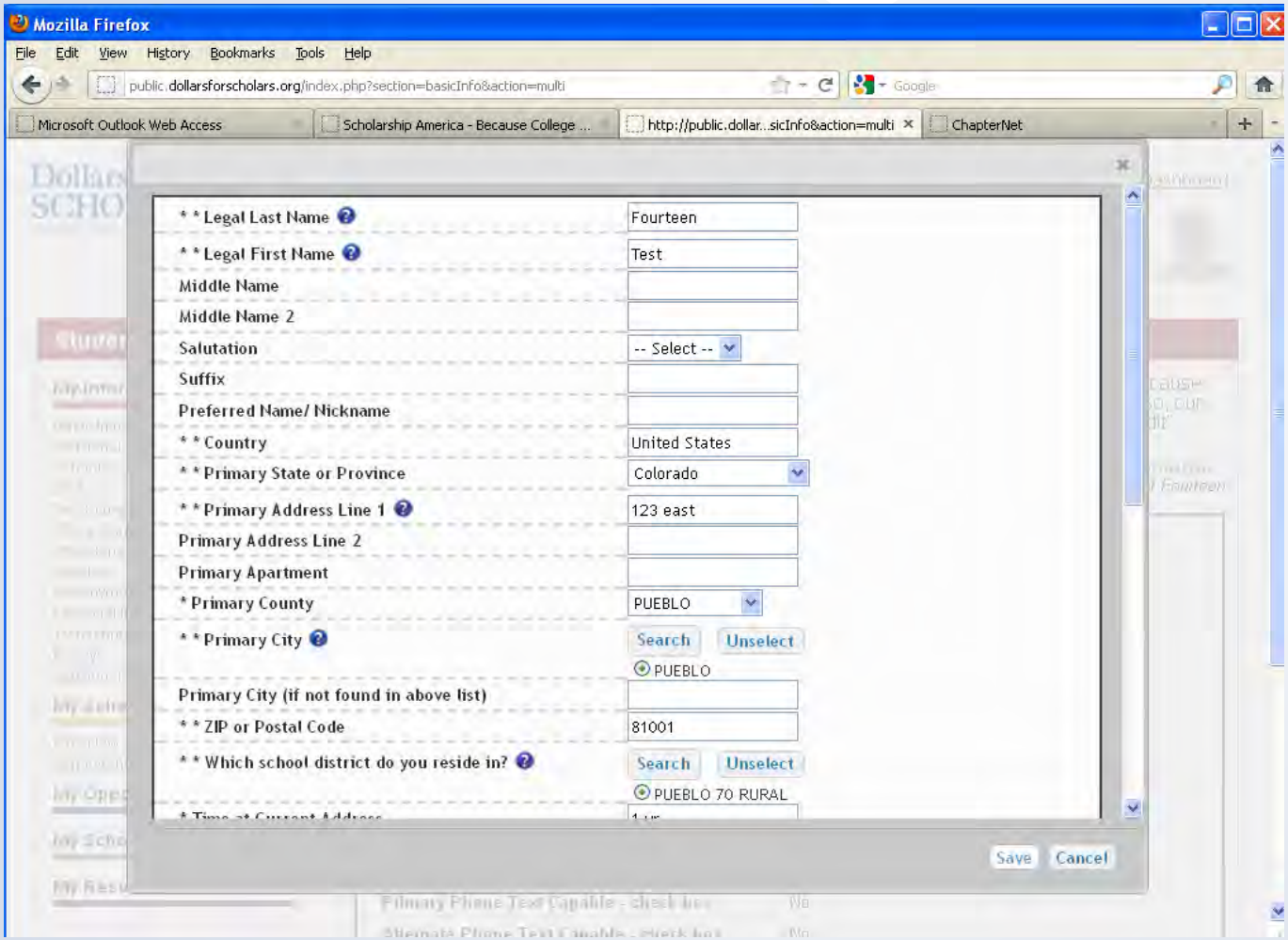
Student Profile: Basic Information



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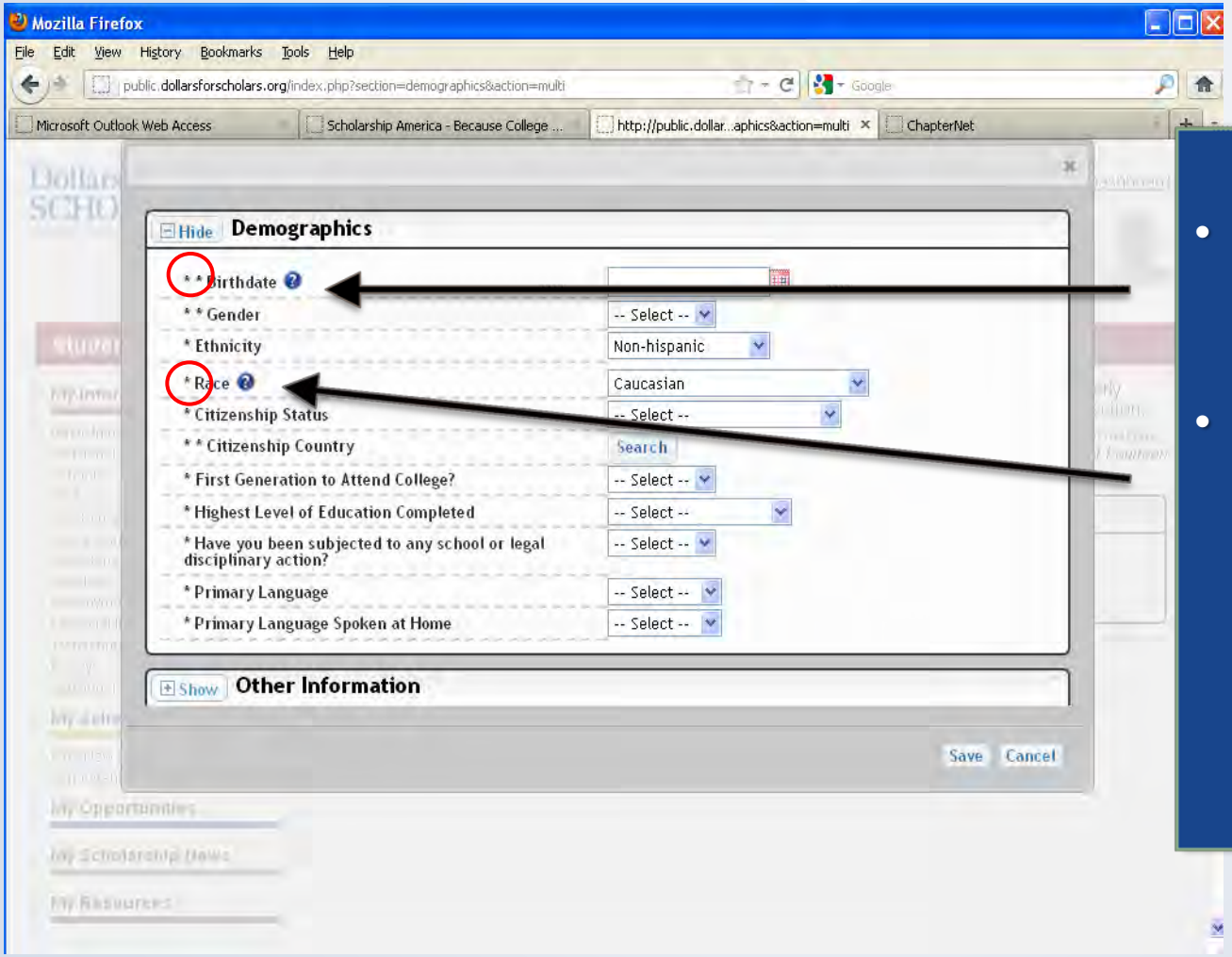
Student Profile: Additional Information



- Items marked with a double star ** are required.
- Items marked with a single star * are part of your dashboard status bars to show percentage of completion in each section.

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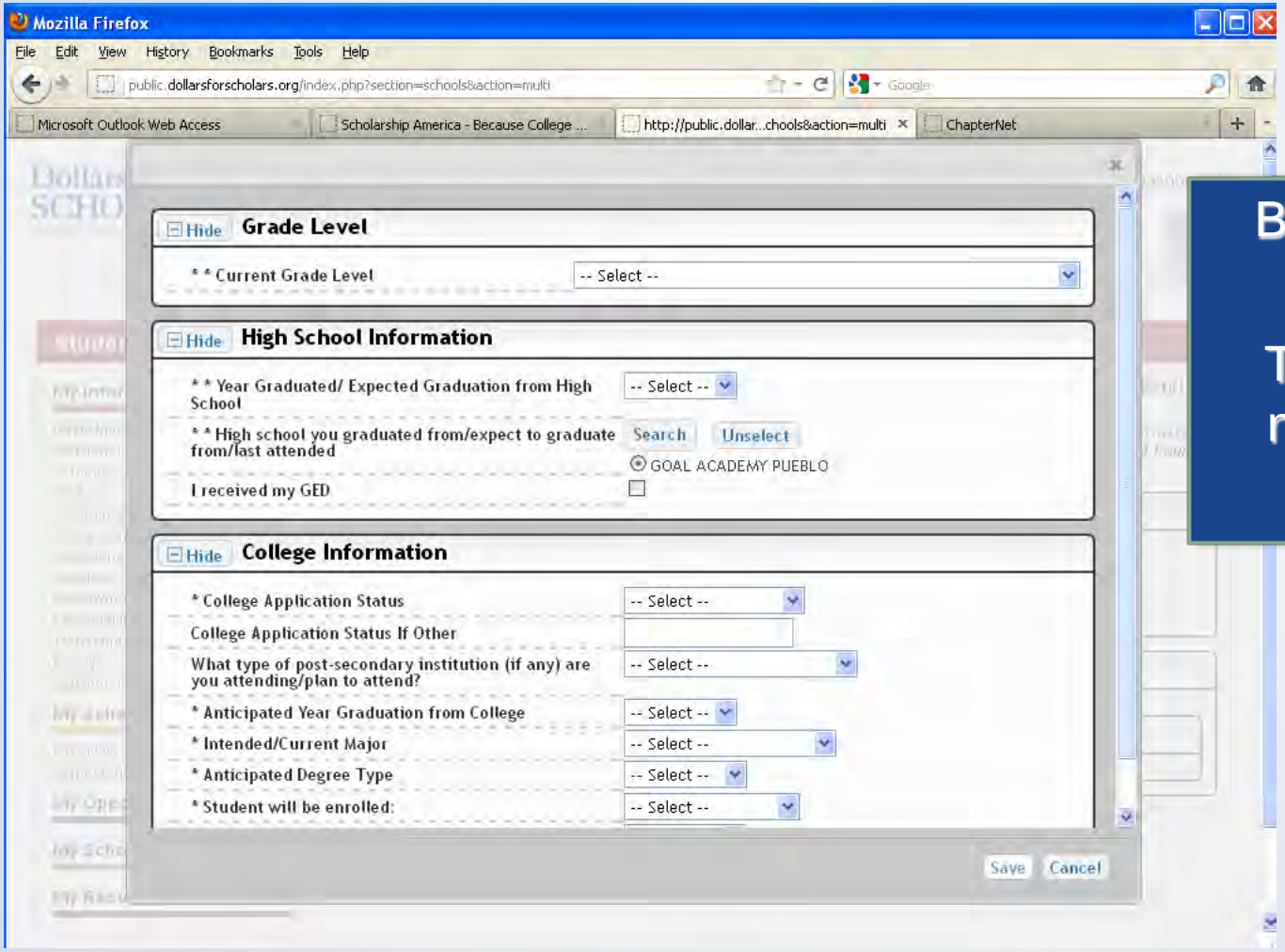
Student Profile: Schools



Be complete and accurate!

This will lead to more scholarship opportunities.

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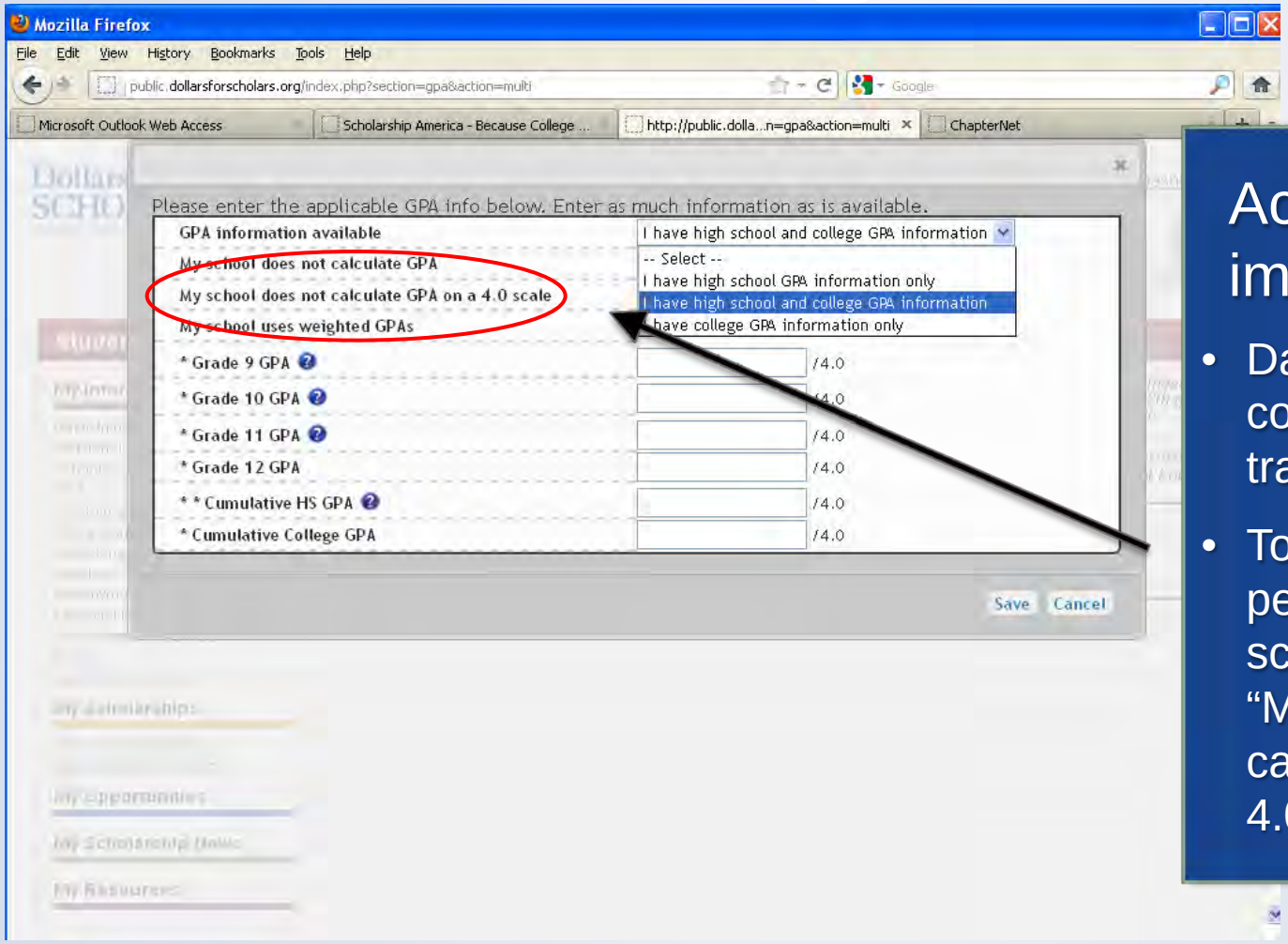
Student Profile: GPA



Accuracy is important!

- Data will be compared to your transcript.
- To convert percentages to a 4.0 scale, click the box "My school does not calculate GPA on a 4.0 scale."

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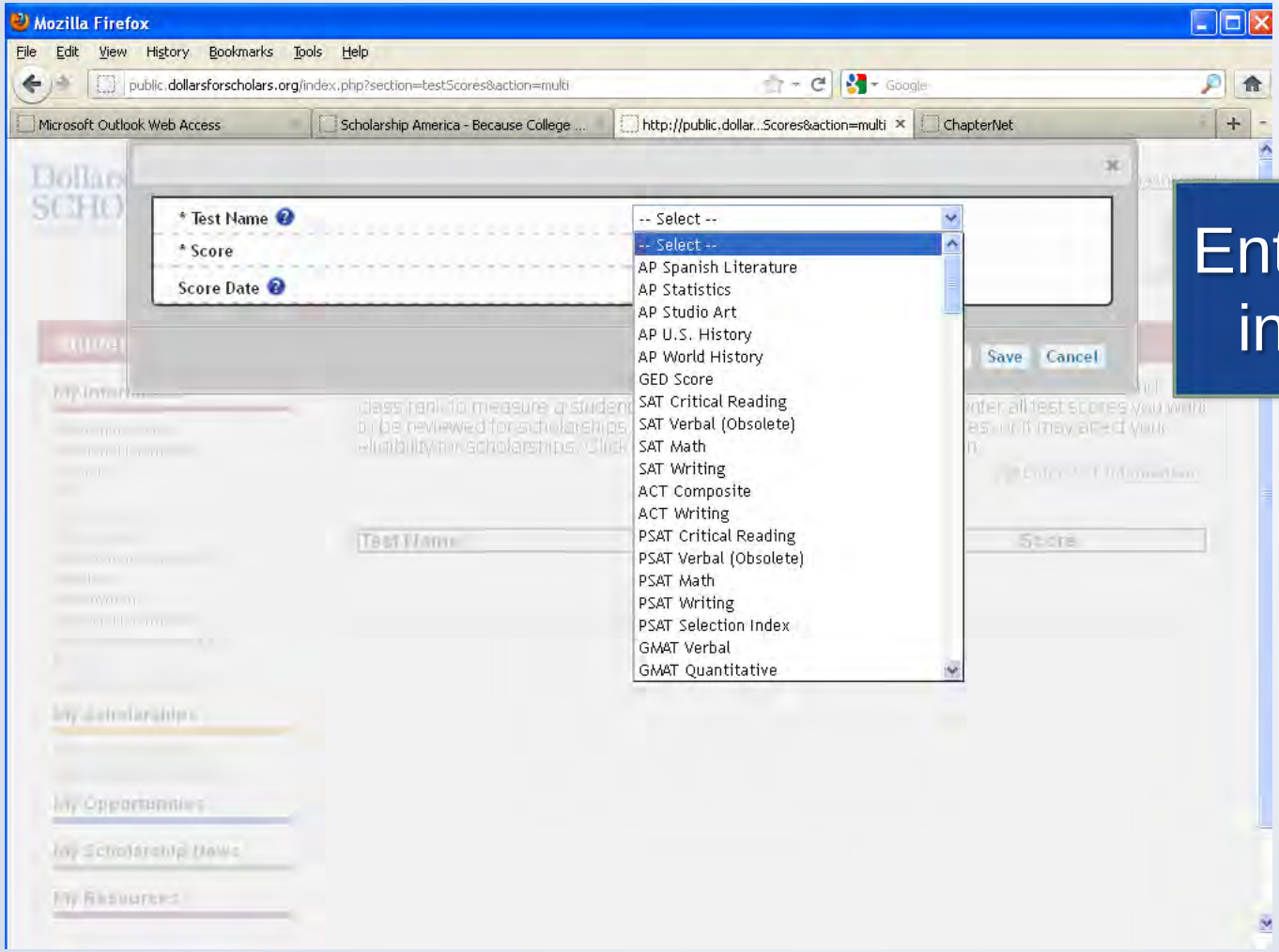
Student Profile: Test Scores



Enter ALL your information!

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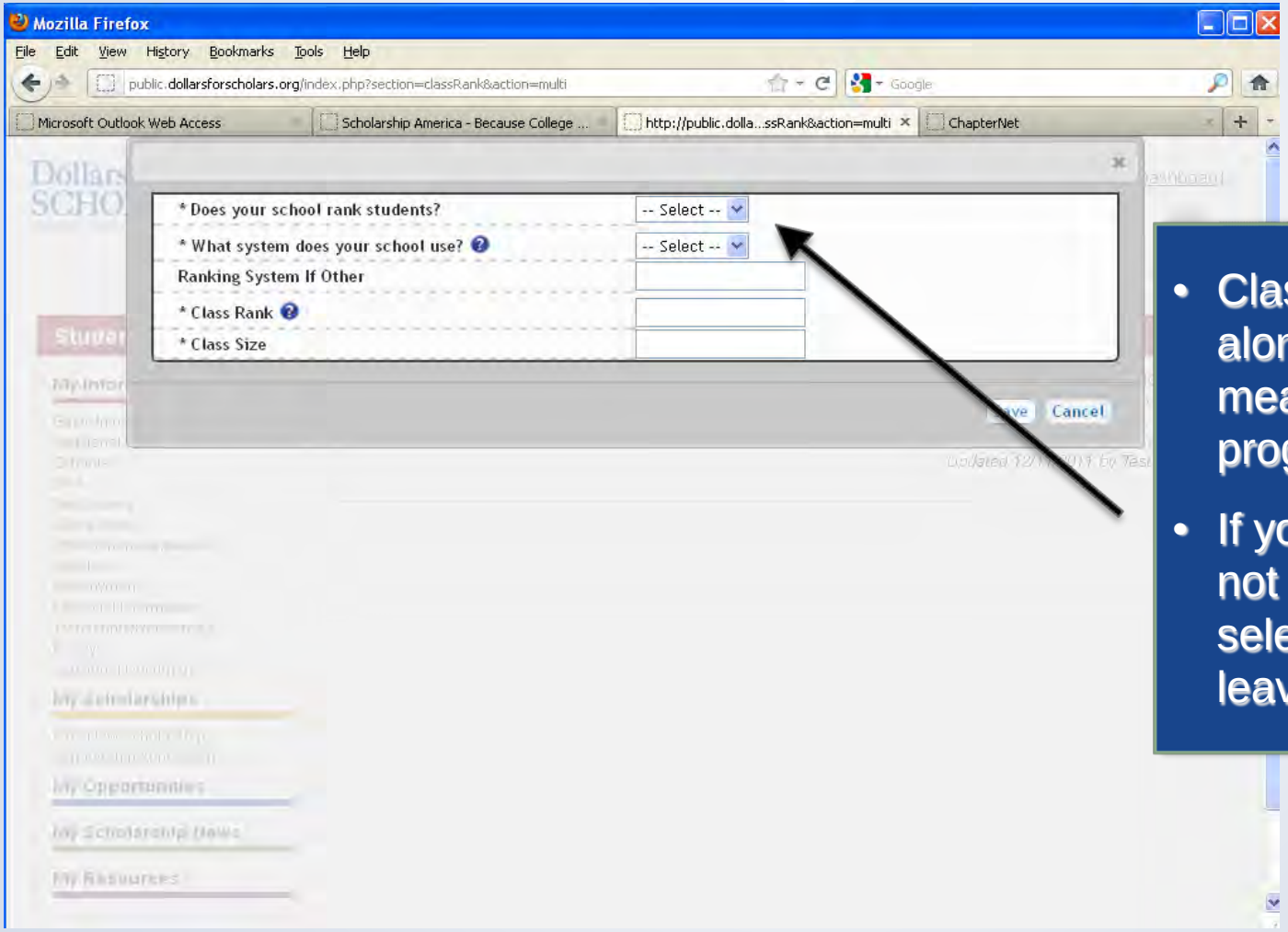
Student Profile: Class Rank



- Class rank is used along with GPA to measure academic progress.
- If your school does not rank students, select "No" and leave the rest blank.

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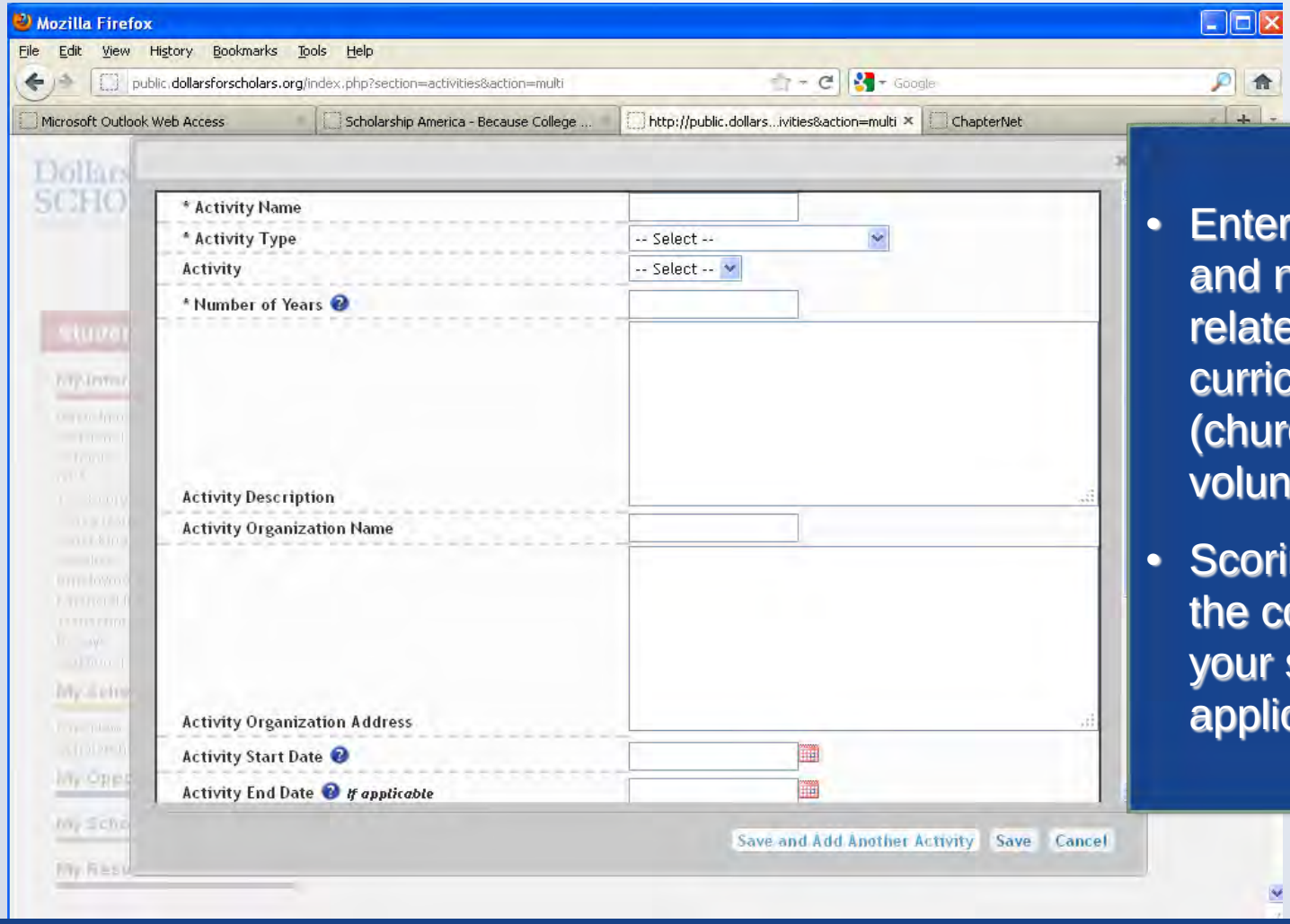
Student Profile: Activities



- Enter ALL school and non-school related extra curricular activities (church, sports, volunteering, etc.).
- Scoring depends on the completeness of your scholarship application.

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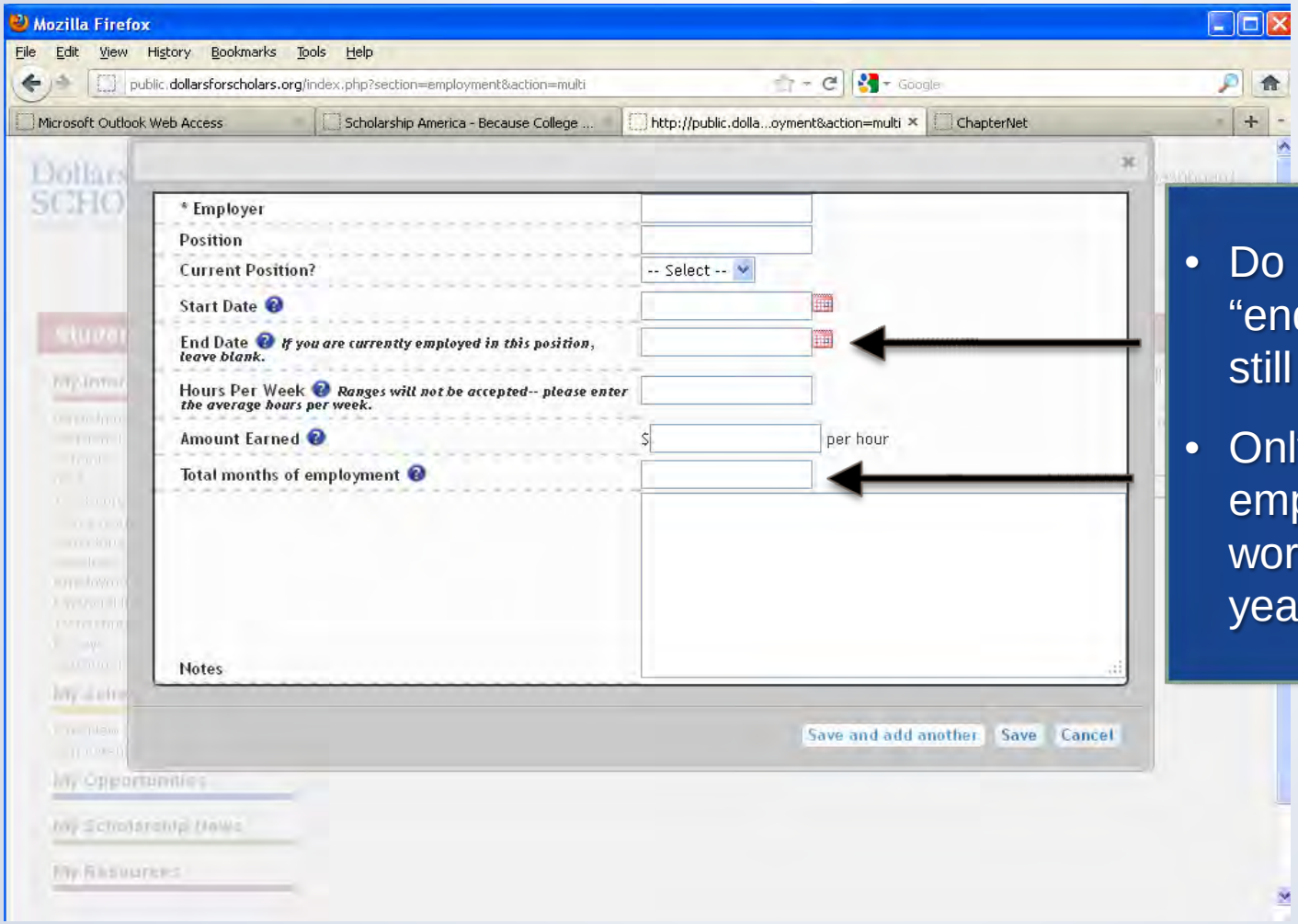
Student Profile: Employment



- Do not enter an "end date" if you're still working.
- Only add months employed if your work was not a full year.

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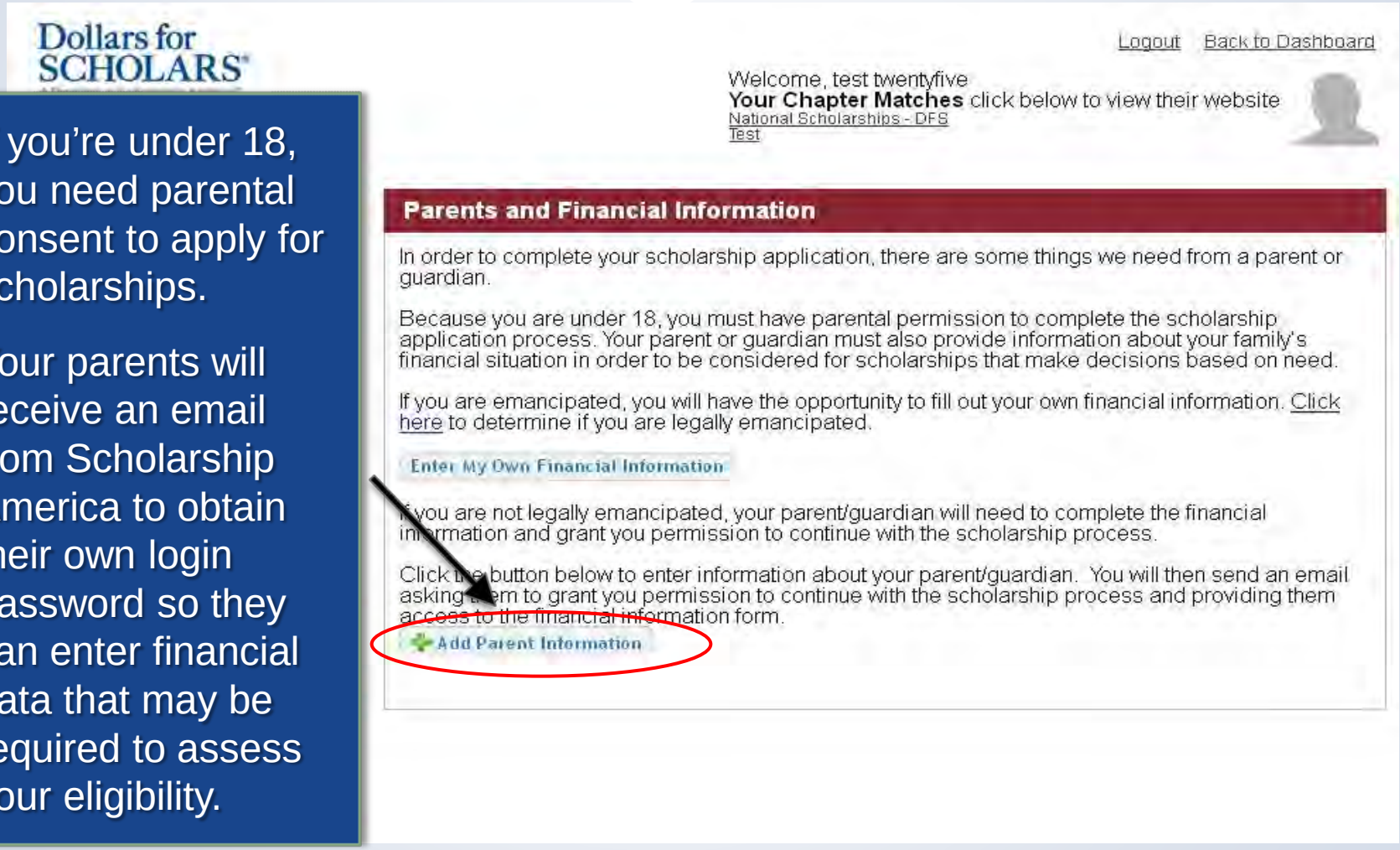
Student Profile: Parent and Financial Information

- If you're under 18, you need parental consent to apply for scholarships.
- Your parents will receive an email from Scholarship America to obtain their own login password so they can enter financial data that may be required to assess your eligibility.



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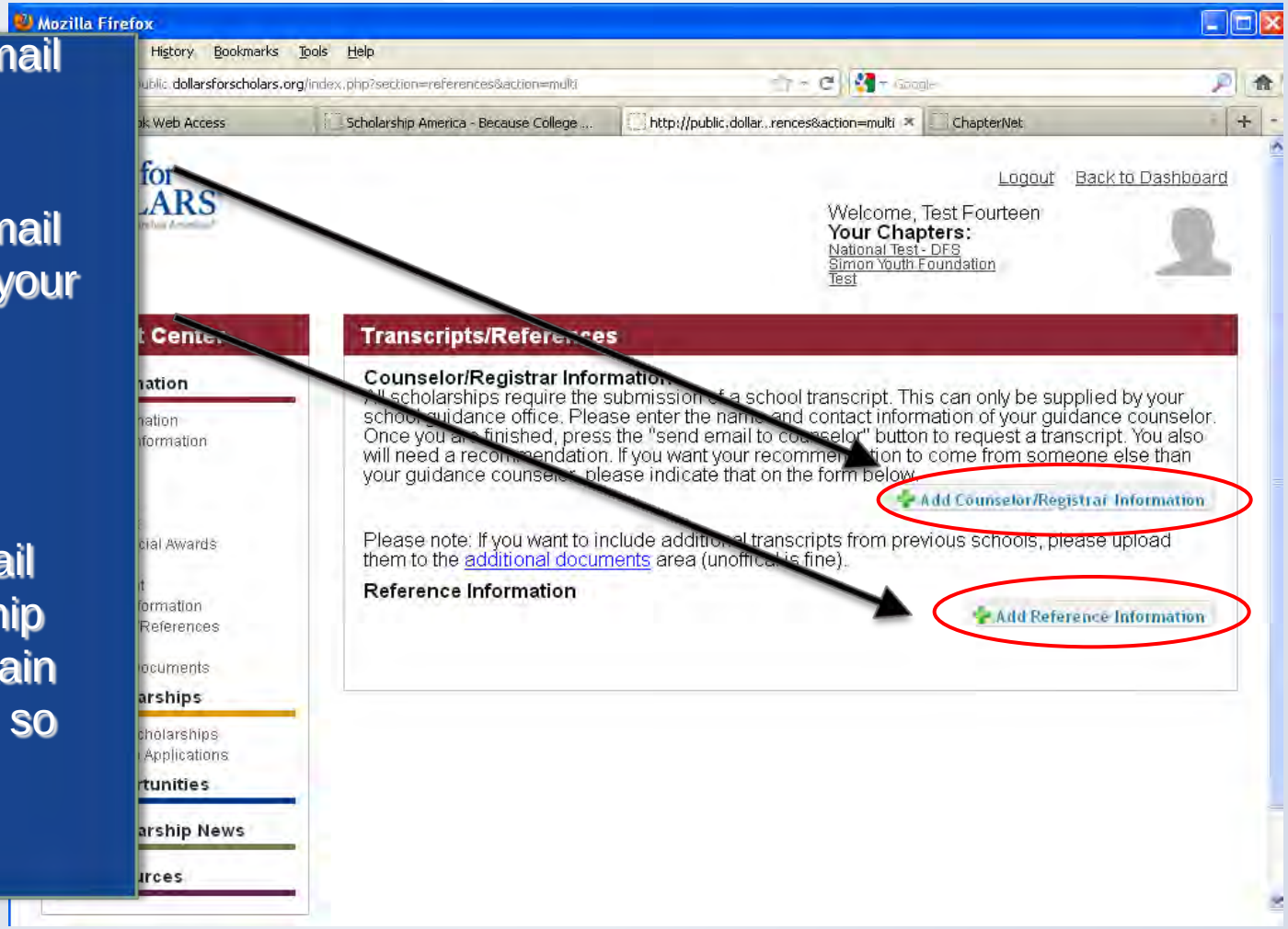
Student Profile: Transcripts & References

- Click to add email for school counselor.
- Click to add email addresses for your reference.
- Your school counselor & reference will receive an email from Scholarship America to obtain their own login so they can enter required information.



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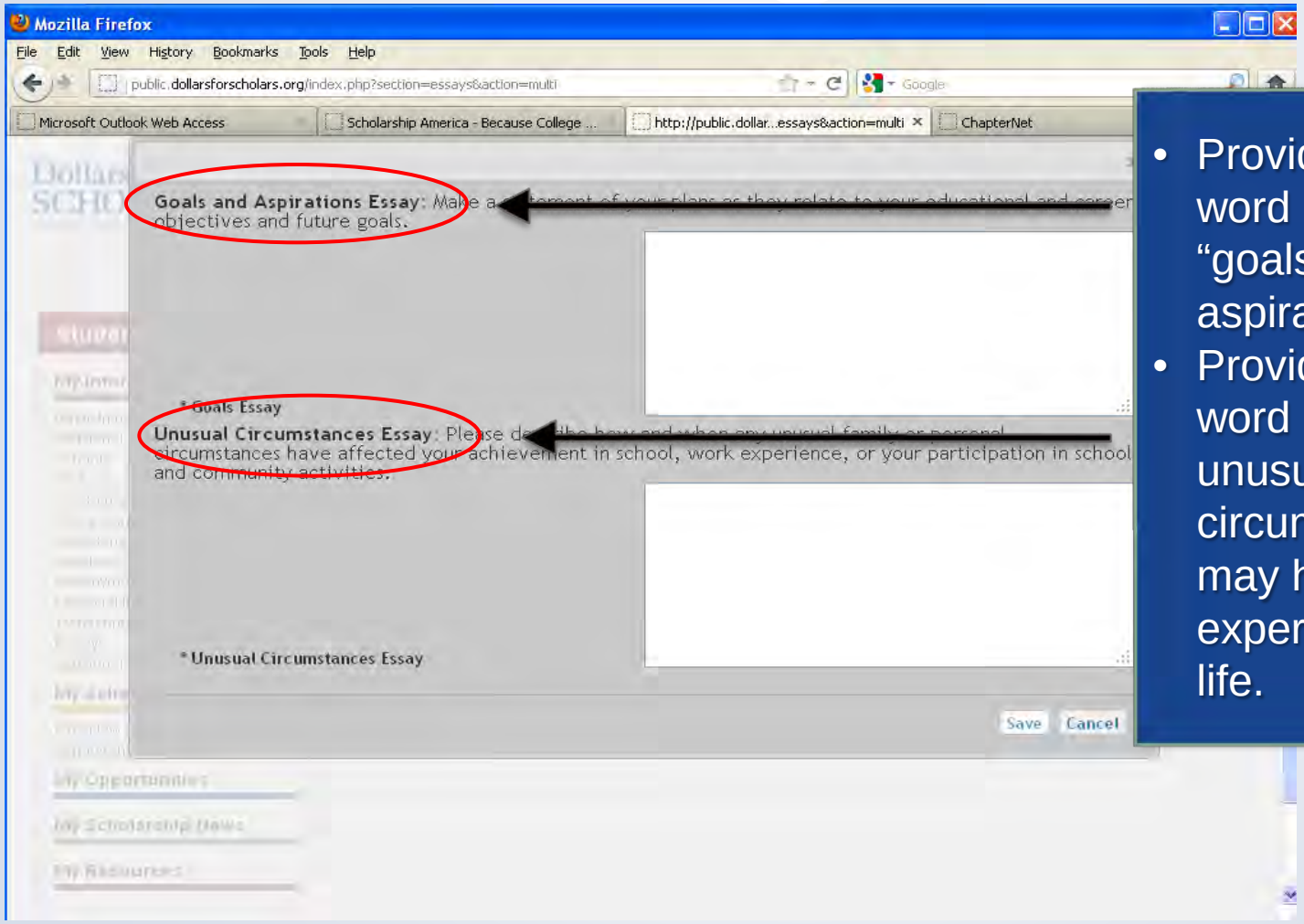
Student Profile: Essays



- Provide 300-500 word essay on your "goals and aspirations"
- Provide 300-500 word essay on any unusual circumstances" you may have experienced in your life.

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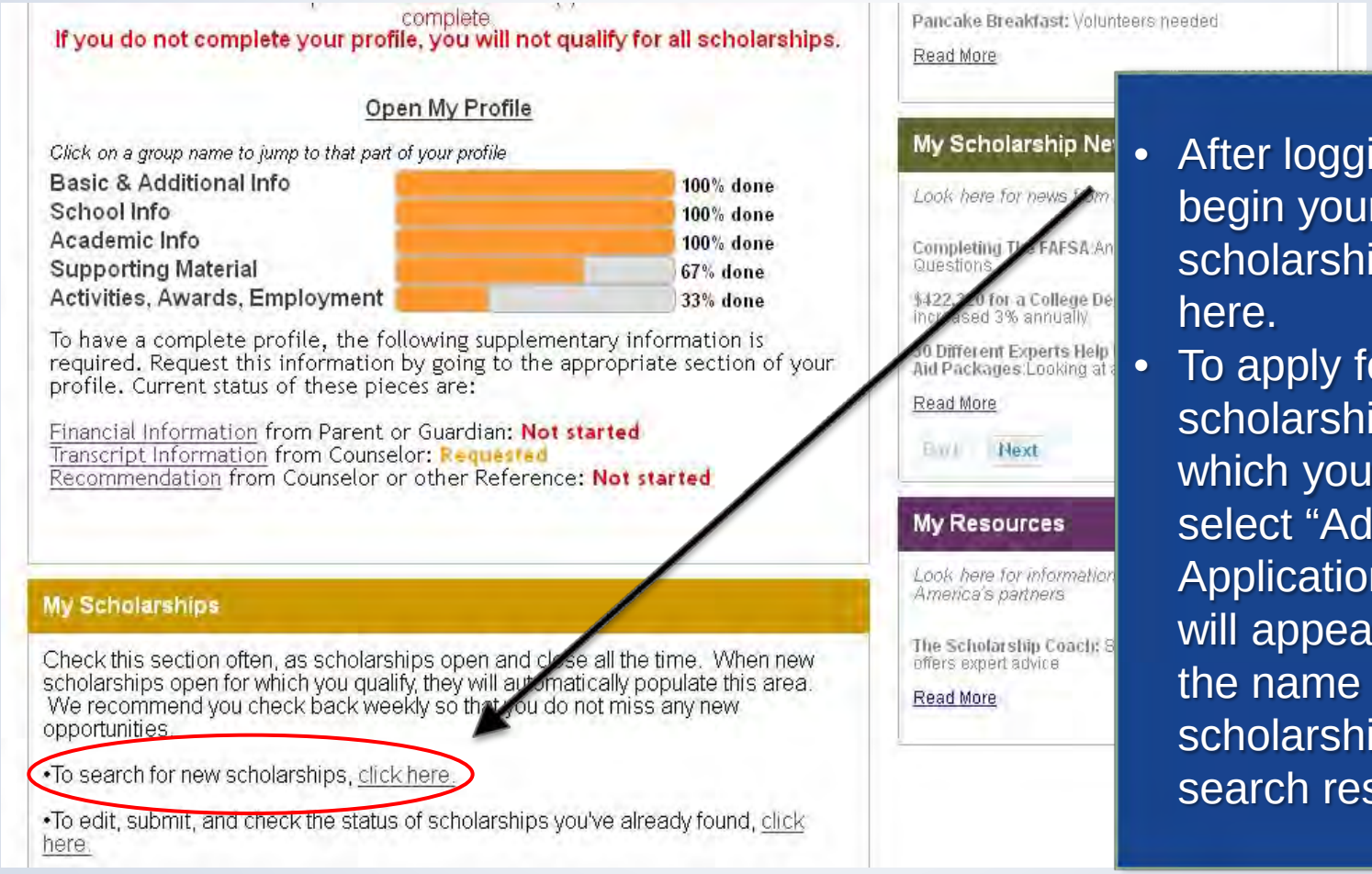
Student Profile: Finding Scholarships



- After logging in, begin your scholarship search here.
- To apply for scholarships for which you qualify, select "Add to My Applications," which will appear next to the name of each scholarship in the search results.

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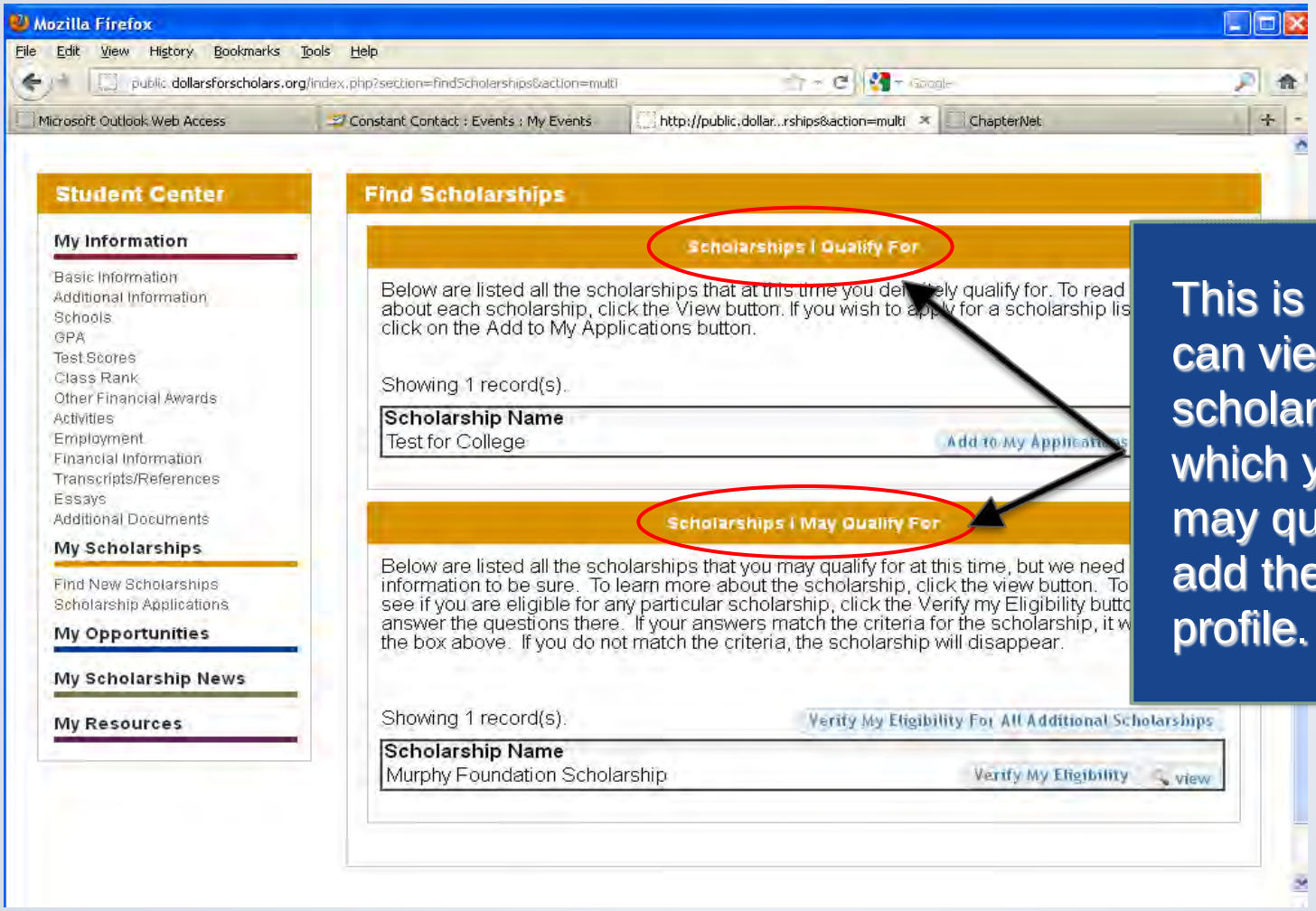
Student Profile: Scholarship Matches



This is where you can view the scholarships for which you qualify or may qualify for and add them to your profile.

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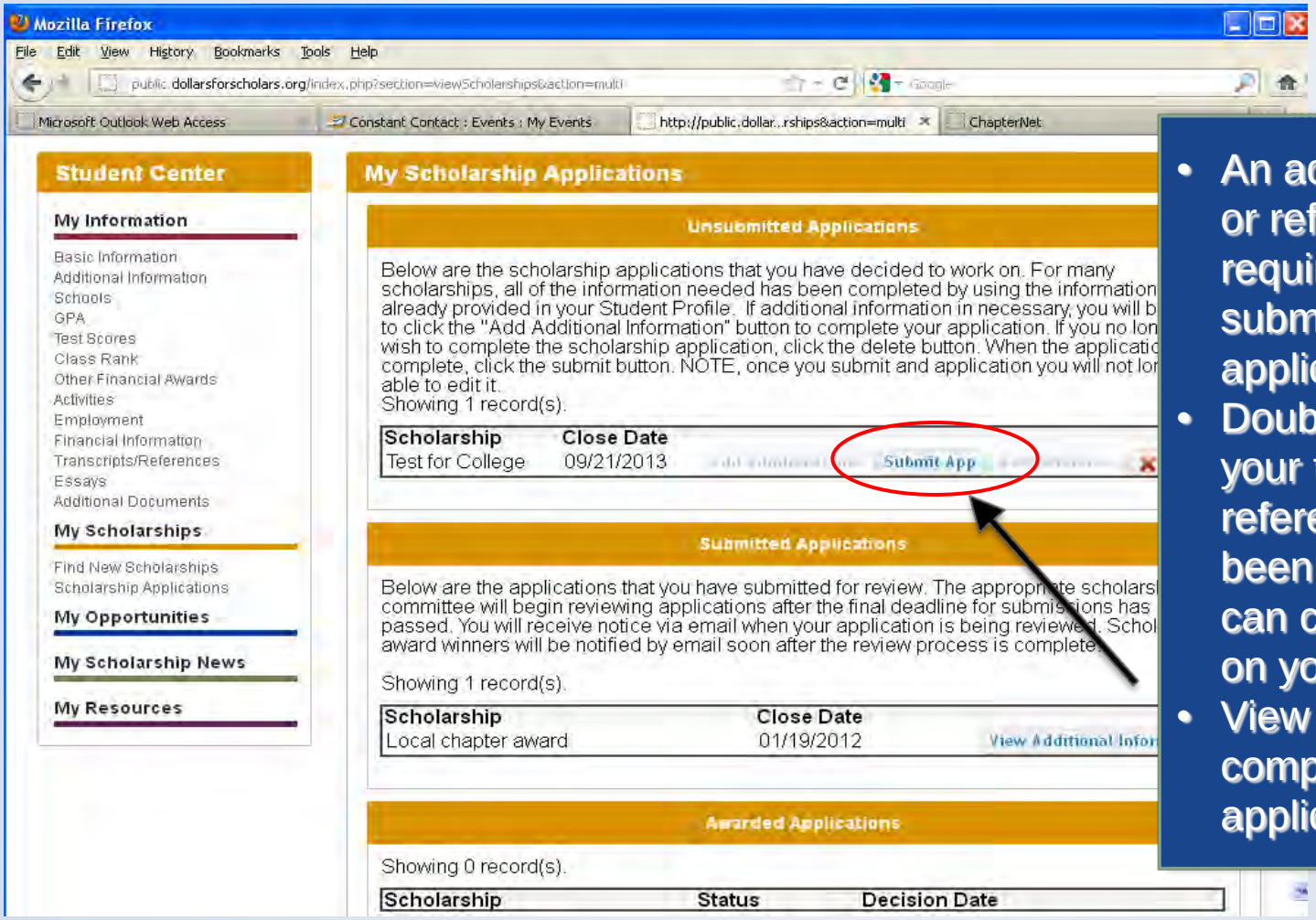
Student Profile: Apply!



- An additional essay or reference may be required before submitting some applications.
- Double check that your transcripts and references have also been submitted! (You can check the status on your dashboard.)
- View and submit only completed applications.

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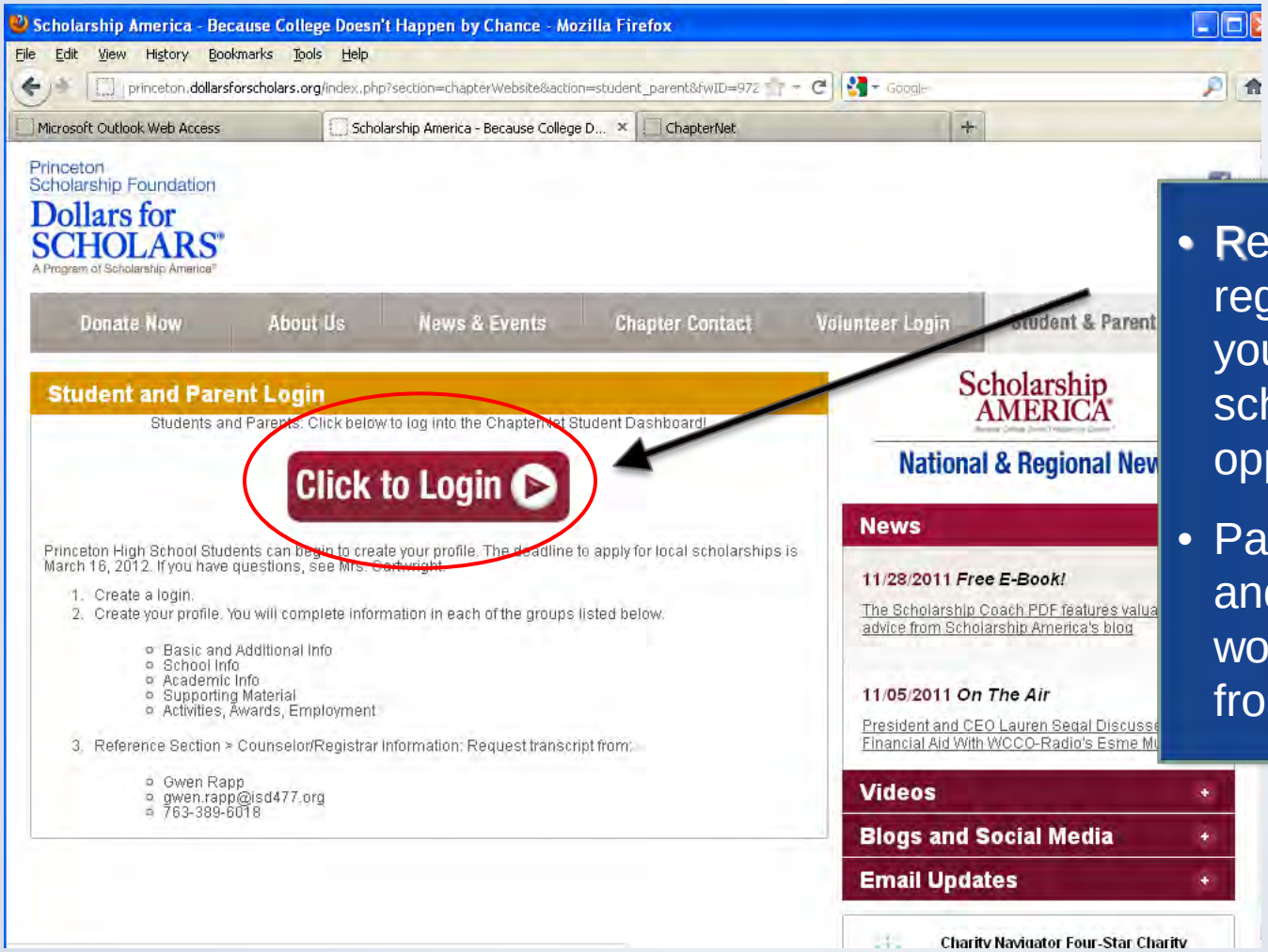
Access



- Return to this page regularly to update your profile and view scholarship opportunities.
- Parents, counselors and references would also login from here.

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