

We award scholarships to high school seniors from Storm Lake Public and Storm Lake St. Mary's who plan to further their education at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university or an accredited vocational-technical school.

Our scholarships are awarded based on merit.

Any graduating senior may apply; Storm Lake Charter School students who plan to further their education may apply when they have <u>completed</u> their Charter School program.

This packet will help you complete our **online** application form.

Read more about our program and our scholarships at our website:

www. Storm Lake. dollars for scholars. org

Questions? Email sldollarsforscholars@gmail.com Please put "Student Profile/Application" in the subject line.

The online application form will be open from mid-December to early February. You WILL NOT be able to apply for scholarships after February 9, 2018.

Please read these pages carefully. You must complete ALL steps as outlined to be considered a candidate for a scholarship(s).

There are three sections to these instructions:

Getting Started

This is where you set up your account.

Part A- My Information

This is where you enter your personal information.

Part B- My Scholarships

This is where you apply for scholarships that you're eligible for. Some scholarships require a short essay response before the application can be submitted.

Our scholarships are awarded based on merit and consider the **total person**. Your online application form will be scored by the computer system and will be awarded up to 240 points as follows:

| 80 points | Personal Data: Work Experience, Activities, Leadership Contributions | | | | |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Education/Career Objective, Unusual Circumstances | | | | |
| 40 points | Applicant Appraisal: An evaluation by someone who knows you well | | | | |
| 80 points | Scholastic Performance: Your Grade Point Average | | | | |
| 40 points | Scholastic Aptitude: Your ACT score | | | | |

Getting Started

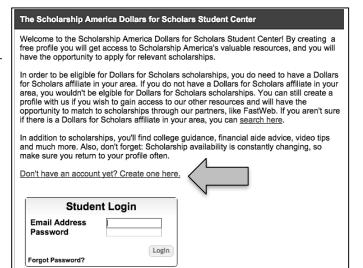
Go to website (www.StormLake.dollarsforscholars.org) and click on the Students & Parents tab

Click to Login



___ Click here to set up your account.

__Enter School Name, City, State, Zip data. Select school.



| | the bottom of the page to agree to our terms and ore the form can be submitted. If you have any issues or a bottom left side of the screen to submit a help ticket to |
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| ubmit (Cancel) | |
| * * Legal First Name @ | Sample |
| ** Legal Last Name @ | Student |
| * Primary State or Province | lowa \$ |
| ** Primary Address Line 1 @ | 123 Tornado Dr |
| Primary Address Line 2 | |
| Primary Apartment | |
| * * Primary City @ | Search Criteria: storm Unselect |
| | ◆ STORM LAKE |
| * * Primary County | BUENA VISTA 💠 |
| * * ZIP or Postal Code | 50588 |
| ** Which school district do you reside in? @ | Search Criteria: storm Unselect |
| •• Plat 3-4 / | STORM LAKE COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT |
| * * Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) | 01/01/1999 |
| * * Email Address @ | sample_student@abc.com |
| * * Confirm Email Address | sample_student@abc.com |
| * * Primary Phone Number | 712-555-5555 |
| Primary Phone Text Capable - check box | |
| * * Current Grade Level Senior in High | School 🕴 |
| * * Year Graduated/ Expected Graduation from High School | 2018 |
| * Intended College 1 | Iowa Central Community College - Fort Dodge - Fort Dodge Remove Select |
| Intended College 2 | Select |
| Intended College 3 | Select |
| **Race @ | Other 💠 |
| Race if Other | |
| * Ethnicity | Other 💠 |
| Ethnicity If Other | |

| Complete all | ** | information. |
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Note for School District field: All students should enter Storm Lake Comm School District.

Current Grade Level should be Senior in High School

Year Graduated/Expected Graduation from High School should be 2018.

Check your email for Login information (the email is from Scholarship America) and follow the directions for setting up your password. The email should be sent immediately; check your SPAM folder if you don't see it in your Inbox.

___ Write your Login information down in a safe place.

Login to the system again. You will be taken to your specific Dashboard. Take note of the different sections but especially: My Information and My Scholarships.

Click the **Click Here** button in the My
Information section to begin working on your
profile. You should see your **Basic Info**. The
instructions that follow will help you enter
information needed to apply for the Storm Lake
Dollars for Scholars scholarships.

Note: You can **Logout** (top right corner) at any time. To revisit your Profile and continue entering data, go to www.StormLake.dollarsforscholars.org and login at **Students & Parents**

Note: When entering data, pay attention to the fields marked * or ** as directed in the instructions that follow.

My Information

Your profile is 80% 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>Transcript Information</u> from Counselor: Requested <u>Recommendation</u> from Counselor or other Reference: Not started <u>Consent</u> from Parent or Guardian: Over 18; consent not required

My Scholarships

•To search and submit to scholarships or accept scholarships you've been awarded Click Here

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.

Questions? Email <u>sldollarsforscholars@gmail.com</u>
Please put "Student Profile/Application" in the subject line.
OR

Click the **Support** tab at the side of the screen and send your question to ChapterNet support staff at Scholarship America.

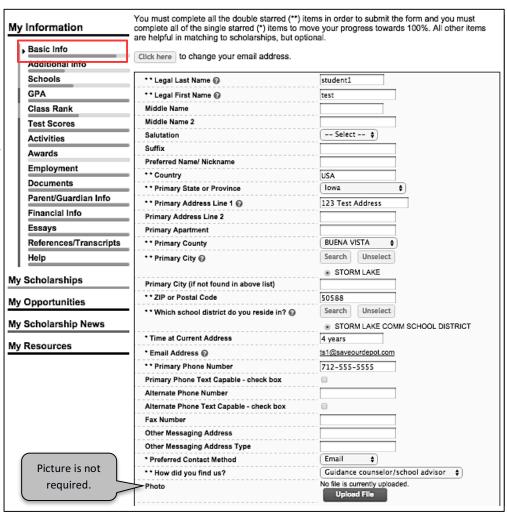
Part A: My Information

Basic Information Page

Click Enter Basic Information.

Complete all ** information.

Note: We do NOT require a photo.

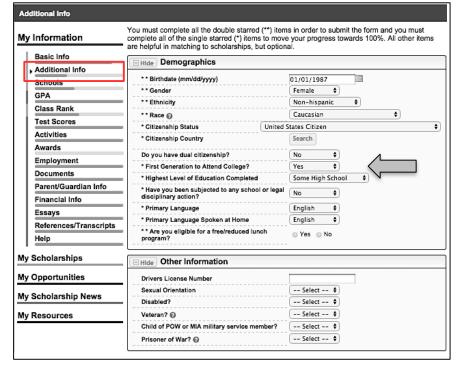


Additional Information Page

You should see *Birthdate*, *Ethnicity*, *Race* from your initial get-started entry process.

Complete all ** information and as much * information as you can but especially this field: First Generation to Attend College?

You do not need to complete the "Other Information" section.



Schools Page

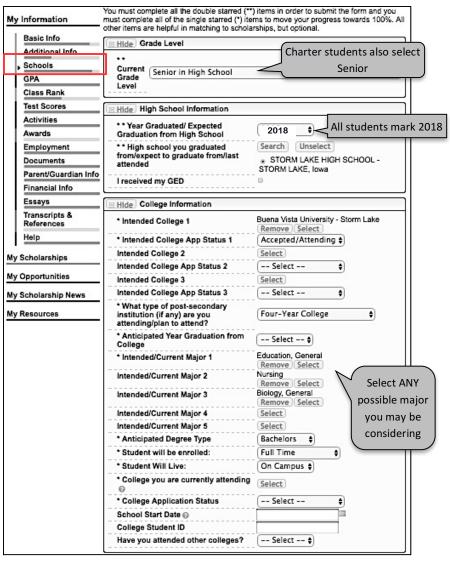
You should see *High School You Expect to Graduate From* information from the initial get-started entry process.

___ Complete all ** information.

<u>Charter School students</u> should mark *Senior* in HS

Year Graduated: Charter School students should mark 2018

___ Complete as much * information as you can but especially the *Intended Major* fields.

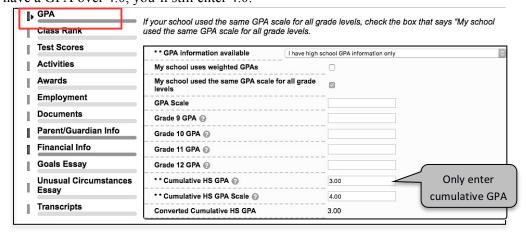


GPA Page

- For *GPA Information Available*, select: *I have high school GPA information only*.

 Do NOT check the two statements that begin "My school does not calculate" and "My school uses weighted GPAs."
- Enter your *Cumulative HS GPA* as of 12/31/2017. This is the ONLY GPA needed. Your guidance counselor will be asked to verify your cumulative GPA, based on a 4.0 scale.

Note: If you have a GPA over 4.0, you'll still enter 4.0.



Class Rank Page

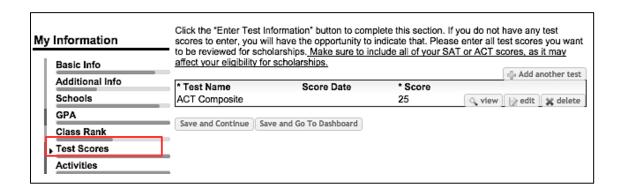
Not Required by Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars. If you choose to enter this information, please select "Integer" in response to *What system does your school use?* and enter your Class Rank and Class Size information as noted on your report card at the end of the first semester

Test Scores Page

When you have an ACT composite score to enter, click Enter Test Information.

Complete ** information for ACT Composite scores ONLY.

Note: ACT Composite scores are used when scoring this scholarship application. If you do not enter a test score, you will be hurting your odds of earning a scholarship.



Activities Page

Click Enter Activities Information. Click Add Another Activity.

___Complete all * information for each activity.

| | sports, etc.) as well as al | | | | | | | |
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| Basic Info | the past 4 years (e.g., Re it may affect your eligibili | | , etc.). Make sure to in | clude all c | f your ac | tivities, as | | |
| Additional Info | it may affect your eligibili | | Add another activity | I have en | tered all n | ny activite: | | |
| Schools | * Activity Name | * Activity Type | | | | • | | |
| GPA | High School Musical | Music/Theater/Art | s/Activities | Q view | edit | 💥 delete | | |
| | Jazz Band | Music/Theater/Arts/Activities | | Q view | edit | 💥 delete | | |
| Class Rank | Basketball | Athletic Activities | | Q view | edit | 💥 delete | | |
| Test Scores | Tennis | Athletic Activities | | Q view | edit | * delete | | |
| Activities | Cross Country | Athletic Activities | | Q view | edit | 💥 delete | | |
| Awards | BAseball | Athletic Activities | | Q view | edit | 💥 delete | | |
| | All State Tryout | Music/Theater/Art | s/Activities | Q view | edit | 💥 delete | | |
| Employment | Drumline | Music/Theater/Art | s/Activities | Q view | edit | * delete | | |
| Documents | Youth Group | Church/Religious | Activities | Q view | edit | * delete | | |
| Parent/Guardian Info | HOnor Society | Clubs and Organia | zations | Q view | edit | * delete | | |
| | = KBVU | Community Service | e Activities | 0 view | edit | * delete | | |
| Financial Info | Piano | Community Service | e Activities | Q view | edit | * delete | | |
| Essays | DECA | Clubs and Organia | zations | Q view | i edit | 💥 delete | | |

| | omplete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional. |
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| ** Activity Name | High School Musical |
| ** Activity Type | (Music/Theater/Arts/Activities †) Please read Note 1 and |
| ** Activity @ | Play/drama productions (musicals, one-act plays, etc.) + |
| ** Number of Years @ | Note 2 |
| ** Total hours spent on this activity per year 🕢 | 45 |
| Activity Description | Participated in a minor role during our school's spring production of "Hello Dolly!". |
| Activity Organization Name | |
| Activity Organization Address | |
| Activity Start Date @ | 03/09/2015 |
| Activity End Date () If applicable | 05/08/2015 |
| How many hours of this activity were necessary for Graduation? | 0 |
| Hide Awards, Honors, Offices | |
| Please enter all awards, honors, or offices you've received for this activity. | |
| Туре | Description Year |
| Select ‡ | (−− Select −− |
| | - Add New □ |

Note 1: An Activity is NOT a class but a class can include an activity if you've participated in it as an extra part of the class. For example, Choir is NOT an activity but HS Musical, trying out for All State or participating in the Solo/Ensemble Contest IS an activity. Band (Concert, Marching) is NOT an activity but Jazz Band, Pep Band, trying out for All State and Honor Bands, or participating in the Solo/Ensemble Contest IS an activity. Three more examples: DECA is an activity ONLY if the student advances to the National Competition, however, if the student is involved in DECA a second year--independent of the Marketing class--it IS an activity. AVID is a class; it is NOT an activity. If you get a grade based on your participation, it is NOT an activity.

Note 2: In **Activity Description**, please type *This was a one- or two-time event* for any community-service activity that is NOT an ongoing activity or something you participated in as part of a class requirement. (Examples might include: blood donor, adopt-a-highway, adopt-a-family, tornado/flood cleanup, can cage, phone-a-thon, meals-on-wheels, Santa's Workshop, Just Feed One)

Enter Offices, Awards, or Honors earned.

Note: We define <u>award</u> in this way: specific or special recognition given to a student for his or her <u>outstanding</u> <u>achievements</u> in a classroom or extra-curricular school or community activity by a coach, teacher, adult leader and/or peers. This includes earning a "letter" in a school activity. We define <u>honor</u> in this way: specific or special recognition given to a student for his or her <u>outstanding efforts</u> in a classroom or extra-curricular school or community activity by a coach, teacher, adult leader and/or peers.

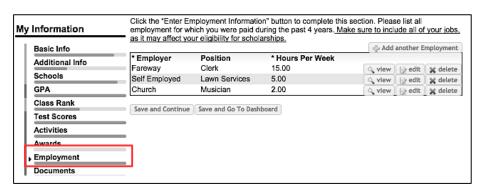
Awards Page

Not Required by Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars.

Employment Page

Click Enter Employment Information.

Complete all * *information.
Note: Create separate entries for summer employment and school-year employment.



Documents Page

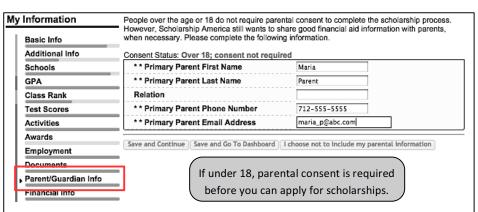
Not Required by Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars.

Parents/Guardian Info

Click **Edit Parent Information**Complete all ** information.

If you're 18 or over, click I choose not to include my parental information or Save and Continue or Save and Go to Dashboard.

If you're under 18, enter your parent/guardian's information and click



Request Consent from Parent/Guardian. Then ask your parents to check their email and to follow the online instructions to set up an account and to Grant Consent. Tell your parents that the email comes from Scholarship America, not you. If your parents do not have an email address, enter sldollarsforscholars@gmail.com as the Primary Parent Email Address. Then you MUST print a form and ask a parent to sign it and turn it into your guidance counselor. This form is available from your guidance counselor. A link to print the form yourself is also available on the Student/Parent Log In page on the website. Before you click the large red "Click to Login" button to enter your email/password, there is a link titled "Print Consent Form" on the bottom of the webpage.

If applicable, you may also select I am legally emancipated.

If you are under 18 years of age, you will not be able to apply for scholarships (Part B of this process) until your parents grant consent!

Financial Information Page

Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars does *not* award scholarships based on financial need so we do NOT require that you complete the financial information page.

Essays Page

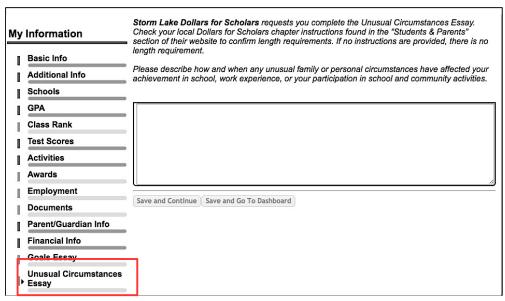
Goals and Aspirations Essay: Make a statement of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future goals. Please do NOT include your name in this information. Your statement should show a plan of progressive steps, writing about each step as clearly as possible and with as many details as possible. Information that could be included in these steps: college major or emphasis of study, postgraduate plans, plans for

| My Information | | Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars requests you complete the Goals and Aspirations Essay. Check your local Dollars for Scholars chapter instructions found in the "Students & Parents" section of their website to confirm length requirements. If no instructions are provided, there is no length |
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| 1 | Basic Info Additional Info | requirement. Please describe your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future goals. |
| 1 | Schools | |
| 1 | GPA | |
| 1 | Class Rank | |
| 1 | Test Scores | , |
| 1 | Activities | , |
| 1 | Awards | |
| 1 | Employment | Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard |
| 1 | Documents | Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard |
| 1 | Parent/Guardian Info | |
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| Ŀ | Goals Essay | |

employment or re-location after graduation, and plans for business ownership or sharing of skills in community.

__Enter Unusual Circumstances Essay:

Please report any unusual family or personal circumstances you feel warrant the attention of the Awards Committee. Unusual circumstances include: illness of self or family member, chronic medical condition or life-threatening illness, physical or learning disability, recent tragedy, divorce, recent refugee or immigrant, and major financial difficulty in family. Points are also awarded for short explanations of how



you were affected by the unusual circumstance and how you overcame this adversity. Please do NOT include your name in this information.

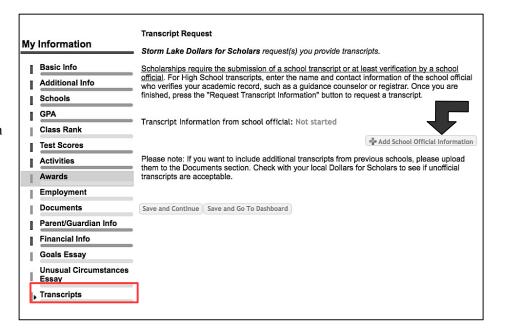
Note: Enter N/A if this section is not applicable to your application.

Please spellcheck, proofread and grammar check your work. Responses to these essays CAN be copied and pasted from a Word document if you need the spellcheck feature!

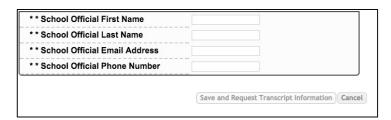
References/Transcript Page

Click Add School Official Information.

Complete all ** information using the guidance counselor contact information below...



Send email to your appropriate guidance counselor: Ms. Jodi Theisen jtheisen@slcsd.org 712.732.8065 Ms. Sandy Mouw smouw@slcsd.org 712.732.8065 Mrs. Brittany Hill bhill@slcsd.org 712.732.8065 Mrs. Connie Smith csmith@stormlakecatholic.com 712.732.4590



Click Save and Request Transcript Information.

Click Add Reference Information.

Complete all ** information. Please select a teacher, guidance counselor, or someone associated with your life who can vouch for your character. Do not select a family member or other relative.

Click Save and Request Appraisal.

Complete the last page of this packet – Instructions for Completing Applicant Appraisal – and give it to the person you selected to be your reference.

Click Save and Go to Dashboard.

| My Information | | Reference Request | | | | |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| iviy | information | Storm Lake Dollars for Sch | nolars requests you provide | references. | | |
| ī | Basic Info | Scholarships require the submission of a recommendation. Make sure you follow any instruct provided by your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate. Please enter the name and contact information of your selected reference. Once you are finished, press the "Request" | | | | |
| 1 | Additional Info | | | | | |
| 1 | Schools | Recommendation" button to | request a recommendation | be completed. | | |
| li | GPA | Recommendation from Refe | | | | |
| I | Class Rank | Recommendation from Refe | rence: Not started | | | |
| I | Test Scores | | | Add Reference Information | | |
| ı | Activities | | | | | |
| I | Awards | Save and Look for Scholarships | Save and Go To Dashboard | | | |
| I | Employment | | | | | |
| I | Documents | | | | | |
| I | Parent/Guardian Info | | | | | |
| I | Financial Info | | | | | |
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Look at My Information section.

Worked through every instruction so far, you've completed the information required by Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars. Entering additional data (marked *) will move your percentages closer to 100% and may make you eligible for other state and national scholarships awarded by Scholarship America. We encourage you to complete Part B of these instructions first so you're sure to be considered for our local scholarships.

__Financial Information, Transcript Information, and Recommendation: You'll see the words "Not Started" or "Requested" or "Complete." Keep in touch with your counselor and the individual you asked for a recommendation until you see that both have been completed – and your parents (if you're under 18 and therefore need their consent to apply for scholarships).

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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>Transcript Information</u> from Counselor: <u>Requested</u>
<u>Recommendation</u> from Counselor or other Reference: <u>Not started</u>
<u>Consent</u> from Parent or Guardian: <u>Over 18</u>; consent not required

My Scholarships

•To search and submit to scholarships or accept scholarships you've been awarded Click Here

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.

Note these sections: My Scholarships, My Opportunities, My Scholarship News, My Resources. Take a closer look at My Opportunities where we post announcements and reminders from the Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars chapter and My Resources where you can print a resume based on the information you entered into your profile.

Part B: My Scholarships

opportunities.

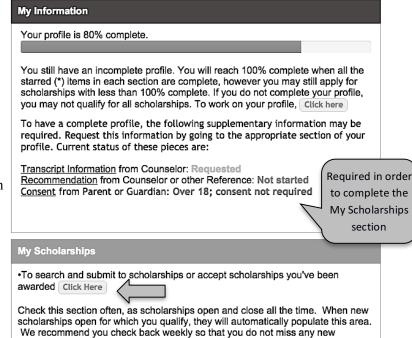
This is where you apply for the Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars Scholarships.

Log in to your dashboard at: www.StormLake.dollarsforscholars.org

Scroll down to the My Scholarships section.

Click the button Click Here

NOTE: If under the age of 18 and parental consent has not been granted, you will be unable to apply for scholarships. If you added your parent's email address on the prior **Parent/Guardian Info** page, please ask your parents to check their email and to follow the online instructions to set up an account and to Grant Consent



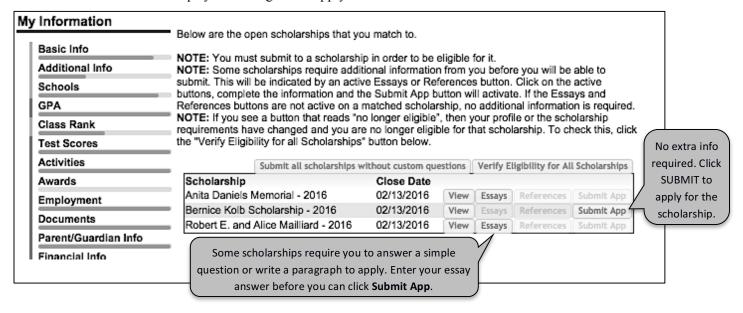
Answer the Yes/No eligibility questions. Note: Some questions may seem repetitive but it's important to respond to each one. Each question is tied to a specific scholarship.

Are you entering a ROTC program or are you a child or grandchild of a veteran?

Are you planning to pursue a field of study in Pre-Med or BSN? OR Are you planning to pursue a field of study in Pre-Med or BSN? OR Are you planning to pursue a field of study in Pre-Med or BSN? OR Are you planning to pursue a field of study in Pre-Med or BSN? OR Are you planning to pursue a field of study in Pre-Med or BSN? OR Are you planning to pursue a field of yes No Are you planning to pursue a career in education or teaching?

Yes No Yes No Yes No

You should see a list of scholarships you are eligible to apply for.



- ___ Click **Verify Eligibility for Additional Scholarships** to make sure you've responded to the Yes/No questions correctly.
- Click **View** for each specific scholarship to make sure you want to apply for it. Note: Some scholarships require additional information (**Essays**) before the application can be submitted.
- Click **Submit App** for each scholarship you want to be considered for. When submitting, you'll be asked *Are You Sure?* Click **Confirm.**

Congrats! You made it through the process!

- ____Keep your Login information in a safe place and check back in especially the **My Scholarships** section. You may be eligible for other state or national scholarships and you can use this system to apply for them.
- Check your email on a regular basis. We'll keep you informed about the Awards Ceremony and what you'll need to do to accept your scholarship(s). Awards Ceremony: $May 6^{th} 1:30 pm Storm Lake High School Auditorium$

Dollars for Scholars

Instructions for Completing Applicant Appraisal

For teacher, activity sponsor, or high school guidance counselor

| it in your Inbox). *** The email i | is from <i>Scholars</i> | hin America | | | |
|---|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| *** The email is from Scholarship America *** The subject line says: A student has requested information for a Scholarship | | | | | |
| America Application | | | | | |
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| Please be aware that this email questions that require a one-cli | | | | nt Appraisal has eight | |
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| Please follow the instructions | | | | | |
| You'll be asked to Set Your P | | • | | | |
| Enter whatever word you | wish to have (an | id remember) as y | our password. | | |
| Click Save Password | | X7 311 1 1 1 | | 0 11:.: 1 | |
| Write your password dow | | | e to use it again next year | r or for any additional | |
| students this year who requ | iest a recommen | idation. | | | |
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| this type of request) the link in | * | - | | <u> </u> | |
| the system this way: | t the eman win t | | ou list of why students o | at you can also access | |
| Go to: | | My Information | | | |
| www.StormLake.dollarsf | forscholars.org | Please review and edit the followi | ng demographic information, if needed. | | |
| Click on the Students | U | NOTE: If you have any questions side of the screen to send us a he | about this process or are running into any issues, plea lp ticket with the details of your issue/question. | | |
| Click to Login | | | | Updated 12/10/2015 by Denise Ballou | |
| References: Click he | re to login | First Name Last Name | SL Dollars for Scholars | | |
| | | E-mail address SLdollarsforscholars@gmail.com | | | |
| To complete the Applicant Ap | praisal: Look at | Mailing Opt Out Primary Phone | No 712-299-3935 | | |
| your list of My Students . | | | | | |
| | | My Students | | | |
| Click Add Recommendate | tion for specific | Please complete a recommendation for the following student(s). Click the "Add Recommendation" button and follow the instructions detailed there. Once you have completed the recommendation, you must click the "Submit Appraisal" button to complete the action. | | | |
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| name. A student's | The applicant's choice of po | ostsecondary education program | n is | Select 💠 | |
| application can earn 1 or | | t realistic and attainable goals is | 3 | Select ‡ | |
| 2 additional points based | The quality of the applicants community is | | | | |
| on your comments here. | The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources Select The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative Select Selec | | | | |
| Click Save . A window | The applicant demonstrates good problem solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks Select \$ | | | Select 💠 | |
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| Click on the box in the | | | | | |
| middle of the window. | | | | | |
| Click Submit Recommen | dation for speci | ific student. | | | |
| Note: You will not be able | e to edit after voi | u Submit Recom | mendation | | |

Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars scholarship. Please check your email (and your SPAM folder if you don't see

is requesting that you provide information in support of his/her application for a