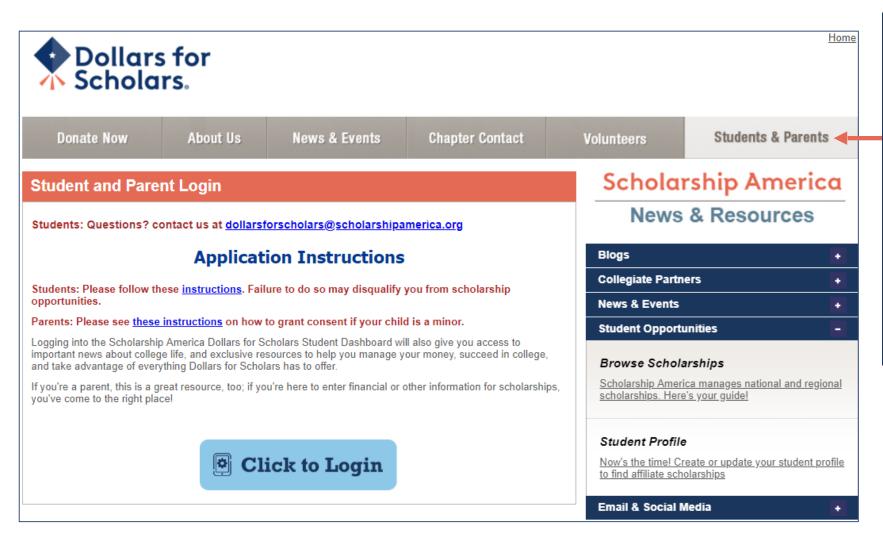
Decorah Community School Foundation

Scholarship America - Dollars for Scholars

Completing the Student Profile





- Visit the Decorah Dollars for Scholars website.
- decorah.dollarsforscholars.org
- Click on the student and parent login tab.
- Look for and follow any specific instructions provided on the web page.
- "Click to Login."



The Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center

Welcome to the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center! Your profile here will allow you to match to and apply for scholarships managed by your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate.

In order to be eligible for Dollars for Scholars scholarships, you need to have a Dollars for Scholars affiliate serving your area. (Click here to search before you get started.) We encourage you to go to the Students & Parents Tab of your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate website for specific instructions on applying and deadlines.

If there's no Dollars for Scholars affiliate in your area, you will not be eligible for a Dollars for Scholars scholarship. You can still create a profile to access financial aid resources, college guidance and application tips. We also encourage you to check out the national and regional scholarships managed by Scholarship America.

If you have a profile, log in below. Don't have an account yet? Create one here.

Didn't receive the login email? Click the gray support button on the left side of the screen.

Student Login				
* Email Address Password				
rassword	Logia			
Forgot Password?	Login			

Parents

Parents: Click Here to Log In

School Officials

School Officials: Click Here to Log In

References

References: Click Here to Log In

 If you don't already have an account, create one here.



Welcome To Scholarship America Student Center

Thank you for your interest in Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars. To get started on your profile, find your high school in the list below using the available filters and click the "Choose This School" button to the right of it.

- If you are/were home schooled enter "Home Schooled" into the High School Name field and select the option that appears.
- If you received your GED, please enter "GED" into the High School Name field and extect the generic GED option that
 appears.
- If you graduated from an **international high school**, please enter "Laernational School" into the High School Name and select the Not in USA filter in the State drop down and select the option that appears.
- If you CANNOT FIND YOUR HIGH SCHOOL, please click on the gray Support tab on the left side of the screen and send
 us your school's name and location so we can add it to our database.



Showing 1 record(s).

High School Name	City	State ZIP
SAINT (ST.) CROIX FALLS HIGH	SAINT (St.) CROIX	Wisconsin 54024 Choose This School
SCHOOL	FALLS	

- Start by entering the name of your high school.
- If your school name returns too many results, you can filter by the city, state, or zip code of your school.
- Click " Choose This School" where your high school appears.



Step 2: Fill Out Your Basic Information Please complete the following fields and check the box at the bottom of the page to agree to our terms and conditions. All items with a double star (**) are required before the form can be submitted. Please use a non-school email address. Click on the grey ? Support button on the bottom left side of the screen to submit a help ticket to us with the details of your issue/question. Submit Cancel ** Legal First Name 😱 ** Legal Last Name (2) ** Primary State or Province -- Select --** Primary Address Line 1 @ Primary Address Line 2 **Primary Apartment** Search ** Primary City (2) ** Primary County -- Select --** ZIP or Postal Code ** Which school district do you reside in? (Search ** Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) ** Email Address (2) ** Confirm Email Address *** *** **** ** Primary Phone Number Primary Phone Text Capable - check box ** Opt in for Text Messages from local Chapter, Primary YesNo Phone? ** Current Grade Level -- Select --** Year Graduated/ Expected Graduation from High -- Select --School ** Race 🔞 -- Select --* * Ethnicity -- Select --** I understand that my online profile contains confidential personal data. I hereby authorize Dollars for Scholars to review the information in my profile for the purpose of determining my eligibility for scholarships. I also understand and agree that Dollars for Scholars may transfer, store and process my profile data in any of its offices in conjunction with the selection process for a I verify that I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines for this program. I understand that I may withdraw my consent to processing at any time by contacting Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars but that doing so will impact Dollars for Scholars' ability to consider my application. By registering for an account, consent to the statements above and to the guidelines for the Dollars for Scholars program, and I consent to receive relevant electronic communications from Scholarship America. Submit Cancel

- Fill in all the fields with the appropriate information.
- Read the terms and conditions, check the box to agree to them, and then "Submit."
- An email will be sent to you with your login information. Check other folders (Junk/ SPAM/etc.) if the email is not found in your Inbox.
- Please use a personal email that you will be able to check now and in the future

Dear Marty McFly,

Thanks for registering for the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars student center. Please follow the link below and use the information listed to get log into your account. When you first log in, you will be prompted with a popup asking you to set your password at which point you can set it to whatever you want to use going forward. After you set your password, you can complete your profile and start submitting to scholarships!

Login page: https://public.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?action=userLogin

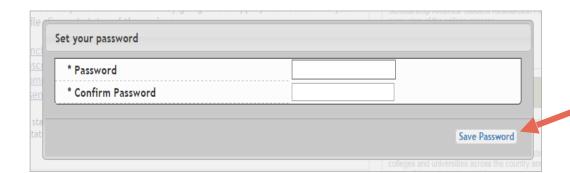
Email:: martymcfly@gmail.com

Temporary Password: 887560aee637464064fa

Instructions for completeing the profile can be found here.

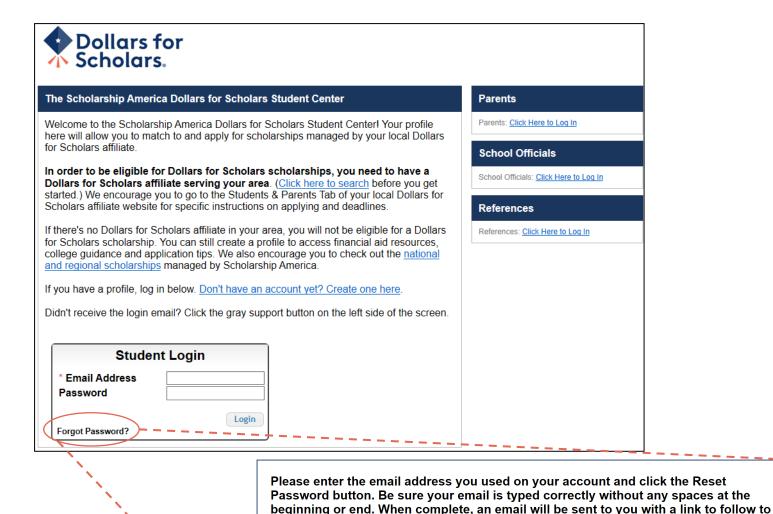
If you have any questions or run into any issues while completing your profile, you can reply to this email with the details of your question/issue and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

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 The email you receive will provide a link to the login page and a temporary password.

> When you first log in, a popup will ask you to set your password. Enter the password you want to use moving forward, and click "Save Password."



Email Address

get back into your account and set a new password. If you don't see this email in your

Close Reset Password

inbox within a couple minutes, be sure to check spam.

- If you have forgotten your password, click "Forgot Password?"
- Turn-off pop-up blockers in your browser.
- Enter the email address associated with your Dollars for Scholars account.
- Click "Reset Password" and an email will be sent to you with instructions to set a new password.



Welcome, Marty McFly Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website

My Dashboard

My Information Your profile is 95% 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.

Work on Profile

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:

Financial Information from Parent or Guardian: Requested

Transcript Information: Submitted

Recommendation from Reference: Submitted Consent from Parent or Guardian: Consent Granted

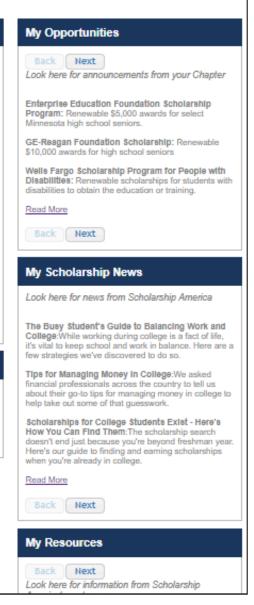
Scholarships I've Applied for this Year: 1



Search for Scholarships

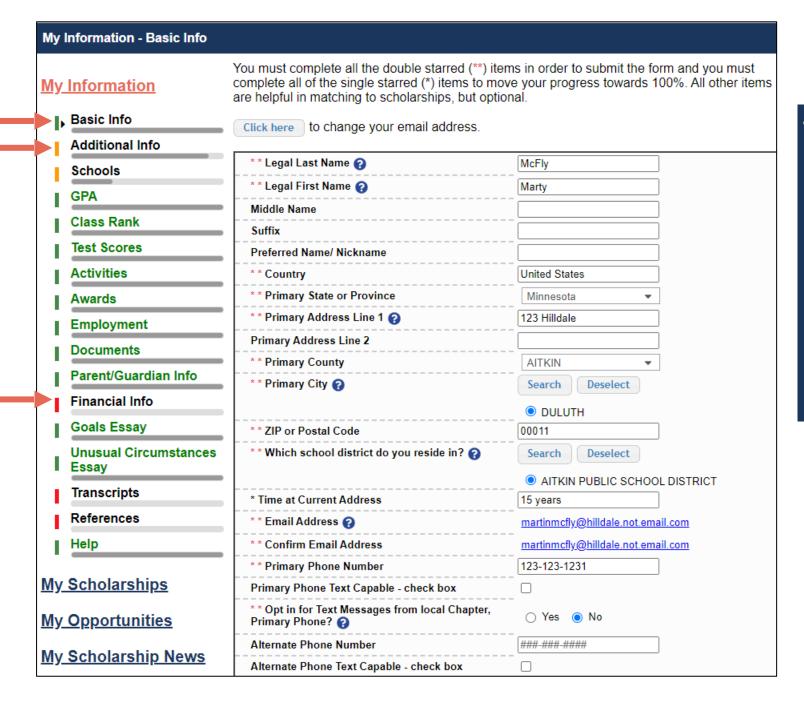
Search to see if you match to or if there are any updates to any open scholarships.

Check this section often, as scholarships open and close all the time. We recommend you check back weekly so you do not miss any new opportunities.

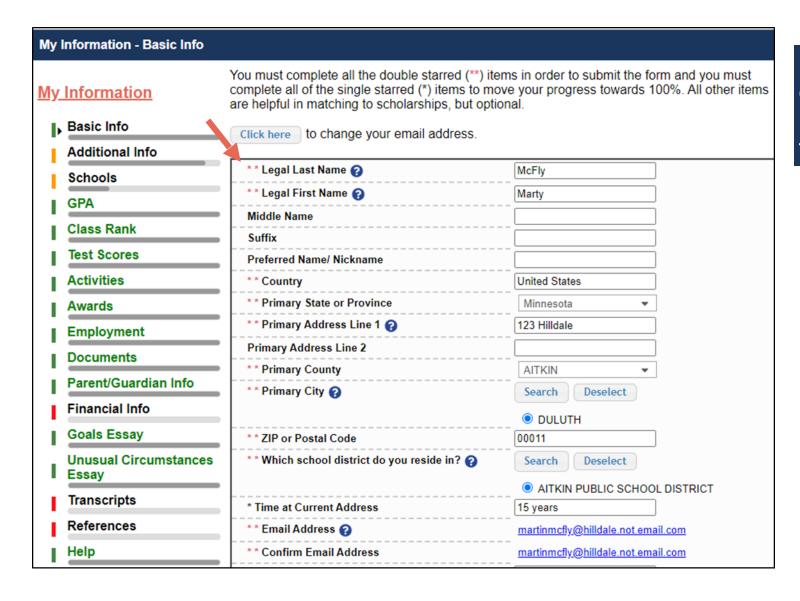


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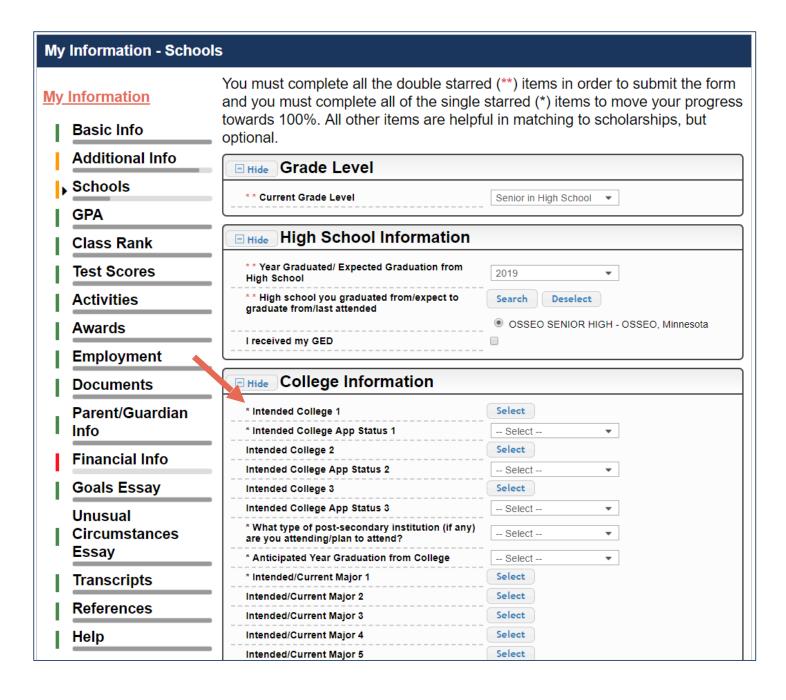
- View your local Dollars for Scholars under **Your Chapter** Matches. Click the name to be directed to their website.
- **My Information:** View your progress and follow the link to complete your profile.
- **My Opportunities:** View other scholarship opportunities that you may be eligible for.
- My Scholarship News & My **Resources:** View and use other national news and resources.
- My Scholarships: Search for scholarships.



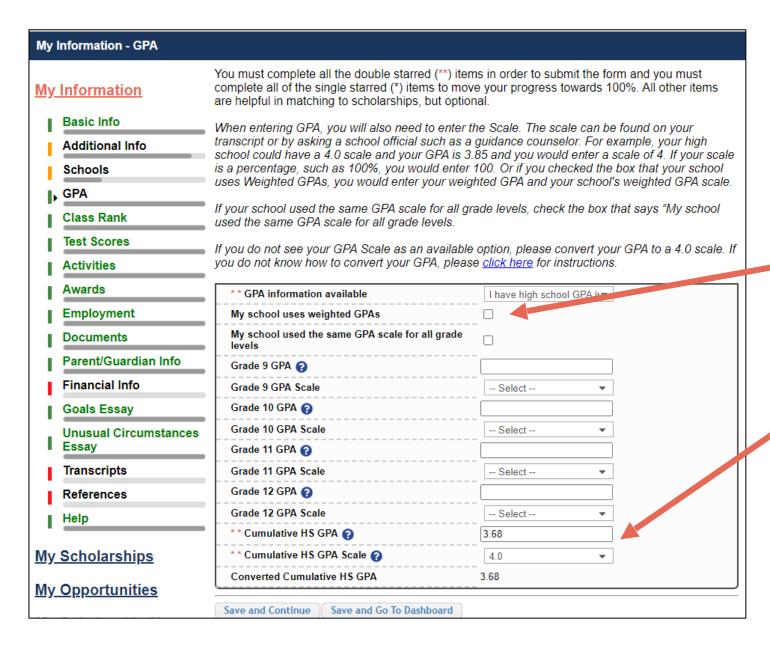
- When completing your profile, notice the progress bars – The color indicates the level of completeness of each section.
 - Red = Not started
 - Yellow = Started but not completed
 - Green = Complete



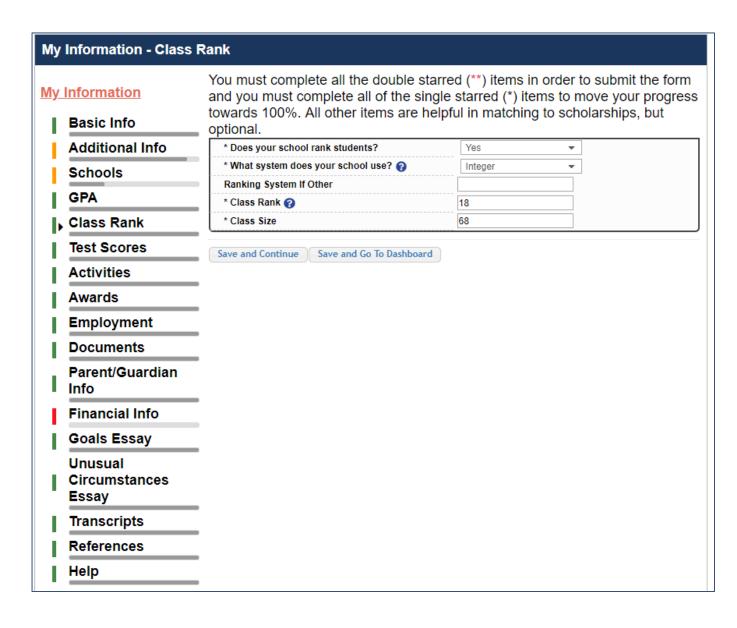
Items marked with a double ** are required to move on from each section.



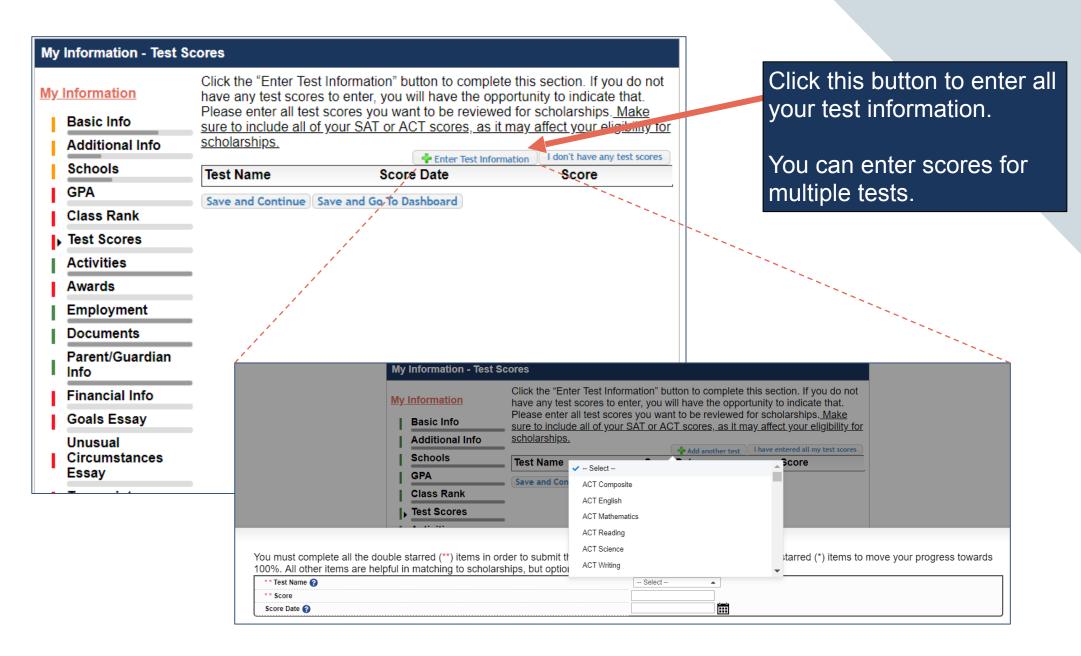
- Items marked with a single star * are factored into your profile completion percentage.
- Complete all starred fields to move your profile to 100% completion.
- NOTE: Being 100%
 does NOT mean you
 have applied to a
 scholarship.

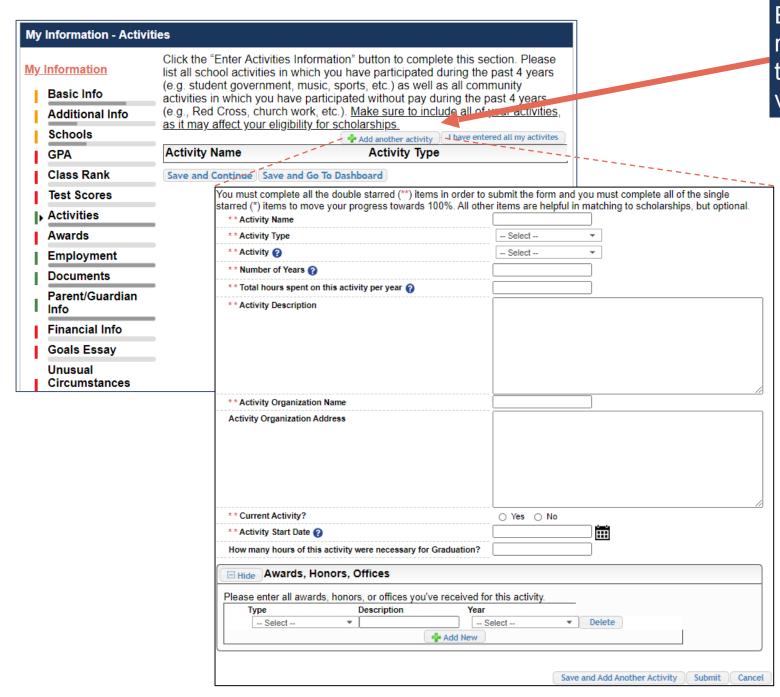


- Accuracy is important.
- If you have a weighted GPA, make sure you check this box.
- Enter your GPA and the GPA scale as shown on your transcript or check with your School Official/ Counselor.



- Class Rank may be used along with GPA information.
- If your school ranks students, select the system used.
- If your school does not rank students, select "No".

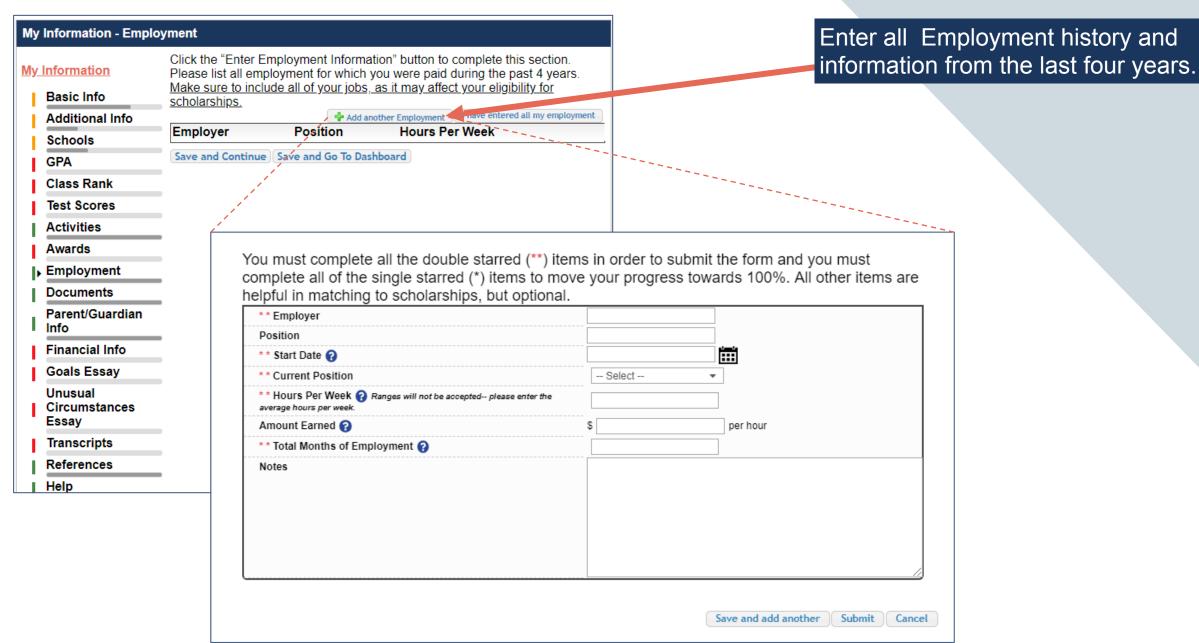


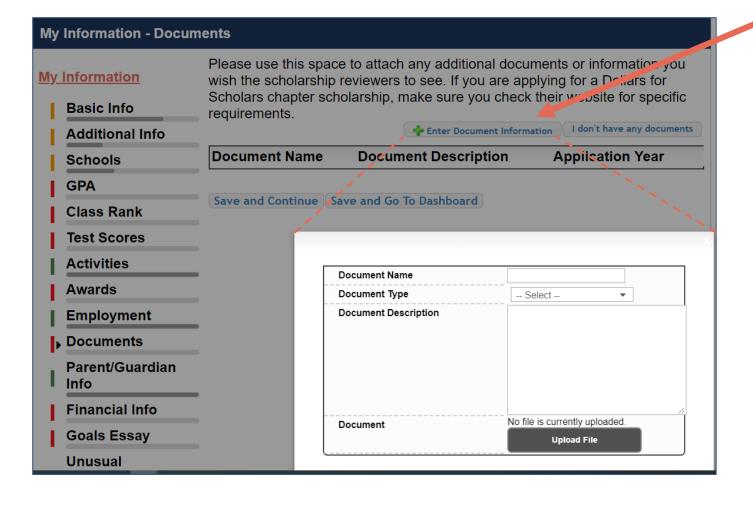


Enter all school and non-school related extracurricular activities for the last four years (church, sports, volunteering, etc.).

This Activity form appears when you click "Add an activity."

- The required fields are indicated by **.
- When entering an Athletic Activity you will also need to enter a Level of Involvement.
- Make sure to enter any Awards, Honors, or Offices held associated with this activity.



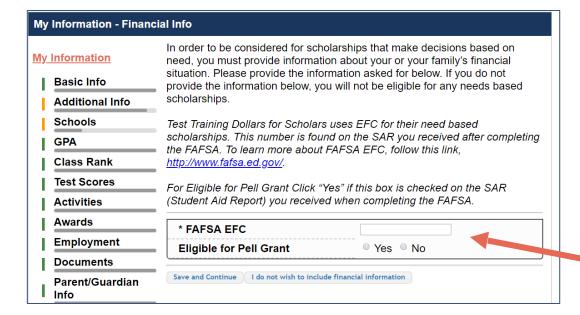


- Click "Enter Document Information" to upload additional application documents.
- In the pop-up, enter the Document Name, select the Document Type, enter Document Description, and upload the file.

If you're under 16 years old, you MUST HAVE parental/guardian consent to apply for scholarships.

- Enter your parent/guardian information and request consent.
- If you are 16 or older, you can still enter your parent/guardian information.

Because you are under 16, you must receive permission from a parent/guardian to complete the scholarship application process. Use the form below to enter information about your 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.					
In the rare case that you are emancipated from your parents, you would not be required to have parental permission. If you believe that you qualify, Click here to see if you meet the criteria.					
Consent Status: Not started					
* * Primary Parent First Name					
* * Primary Parent Last Name					
Relation					
* * Primary Parent Phone Number ##########					
* * Primary Parent Email Address					
Request Consent from Parent/Guardian Save and Go To Dashboard I am legally emancipated					



My Information - Finan	cial Info			
My Information	In order to be considered for scholarships that make decisions based on need, you must provide information about your or your family's financial situation. Please provide the information asked for below. If you do not			
Basic Info	provide the information below, you will not be eligible for any needs based scholarships. Test Training Dollars for Scholars requests your parent fills out our financial form for their needs based scholarships. Enter your parent info below to request the information. Your parent will receive an email with further instructions on completing this task. For Eligible for Pell Grant Click "Yes" if this box is checked on the SAR (Student Aid Report) you received when completing the FAFSA.			
Additional Info				
Schools				
GPA				
Class Rank				
Test Scores				
Activities				
Awards Parent Information				
Employment	* Primary Parent First Name			
Documents	* Primary Parent Loot Name			
Parent/Guardian	* Primary Parent Last Name			
Info	Relation			
Financial Info	* Primary Parent Phone Number			
Goals Essay	* Primary Parent Email Address			
Unusual Circumstances	Request Info from Parent I am legally emancipated I do not wish to include financial information			

In order to be considered for need-based scholarships, you need to provide financial info.

What is shown in this section depends on what your local Dollars for Scholars requests.

You may be asked to provide your EFC,

OR

 Your parent's information so they can provide more detailed financial information,

OR

 If your local Dollars for Scholars does not require financial info, the instructions will indicate this.

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

Our scholarship application requires a Goals and Aspirations Essay.

- Provide an essay describing your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives.
- See the next slide for additional tipson writing the essay.

The Goals and Aspirations Essay is your opportunity to explain why you have chosen to continue your studies.

A thoughtful and well-written essay (a minimum of two paragraphs) will let the scholarship committee know what your academic interests are, who has influenced these interests and what you have done to prepare for post-high school education.

**It is important to not use any names in your essay writing.

**It may be helpful to write your essay in a word processing program, and then copy and paste it into the correct field online.

Scoring of the Essay

Total Points Possible for Goals and Aspirations Essay: 20 pts

5 = Complete well thought out answer with no errors

4 = Well thought out answer with 1-2 errors

3 = An "okay" answer with 1-3 errors

2 = A "fair" answer with far too many errors

1 = Not a sensible response

Description of the educational goal: 5 pts 1= vague; 5= well thought out

Quality of Content in the response: 5 pts Based on errors in the writing.

Steps to the Goal: 5 pts Evidence of Participation / Preparation in setting the goal: You might find an outline of classes or activities they have participated in that support this goal

Influenced by: 5pts Personal experience(s) or particular people with a major impact in helping decide this goal

Examples of Essay Answers with Score

4 points - 1 step answer that is vaque in nature

Examples: "I plan to be an accountant" or "I want to be a success"

8 points - 2 step answer

Examples: "I plan to be an accountant and later work in my father's firm" or "I plan to major in biology and do medical research"

12 points - 3 step answer

Example: "I plan to major in accounting, earn a CPA after graduation, and work in my father's firm."

16 points - 4 step answer

Example: "I plan to major in accounting, earn a CPA after graduation, and work in my father's firm for several years. Once experienced, I plan to start my own firm in California."

20 points - 5 step answer

Example: "I plan to major in accounting, earn a CPA after graduation, and work in my father's firm for several years. Once experienced, I plan to start my own firm in California where I will capitalize on computer technology by offering accounting software to my clients."

DCSD Foundation Essay Writing Tips

1. Show who YOU are!

- Essays are your chance to show something unique about you that is not already represented on your application.
- Think about what you are passionate about and how to incorporate this passion into your essay.
- What do you want the scholarship organization to know about you?

DCSD Foundation Essay Writing Tips

2. Be Professional

- Scholarship essays are not long tweets or Facebook posts
- No lower case "i's", no OMGs
- Google yourself before your scholarship organization does-keep your social media clean
- Use a professional sounding email address

DCSD Foundation Essay Writing Tips

3. Review Your Essay

Does my essay...

- •Address all parts of the essay question?
- •Sound vague, or general?
 - OUse specifics. Tell a story, with a beginning, middle and end. No fillers, avoid summarizing at the end.
- Meander all over the place?
 - OStart with a strong statement.
 - Connect what you have done to what you will do in the future.
- •Sound familiar, like a cliché?
 - Tell the story only you can tell. Make it your own.

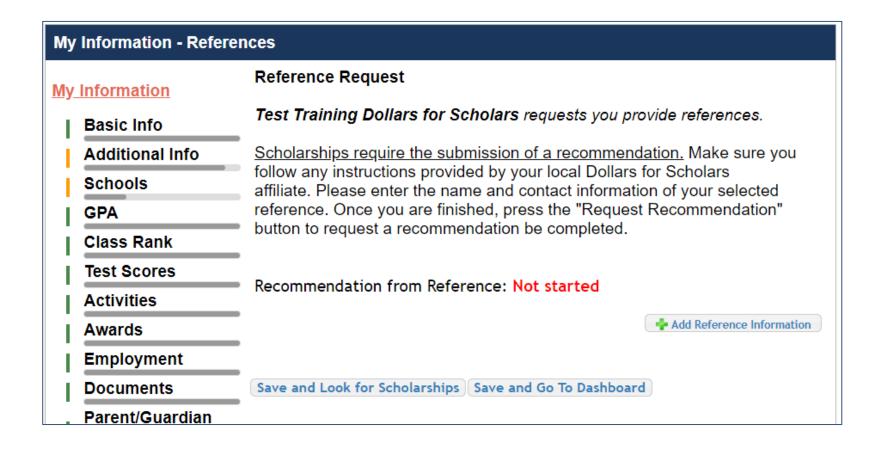
More Helpful Hints

- Write up essay in word processing software such as a Google Doc or Pages/Microsoft Word and then copy into the student profile.
- Check for grammar and spelling.
- Save the essay for future use in another application.

My Information - Transcripts Transcript Request **My Information** Test Training Dollars for Scholars request(s) you provide transcripts. Basic Info Scholarships require the submission of a school transcript or at least Additional Info verification by a school official. For High School transcripts, enter the name Schools and contact information of the school official who verifies your academic record, such as a guidance counselor or registrar. Once you are finished, **GPA** press the "Request Transcript Information" button to request a transcript. Class Rank Test Scores Transcript Information: Not Started, request transcript from School Activities Official Awards Add School Official Information **Employment** Please note: If you want to include additional transcripts from previous Documents schools, please upload them to the Documents section. Check with your local Dollars for Scholars to see if unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Parent/Guardian Info Financial Info Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard Goals Essay Unusual Circumstances Essay Transcripts

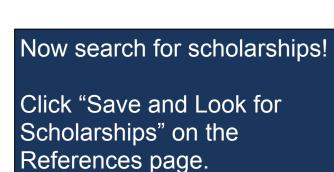
Our scholarship application requires a transcript or verified transcript information.

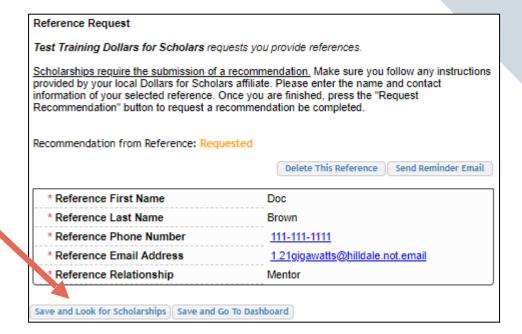
- Click "Add School Official Information" to request your transcript information.
- Make sure you use the correct email for your school official



Our scholarship application requires a recommendation.

 Click "Add Reference Information" to request your recommendation.





Click "Search for Scholarships" on My Dashboard.

My Scholarships

Search for Scholarships

Search to see if you match to or if there are any updates to any open scholarships.

Check this section often, as scholarships open and close all the time. We recommend you check back weekly so you do not miss any new opportunities.

Click "My Scholarships" in the menu on any page.

My Scholarships

My Opportunities

My Scholarship News

My Resources

■ References

Applying for Scholarships

On the My Scholarships page, your Dollars for Scholars may have additional questions you need to answer to verify your eligibility for scholarships.



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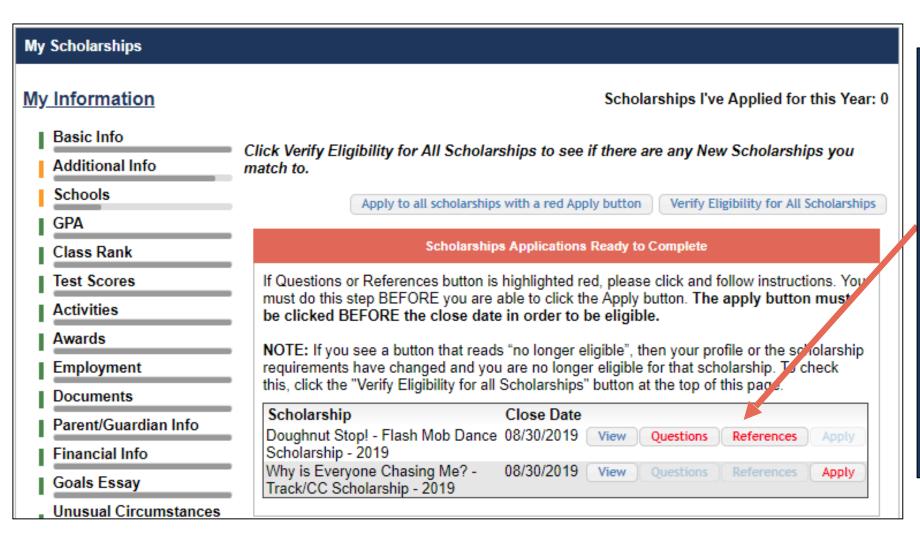


Welcome, Marty McFly
Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website
NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS
Test - Test Training Dollars for Scholars

Thank you for searching for scholarships in our system. You need to answer all of the questions listed below, if any, to help determine your eligibility for scholarships. <u>Make sure to click the "Submit" button after you have answered all of the questions.</u>

If you have incorrectly answered any of these questions and want to change your response, please contact dollarsforscholars@scholarshipamerica.org or click the gray support button on the bottom, left corner of the page.

Hide Custom Eligibility	
Have you been involved in community service (Church, school, city, etc.)?	○ Yes ○ No



- Some Dollars for Scholars require additional openended questions and/or additional references.
- Click the active Questions and/or References buttons to complete the additional information.
- As with the previous screen, your Dollars for Scholars may or may not have these additional questions or references.

Scholarships I've Applied for this Year: 0

Click Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships to see if there are any New Scholarships you match to.

Apply to all scholarships with a red Apply button Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships

Scholarships Applications Ready to Complete

If Questions or References button is highlighted red, please click and follow instructions. You must do this step BEFORE you are able to click the Apply button. The apply button must be clicked BEFORE the close date in order to be eligible.

NOTE: If you see a button that reads "no longer eligible", then your profile or the scholarship requirements have changed and you are no longer eligible for that scholarship. To check this, click the "Verify Eligibility for all Scholarships" button at the top of this page.

Scholarship	Close Date				
Doughnut Stop! - Flash Mob Dance Scholarship - 2019	08/30/2019	View	Questions	References	Apply
Why is Everyone Chasing Me? -	08/30/2019	View	Questions	References	Apply
Track/CC Scholarship - 2019					

- Additional question or reference information may be required before submitting an application for certain scholarships. The "Apply" button will activate only after these are complete.
- If no further information is required, the "Apply" button will already be active.
- To be eligible for a scholarship, you MUST click "Apply."

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO APPLY FOR ALL SCHOLARSHIPS THAT ARE VERIFIED ELIGIBLE!

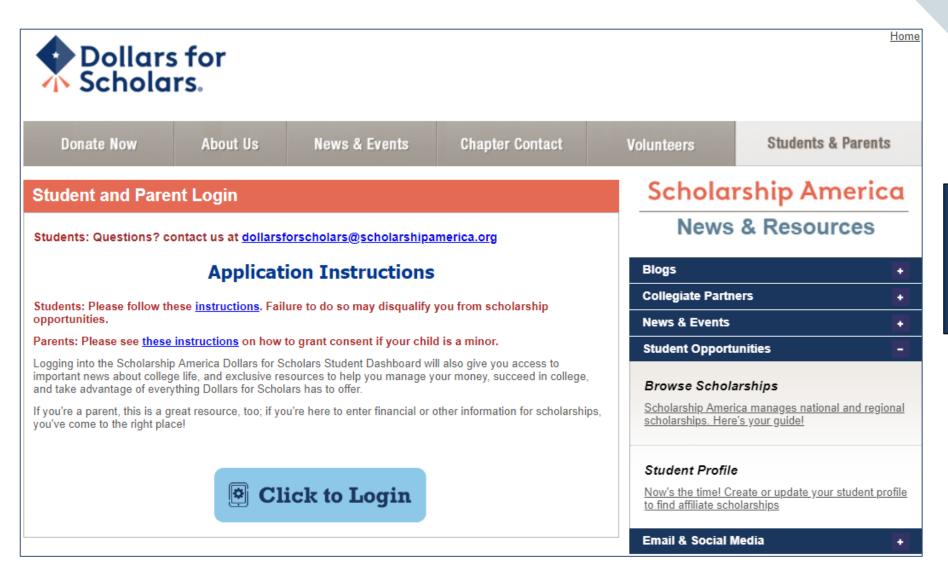
My Information - Help My Information Welcome to the Help section! Please look through the FAQ below for an answer to your question. **Basic Info** If you can't find the answer below, click on the gray Support tab on the left hand side of the screen and send us a help ticket with the details of your question. Additional Info You can find a general overview of the student profile here. Schools **GPA** FAQ: Class Rank My profile is less than 100% complete, how do I know where I'm missing info? **Test Scores** My profile is at 100%, does that mean I'm done? Activities My parent/reference/counselor isn't receiving any emails, what do I do now? Awards **Employment** How do I submit my profile? Documents Can I submit to my matched scholarship(s) even if my transcript/reference Parent/Guardian information isn't submitted yet? Info How can I change my answers to an eligibility question? **Financial Info** Goals Essay How do I accept a scholarship I've been awarded? Unusual When will my scholarship funds be sent to my college? Circumstances Essay How do I contact my local Dollars for Scholars chapter? **Transcripts** References Q. My profile isn't at 100% completion, how do I know where I'm missing Help information? A. All the sections of the profile are color coded by completion - red = not My Scholarships started, yellow = started but not completed and green = complete. Look for the My Opportunities red or vellow sections in your profile, this is where you are missing information.

(?) Support

- Check out the Help section for Frequently Asked Questions.
- If you have any questions not answered here or need technical assistance, contact the Support team.

You can also ask Mr. Trewin or contact the DCSD Foundation Scholarship Chair

<u>scholarships@decorah.k12.ia.us</u>



You can get back to your profile at any time via "Click to Login" on your Dollars for Scholars' Students & Parents page.

