

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:

<u>Personal Data</u> : Work Experience, Activities, Leadership Contributions,
Education/Career Objective, Unusual Circumstances
Applicant Appraisal: An evaluation by someone who knows you well
Scholastic Performance: Your Grade Point Average

40 points Scholastic Aptitude: Your ACT score

Getting Started

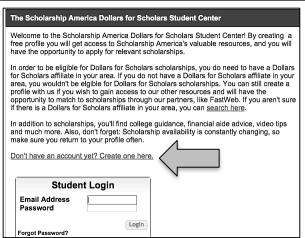
Go to website (www.StormLake.dollarsforscholars.org) and click on the Students & Parents tab

Click to Login



___ Click here to set up your account.

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



Charter students will also select **STORM LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

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 select the generic GED option that
- If you graduated from an international high school, please enter "International 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
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High School Name | City | Storm lake| | State | -- Show All -- | + | ZIP |



High School Name	City	State	ZIP	
STORM LAKE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL	STORM LAKE	lowa	50588	Choose This School
Storm Lake Charter School	STORM LAKE	lowa	50588	Choose This School
STORM LAKE HIGH SCHOOL	STORM LAKE	lowa	50588	Choose This School
Storm Lake St. Mary's High School	Storm Lake	lowa		Choose This School

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Submit Cancel		
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** Legal Last Name @		Student
** Primary State or Province		Iowa \$
** 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 • STORM LAKE COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT
** Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)		01/01/1999
** Email Address @		sample student@abc.com
** Confirm Email Address		charter Students
* * Primary Phone Number		713 CEE CEEE
Primary Phone Text Capable - o	heck box	High School"
** Current Grade Level	Senior in Hig	th School
* * Year Graduated/ Expected G School	raduation from High	Charter Students
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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.

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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>
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OR

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

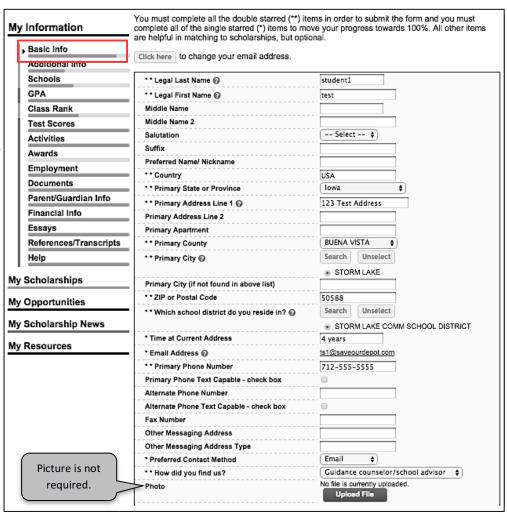
Part A: My Information

Basic Information Page

Click Enter Basic Information.

Complete all ** information.

Note: We do NOT require a photo.

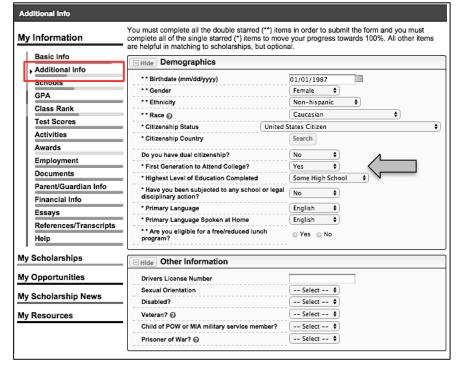


Additional Information Page

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

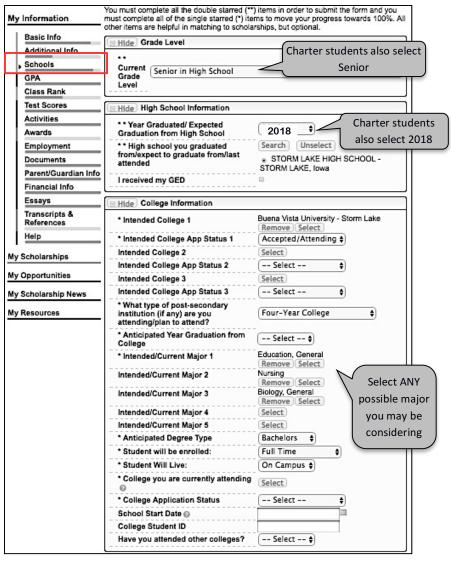
You should see *High School You Expect to Graduate From* information from the initial get-started entry process.

___ 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.

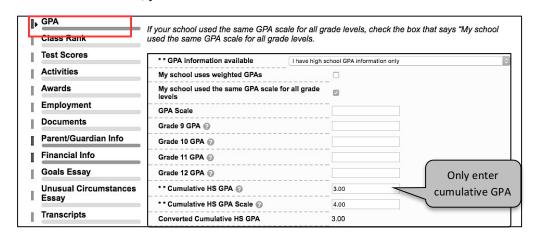


GPA Page

- ____ 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

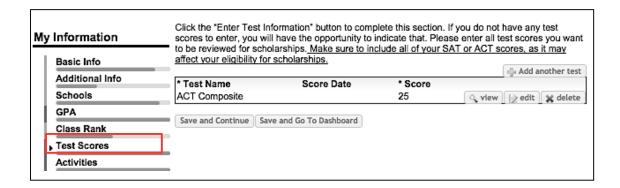
<u>Not Required</u> by Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars. If you choose to enter this information, please select "Integer" in response to *What system does your school use?* and enter your Class Rank and Class Size information as noted on your report card at the end of the first semester

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.

Information		ive participated during the past 4 years (e.g. I community activities in which you have par			
Basic Info	the past 4 years (e.g., Re	ed Cross, church work, etc.). Make sure to in			
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/Arts/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
	BAseball	Athletic Activities	Q view	edit	💥 delete
Awards	All State Tryout	Music/Theater/Arts/Activities	Q view	edit	💥 delete
Employment	Drumline	Music/Theater/Arts/Activities	Q view	edit	* delete
Documents	Youth Group	Church/Religious Activities	Q view	edit	💥 delete
Parent/Guardian Info	HOnor Society	Clubs and Organizations	Q view	edit	* delete
	= KBVU	Community Service Activities	Q view	edit	💥 delete
Financial Info	Piano	Community Service Activities	Q view	edit	* delete
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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 sing	le starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.			
** Activity Name	High School Musical			
** Activity Type	Music/Theater/Arts/Activities †			
**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. Type	Description Year			
Select \$	Tear (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.

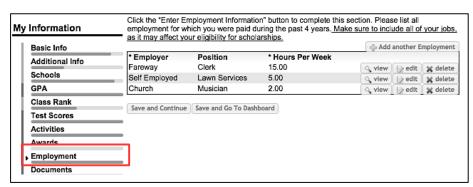
Awards Page

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

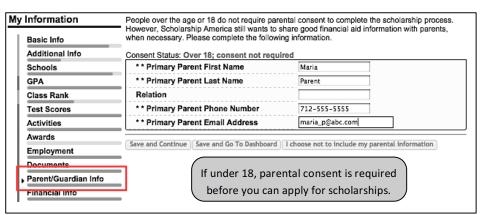
Not Required by Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars.

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.

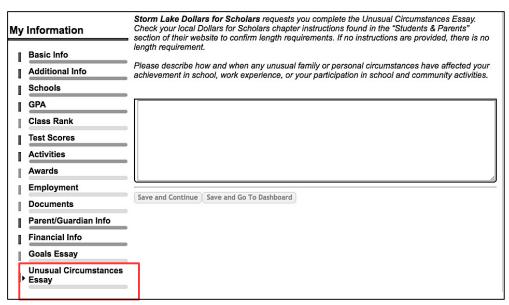
Please do NOT include your name in this information. Your statement should show a plan of progressive steps, writing about each step as clearly as possible and with as many details as possible. Information that could be included in these steps: college major or emphasis of study, post-

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 My Information their website to confirm length requirements. If no instructions are provided, there is no length ■ Basic Info Please describe your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future Additional Info Schools **GPA** Class Rank **Test Scores** Activities Employment Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard **Documents** Parent/Guardian Info Financial Info Goals Essav

graduate plans, plans for 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.

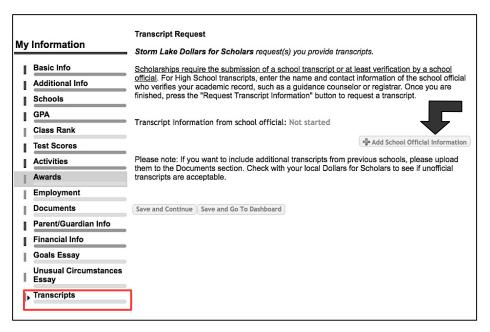
Note: Enter N/A if this section is not applicable to your application.

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!

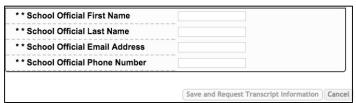
References/Transcript Page

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 **Request Transcript Information**. Note: Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars does NOT require a Transcript; counselors are asked to enter student's GPA and ACT Composite test score only.

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.

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y Information	Storm Lake Dollars for Sci	nolars requests you provide re	eferences.
Basic Info			. Make sure you follow any instructions
Additional Info		s for Scholars affiliate. Please reference. Once you are finish	
Schools	Recommendation" button to	request a recommendation be	completed.
GPA	Recommendation from Refe	range, blat started	
Class Rank	Recommendation from Refe	rence: Not started	
Test Scores			Add Reference Information
Activities			
Awards	Save and Look for Scholarships	Save and Go To Dashboard	
Employment			
Documents			
Parent/Guardian Info			
Financial Info			
Goals Essay			
Unusual Circumstances Essay			
Transcripts	1		
References			

___ Click Save and Go to Dashboard. Look at My Information section.

Your profile is xx% complete message: If you've 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).

Note these sections: My Scholarships, My Opportunities, My Scholarship News, My

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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

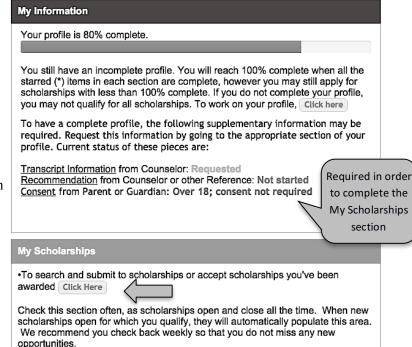
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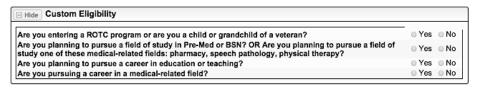
Scroll down to the My Scholarships section.

Click the button Click Here

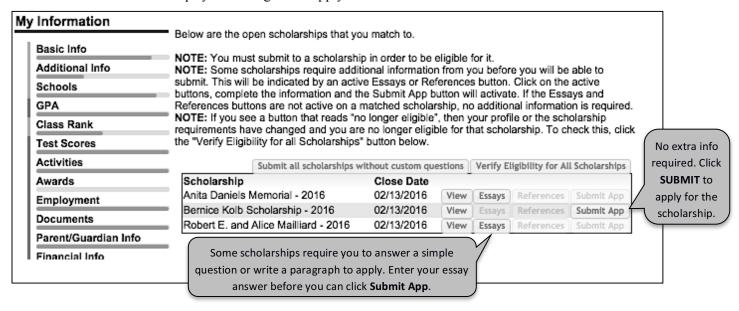
NOTE: If under the age of 18 and parental consent has not been granted, you will be unable to apply for scholarships. If you added your parent's email address on the prior **Parent/Guardian Info** page, please ask your parents to check their email and to follow the online instructions to set up an account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



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 Scholars	hip America			
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America Application					
Please be aware that this email	l is NOT asking	for a recommend	lation letter. The Applicant	Appraisal has eight	
questions that require a one-cli	ick response and	I space for a 2-4 s	sentence comment.		
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Please follow the instructions is	in the email to co	omplete the ONI	INE process.		
You'll be asked to Set Your P	assword. *** T	his actually mean	ns: CREATE Password.		
Enter whatever word you					
Click Save Password	`	,			
Write your password dow	yn in a safe plac	e. You'll be ab	le to use it again next year of	or for any additional	
students this year who requ	-		ξ	J	
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this type of request) the link in	`	•		-	
the system this way:					
Go to:		My Information			
www.StormLake.dollarsf	forscholars.org	Please review and edit the follow	ving demographic information, if needed.		
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Click to Login				Updated 12/10/2015 by Denise Ballou	
References: Click he	ere to login	First Name	SL		
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To complete the Applicant Ap	nraisal: Look at	E-mail address Mailing Opt Out	<u>SLdollarsforscholars@qr</u> No	mail.com	
your list of My Students .	praisar. Look at	Primary Phone	712-299-3935		
your list or way Students.		My Students			
Click Add Recommenda	tion for specific	Please complete a recommenda	tion for the following student(s). Click the "Add Recommen	dation" button and follow the	
student.	non for specific	instructions detailed there. Once complete the action.	you have completed the recommendation, you must click	the "Submit Appraisal" button to	
Select the appropriate resp	onse for each	* Legal First Name	* Legal Last Name		
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Click Save . A window	The applicant's respect for self and others is Select \$			Select 💠	
will pop up.	Comments about applicant (do not name student)				
Click on the box in the				·	
middle of the window.					
Click Submit Recommen	-				
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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