



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

Getting Started

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



Click to Login

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Student and Parent Login

The 2015-2016 application will be available December 14th!

Please download [step-by-step instructions](#) to see which application sections you are required to complete to apply for one of our Dollars for Scholars scholarships.

Any graduating senior at Storm Lake Public or Storm Lake St. Mary's who plans to pursue higher education may apply. Storm Lake Charter School students who plan to further their education may apply *when they have completed their Charter School program*. Our scholarships are awarded based on merit.

Applicants will be notified in early April.

A note about a scholarship from Scholarship America: The 2016 application period for the Scholarship America/Dollars for Scholars Student Volunteer Award is open in early 2016. Students can apply for this national scholarship by logging into their Dashboard. If you're eligible to apply, you'll see it in your list of Unsubmitted Applications. To apply for the Scholarship America/Dollars for Scholars Student Volunteer Award, you must receive a recommendation from a member of our local Storm Lake board. To do so, please enter our chapter email address (sldollarsforscholars@gmail.com). Go to the [Scholarship America website](#) for more details.

Click to Login

Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars application period is:
December 14, 2015 to February 12, 2016

Scholarship AMERICA
Helping Students Achieve Their Dreams

News & Resources

News & Events

12/4/2015 News Release
[Scholarship America Earns 4-Star Rating From Charity Navigator](#)

12/15/2015 Upcoming Events
[Come Together For the 2015-16 Affiliate Gatherings and Training Series](#)

Blogs

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Email and Social Media

HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR DREAMS

Click here to set up your account.

Enter *School Name, City, State, Zip* data. Select school.

The Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center

Welcome to the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center! By creating a free profile you will get access to Scholarship America's valuable resources, and you will have the opportunity to apply for relevant scholarships.

In order to be eligible for Dollars for Scholars scholarships, you do need to have a Dollars for Scholars affiliate in your area. If you do not have a Dollars for Scholars affiliate in your area, you wouldn't be eligible for Dollars for Scholars scholarships. You can still create a profile with us if you wish to gain access to our other resources and will have the opportunity to match to scholarships through our partners, like FastWeb. If you aren't sure if there is a Dollars for Scholars affiliate in your area, you can [search here](#).

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

[Don't have an account yet? Create one here.](#)

Student Login

Email Address

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

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 appears.
- 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 your school's name and location so we can add it to our database.

High School Name City State -- Show All -- ZIP

Showing 4 record(s).

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

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 condition. All items with a double star (**) are required before the form can be submitted. If you have any issues or questions, please click on the gray ? Support button on the bottom left side of the screen to submit a help ticket to us with the details of your issue/question.

** Legal First Name ?	<input type="text" value="Sample"/>
** Legal Last Name ?	<input type="text" value="Student"/>
** Primary State or Province	<input type="text" value="Iowa"/>
** Primary Address Line 1 ?	<input type="text" value="123 Tornado Dr"/>
Primary Address Line 2	<input type="text"/>
Primary Apartment	<input type="text"/>
** Primary City ?	<input type="button" value="Search"/> Criteria: storm <input type="button" value="Unselect"/>
	• STORM LAKE
** Primary County	<input type="text" value="BUENA VISTA"/>
** ZIP or Postal Code	<input type="text" value="50588"/>
** Which school district do you reside in? ?	<input type="button" value="Search"/> Criteria: storm <input type="button" value="Unselect"/>
	• STORM LAKE COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT
** Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)	<input type="text" value="01/01/1999"/>
** Email Address ?	<input type="text" value="sample_student@abc.com"/>
** Confirm Email Address	<input type="text" value="sample_student@abc.com"/>
** Primary Phone Number	<input type="text" value="712-555-5555"/>
Primary Phone Text Capable - check box	<input type="checkbox"/>
** Current Grade Level	<input type="text" value="Senior in High School"/>
** Year Graduated/ Expected Graduation from High School	<input type="text" value="2018"/>
* Intended College 1	Iowa Central Community College - Fort Dodge - Fort Dodge <input type="button" value="Remove"/> <input type="button" value="Select"/>
Intended College 2	<input type="button" value="Select"/>
Intended College 3	<input type="button" value="Select"/>
** Race ?	<input type="text" value="Other"/>
Race If Other	<input type="text"/>
** Ethnicity	<input type="text" value="Other"/>
Ethnicity If Other	<input type="text"/>

Charter Students select "Senior in High School"

Charter Students select 2018

___ Complete all ** information.

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
<p>Your profile is 80% complete.</p> <div><div></div></div>
<p>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</p> <p>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:</p> <p><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</p>
My Scholarships
<p>•To search and submit to scholarships or accept scholarships you've been awarded Click Here</p> <p>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.</p>

Questions? Email sldollarsforscholars@gmail.com

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.

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Help

Click here to change your email address.

** Legal Last Name ?

student1

** Legal First Name ?

test

Middle Name

Middle Name 2

Salutation

-- Select --

Suffix

Preferred Name/ Nickname

** Country

USA

** Primary State or Province

Iowa

** Primary Address Line 1 ?

123 Test Address

Primary Address Line 2

Primary Apartment

** Primary County

BUENA VISTA

** Primary City ?

Search

Unselect

STORM LAKE

Primary City (if not found in above list)

** ZIP or Postal Code

50588

** Which school district do you reside in? ?

Search

Unselect

STORM LAKE COMM SCHOOL DISTRICT

* Time at Current Address

4 years

* Email Address ?

ts1@saveourdepot.com

** Primary Phone Number

712-555-5555

Primary Phone Text Capable - check box

☐

Alternate Phone Number

Alternate Phone Text Capable - check box

☐

Fax Number

Other Messaging Address

Other Messaging Address Type

* Preferred Contact Method

Email

** How did you find us?

Guidance counselor/school advisor

Photo

No file is currently uploaded.

Upload File

Picture is not required.

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.

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You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

Demographics

Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)

01/01/1987

Gender

Female

Ethnicity

Non-hispanic

Race

Caucasian

Citizenship Status

United States Citizen

Citizenship Country

Search

Do you have dual citizenship?

No

First Generation to Attend College?

Yes

Highest Level of Education Completed

Some High School

Have you been subjected to any school or legal disciplinary action?

No

Primary Language

English

Primary Language Spoken at Home

English

Are you eligible for a free/reduced lunch program?

☐ Yes
☐ No

Other Information

Drivers License Number

-- Select --

Sexual Orientation

-- Select --

Disabled?

-- Select --

Veteran?

-- Select --

Child of POW or MIA military service member?

-- Select --

Prisoner of War?

-- Select --

Schools Page

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

Complete all ** information.

Charter School students 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.

The screenshot shows the 'My Information' section of a form. A red box highlights the 'Schools' tab in the left sidebar. Callouts provide instructions for Charter students: 'Charter students also select Senior' points to the 'Current Grade Level' dropdown, and 'Charter students also select 2018' points to the 'Year Graduated/ Expected Graduation from High School' dropdown. Another callout, 'Select ANY possible major you may be considering', points to the 'Intended/Current Major' dropdowns. The form includes sections for Basic Info, High School Information, and College Information.

My Information

You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

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Grade Level

** Current Grade Level: Senior in High School

High School Information

** Year Graduated/ Expected Graduation from High School: 2018

** High school you graduated from/expect to graduate from/last attended: STORM LAKE HIGH SCHOOL - STORM LAKE, Iowa

I received my GED

College Information

* Intended College 1: Buena Vista University - Storm Lake

* Intended College App Status 1: Accepted/Attending

Intended College 2: -- Select --

Intended College App Status 2: -- Select --

Intended College 3: -- Select --

Intended College App Status 3: -- Select --

* What type of post-secondary institution (if any) are you attending/plan to attend?: Four-Year College

* Anticipated Year Graduation from College: -- Select --

* Intended/Current Major 1: Education, General

Intended/Current Major 2: Nursing

Intended/Current Major 3: Biology, General

Intended/Current Major 4: -- Select --

Intended/Current Major 5: -- Select --

* Anticipated Degree Type: Bachelors

* Student will be enrolled: Full Time

* Student Will Live: On Campus

* College you are currently attending: -- Select --

* College Application Status: -- Select --

School Start Date: -- Select --

College Student ID: -- Select --

Have you attended other colleges?: -- Select --

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.

The screenshot shows the 'GPA' section of the form. A red box highlights the 'GPA' tab in the left sidebar. The form includes a dropdown for 'GPA information available' and checkboxes for 'My school uses weighted GPAs' and 'My school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels'. Below these are input fields for 'GPA Scale', 'Grade 9 GPA', 'Grade 10 GPA', 'Grade 11 GPA', 'Grade 12 GPA', 'Cumulative HS GPA', 'Cumulative HS GPA Scale', and 'Converted Cumulative HS GPA'. A callout, 'Only enter cumulative GPA', points to the 'Cumulative HS GPA' field.

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If your school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels, check the box that says "My school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels."

** GPA information available: I have high school GPA information only

My school uses weighted GPAs: ☐

My school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels: ☒

GPA Scale: -- Select --

Grade 9 GPA: -- Select --

Grade 10 GPA: -- Select --

Grade 11 GPA: -- Select --

Grade 12 GPA: -- Select --

** Cumulative HS GPA: 3.00

** Cumulative HS GPA Scale: 4.00

Converted Cumulative HS GPA: 3.00

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.

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Click the "Enter Test Information" button to complete this section. If you do not have any test scores to enter, you will have the opportunity to indicate that. Please enter all test scores you want to be reviewed for scholarships. Make sure to include all of your SAT or ACT scores, as it may affect your eligibility for scholarships.

* Test Name	Score Date	* Score
ACT Composite		25

view

edit

delete

Add another test

Save and Continue

Save and Go To Dashboard

Activities Page

Click **Enter Activities Information**.

Click **Add Another Activity**.

Complete all * information for each activity.

My Information

Click the "Enter Activities Information" button to complete this section. Please list all school activities in which you have participated during the past 4 years (e.g. student government, music, sports, etc.) as well as all community activities in which you have participated without pay during the past 4 years (e.g., Red Cross, church work, etc.). Make sure to include all of your activities, as it may affect your eligibility for scholarships.

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* Activity Name	* Activity Type	
High School Musical	Music/Theater/Arts/Activities	view edit delete
Jazz Band	Music/Theater/Arts/Activities	view edit delete
Basketball	Athletic Activities	view edit delete
Tennis	Athletic Activities	view edit delete
Cross Country	Athletic Activities	view edit delete
Baseball	Athletic Activities	view edit delete
All State Tryout	Music/Theater/Arts/Activities	view edit delete
Drumline	Music/Theater/Arts/Activities	view edit delete
Youth Group	Church/Religious Activities	view edit delete
Honor Society	Clubs and Organizations	view edit delete
KBVU	Community Service Activities	view edit delete
Piano	Community Service Activities	view edit delete
DECA	Clubs and Organizations	view edit delete

+ Add another activity

I have entered all my activities

You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional.

** Activity Name

** Activity Type

** Activity

** Number of Years

** Total hours spent on this activity per year

Activity Description

Activity Organization Name

Activity Organization Address

Activity Start Date

Activity End Date If applicable

How many hours of this activity were necessary for Graduation?

High School Musical

Music/Theater/Arts/Activities

Play/drama productions (musicals, one-act plays, etc.)

1

45

Participated in a minor role during our school's spring production of "Hello Dolly!"

03/09/2015

05/08/2015

0

Please read Note 1 and Note 2

Hide

Awards, Honors, Offices

Please enter all awards, honors, or offices you've received for this activity.

Type

Description

Year

-- Select --

-- Select --

Add New

Delete

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 award in this way: specific or special recognition given to a student for his or her outstanding achievements 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 honor in this way: specific or special recognition given to a student for his or her outstanding efforts 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.

The screenshot shows the 'My Information' page with a sidebar on the left containing links: Basic Info, Additional Info, Schools, GPA, Class Rank, Test Scores, Activities, Awards, **Employment** (highlighted with a red box), and Documents. The main content area has a heading 'Click the "Enter Employment Information" button to complete this section. Please list all employment for which you were paid during the past 4 years. Make sure to include all of your jobs, as it may affect your eligibility for scholarships.' Below this is a table with columns: * Employer, Position, * Hours Per Week, and buttons for view, edit, and delete. The table contains two entries: 'Foreway' as a 'Clerk' for '15.00' hours, and 'Church' as a 'Musician' for '2.00' hours. At the bottom of the table are buttons for 'Save and Continue' and 'Save and Go To Dashboard'.

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.

The screenshot shows the 'My Information' page with a sidebar on the left containing links: Basic Info, Additional Info, Schools, GPA, Class Rank, Test Scores, Activities, Awards, Employment, Documents, **Parent/Guardian Info** (highlighted with a red box), and Financial Info. The main content area has a heading 'People over the age or 18 do not require parental consent to complete the scholarship process. However, Scholarship America still wants to share good financial aid information with parents, when necessary. Please complete the following information.' Below this is a section for 'Consent Status: Over 18; consent not required' with a form containing fields for: ** Primary Parent First Name (Maria), ** Primary Parent Last Name (Parent), Relation, ** Primary Parent Phone Number (712-555-5555), and ** Primary Parent Email Address (maria_p@abc.com). At the bottom of the form are buttons for 'Save and Continue', 'Save and Go To Dashboard', and 'I choose not to include my parental information'. A callout box on the right says 'If under 18, parental consent is required before you can apply for scholarships.'

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

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Goals Essay

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 requirement.

Please describe your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future goals.

Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard

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.

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Goals Essay

Unusual Circumstances Essay

Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars requests you complete the Unusual Circumstances 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 requirement.

Please describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.

Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard

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...

My Information

- Basic Info
- Additional Info
- Schools
- GPA
- Class Rank
- Test Scores
- Activities
- Awards
- Employment
- Documents
- Parent/Guardian Info
- Financial Info
- Goals Essay
- Unusual Circumstances Essay
- Transcripts**

Transcript Request

Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars request(s) you provide transcripts.

Scholarships require the submission of a school transcript or at least verification by a school official. For High School transcripts, enter the name and contact information of the school official who verifies your academic record, such as a guidance counselor or registrar. Once you are finished, press the "Request Transcript Information" button to request a transcript.

Transcript Information from school official: Not started

[+ Add School Official Information](#)

Please note: If you want to include additional transcripts from previous schools, please upload them to the Documents section. Check with your local Dollars for Scholars to see if unofficial transcripts are acceptable.

[Save and Continue](#) [Save and Go To Dashboard](#)

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

** School Official First Name

** School Official Last Name

** School Official Email Address

** School Official Phone Number

[Save and Request Transcript Information](#) [Cancel](#)

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.

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

My Information

- Basic Info
- Additional Info
- Schools
- GPA
- Class Rank
- Test Scores
- Activities
- Awards
- Employment
- Documents
- Parent/Guardian Info
- Financial Info
- Goals Essay
- Unusual Circumstances Essay
- Transcripts
- References**

Reference Request

Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars requests you provide references.

Scholarships require the submission of a recommendation. Make sure you follow any instructions 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 Recommendation" button to request a recommendation be completed.

Recommendation from Reference: Not started

[+ Add Reference Information](#)

[Save and Look for Scholarships](#) [Save and Go To Dashboard](#)

— *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**

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.

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:

Transcript Information from Counselor: **Requested**
Recommendation from Counselor or other Reference: **Not started**
Consent 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.

Part B: My Scholarships

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

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Required in order to complete the My Scholarships section

____ 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.

☐ Hide **Custom Eligibility**

Are you entering a ROTC program or are you a child or grandchild of a veteran?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are you planning to pursue a field of study in Pre-Med or BSN? OR Are you planning to pursue a field of study one of these medical-related fields: pharmacy, speech pathology, physical therapy?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are you planning to pursue a career in education or teaching?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are you pursuing a career in a medical-related field?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

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

My Information
Basic Info
Additional Info
Schools
GPA
Class Rank
Test Scores
Activities
Awards
Employment
Documents
Parent/Guardian Info
Financial Info

Below are the open scholarships that you match to.

NOTE: You must submit to a scholarship in order to be eligible for it.

NOTE: Some scholarships require additional information from you before you will be able to submit. This will be indicated by an active Essays or References button. Click on the active buttons, complete the information and the Submit App button will activate. If the Essays and References buttons are not active on a matched scholarship, no additional information is required.

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 below.

Submit all scholarships without custom questions Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships

Scholarship	Close Date				
Anita Daniels Memorial - 2016	02/13/2016	View	Essays	References	Submit App
Bernice Kolb Scholarship - 2016	02/13/2016	View	Essays	References	Submit App
Robert E. and Alice Mailliard - 2016	02/13/2016	View	Essays	References	Submit App

No extra info required. Click **SUBMIT** to apply for the scholarship.

Some scholarships require you to answer a simple question or write a paragraph to apply. Enter your essay answer before you can click **Submit App**.

___ 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 6th – 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

_____ is requesting that you provide information in support of his/her application for a Storm Lake Dollars for Scholars scholarship. Please check your email (and your SPAM folder if you don't see it in your Inbox).

*** The email is from *Scholarship America*

*** The subject line says: *A student has requested information for a Scholarship America Application*

Please be aware that this email is NOT asking for a recommendation letter. The **Applicant Appraisal** has eight questions that require a one-click response and space for a 2-4 sentence comment.

Please follow the instructions in the email to complete the ONLINE process.

You'll be asked to **Set Your Password**. *** This actually means: CREATE Password.

___ Enter whatever word you wish to have (and remember) as your password.

___ Click **Save Password**

___ Write your password down in a safe place. You'll be able to use it again next year or for any additional students this year who request a recommendation.

After you've created your password (and the next time you receive an email from Scholarship America with this type of request) the link in the email will take you directly to a list of **My Students** but you can *also* access the system this way:

Go to:

www.StormLake.dollarsforscholars.org

___ Click on the **Students & Parents** tab

___ Click to **Login**

___ **References:** Click here to login

To complete the Applicant Appraisal: Look at your list of **My Students**.

___ Click **Add Recommendation** for specific student.

___ Select the appropriate response for each question. Add **Comments** but please do

NOT use the student's name. A student's application can earn 1 or 2 additional points based on your comments here.

___ Click **Save**. A window will pop up.

___ Click on the box in the middle of the window.

___ Click **Submit Recommendation** for specific student.

Note: You will not be able to edit after you **Submit Recommendation**

My Information		
Please review and edit the following demographic information, if needed.		
NOTE: If you have any questions about this process or are running into any issues, please click on the gray Support tab on the left side of the screen to send us a help ticket with the details of your issue/question.		
Updated 12/10/2015 by Denise Bailou edit		
First Name	SL	
Last Name	Dollars for Scholars	
E-mail address	SLdollarsforscholars@gmail.com	
Mailing Opt Out	No	
Primary Phone	712-299-3935	

My Students		
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.		
* Legal First Name	* Legal Last Name	* Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy)
test	student1	01/01/1987
		Add Recommendation

The applicant's choice of postsecondary education program is	-- Select --
The applicant's achievements reflect his/her ability	-- Select --
The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is	-- Select --
The quality of the applicants commitment to school and community is	-- Select --
The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources	-- Select --
The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative	-- Select --
The applicant demonstrates good problem solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks	-- Select --
The applicant's respect for self and others is	-- Select --
Comments about applicant (do not name student)	

Questions? Email sldollarsforscholars@gmail.com