Tri-West Dollars for Scholars (TW\$4S) Student Profile Information

We started our \$4Scholars Chapter 7 years ago, in that time we have awarded over \$220,000 in scholarships to TWHS graduates. We are here to help you because college is expensive! Getting started early with your profile will only help you have a better chance at receiving a scholarship when you are a senior. Your completed profile will allow you to "match" to any local and national scholarships that you qualify for during your senior year. Please follow these instructions to set up and complete your profile.

YOU MUST USE GOOGLE CHROME AS YOUR BROWSER!

GET HELP:

At any point in the process, online help can be requested by clicking on the "support" tab at the bottom left of the screen.

Additional sources for help include the TW\$4S contacts:

Kathy Waite 340-3410 JKBusiness@indy.rr.com

Or

JR Prentice 403-2058 JRdollars777@gmail.com

Or

TWHS Guidance Office

<u>Underclassmen</u>, please begin your profile now. It's much easier to plug information in throughout high school, rather than wait until your senior year and try to remember it all. For now, concentrate on the following tabs: <u>Activities, Awards, and Employment</u>. You may also upload <u>documents</u> (i.e., Award Certificates) if you choose. You will update the other tabs during your senior year. *Before 12th grade, there is no reason to enter financial information, write essays, seek online parental approval or upload transcripts.*

Please see below the instructions to help you create your profile.

Create a New User:

- 1) Log into the TWHS Webpage, click on \$4Scholars in the menu on the left of the home page. After the link opens, click on the Students & Parents tab and then "Click to login"
- 2) Select this option in blue "Don't have an account yet? Create one here."

Enter "Tri-West" in school name field (hyphen required) and Tri-West High School will pop up. Next, click on "choose this school."

Fill out your basic information on this page. ** items are required. When it asks for which school district you reside in, type in "North West" and North West Hendricks School Corporation will pop up. "North West" must be two words.

After completing the fields check the box next to the paragraph in red, and then click submit.

You will then receive a "Login Information" email.

To log into your school email, you must login through the TWHS web page, not through Google or Gmail. Go to the TWHS webpage, click on the Resources Tab. Click on Microsoft Office and Email. Click again on the Mail Tab. Look for the email from Scholarship America. Highlight only the password in that email, no extra spaces before or after it, copy that password. Next, click on the login link within that email. Login to Dollars for Scholars using your school email and paste the provided password. You will then be redirected to verify your password. Now, input your school password. Your school password is now your password.

Note on email address:

To set up this account within the school building, we must use your school email address. After your account is set up, change your email address to one that is now valid and will continue to be valid beyond your senior year in high school.

Specific Helpful Profile Instructions:

- If you lose this page or the Phone-a-Thon Application Form, you may find a copy of them on the Student/Parent Login Page main screen at the bottom. Just click on the links to locate copies of these forms.
- Most of the profile is self-explanatory. However, here are a few hints that could help you during the process. When you have fully completed a section, you'll notice the colored bar to the left of the section heading will turn green. Completion of all sections is not required, but to receive the maximum benefit possible, it is suggested that students complete all sections.
- *In the GPA Section, check the box that says "My school uses weighted GPAs". You may obtain your end-of-year GPA's from the TWHS Guidance Department by requesting a transcript. Near the top, the transcript will print your GPA from each completed year at TWHS as well as your current Cumulative GPA. Filling in grade level GPA's is optional. You must fill in the "Cumulative Weighted HS GPA" and for the "Cumulative Weighted GPA Scale," enter 4.0.
- *In the Class Rank Section, "Yes" Tri-West does rank students. Choose the "integer" option.
- *For the Financial Information Section, FOR SENIORS ONLY just wait until you receive your "FAFSA Expected Family Contribution number (EFC)". Once you have completed your FAFSA, you can just plug that dollar figure into the Financial Information page and the section will be complete. You are not required to complete the Pell Grant information. There is no need to complete the SPC information if asked.

(Note: Our Phone-a-thon awards are not need-based. However, other local awards that we sponsor as well as many state and national awards do consider need. If you choose to be considered for need-based scholarships, your correct FAFSA number must be input.)

*For the References Section, you only need to request a reference IF THE SCHOLARSHIP YOU ARE APPLYING FOR REQUIRES A REFERENCE. Most of our local chapter scholarships do NOT require a reference. Phone-a-thon scholarships do NOT require a reference.

*For the Transcripts Section, below is the guidance counselor information you will need. Once the Guidance Department has received your request for transcript and uploaded your transcript to your file, the bar beside this section will turn green. You need only request this your senior year.

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For additional state & national scholarship opportunities: Click on the Fastweb scholarship link under the "My Scholarships" tab in the "Scholarship America Partners Scholarship" banner.

SENIORS: WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU FILL YOUR PROFILE OUT AND COMPLETE YOUR PHONE-A-THON (AND OTHER) APPLICATIONS/ESSAYS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DEADLINE (Most are due: February 26, 2018).