2020 St. Louis Park High School Scholarship Application Information

- Scholarship application can be found on the St. Louis Park Dollars for Scholars website: stlouispark.dollarsforscholars.org in the "Students and Parents" tab.
- **DO NOT** use your slpschools.org email when creating your account.
- Applications are due by 3:30 pm on Thursday, March 12, 2020.
- There will be a computer 'help' session in 'At large' computer lab during 5th hour on Tuesday, March 10th think of this as a time to check your work, not to start the application process.
- Students can only receive one scholarship from St. Louis Park Dollars for Scholars.
- Scholarship night is Wednesday, May 20th, students receiving awards will be notified by mail.
- All students **must** provide Goals and Aspirations essay (in the Goals and Aspirations tab).
- All students must provide an answer to the question "What personal strength(s) you have gained from your experiences from either St. Louis Park High School or the St. Louis Park community-at-large? What would a scholarship mean to you?" This question can be found in the "My Scholarships" tab.
- Students are required to have a recommendation by a person of their choosing. Make sure that you talk to the person you are asking to do a recommendation prior to providing contact information.
- Students must click on the "Submit App" for any scholarship they want to be considered for.

Helpful information for filling out application:

All questions with 2 asterisks (**) must be answered. Ones with 1 asterisks (*) do not need to be answered, but will affect the percent complete in profile bar.

When creating an account use:

School: St. Louis Park High School

School District: St. Louis Park Public School District

Once your account has been created, make sure that you are connected to: <u>MN1128 – St. Louis Park Dollars for Scholars</u> at the top right corner.

Please see Barb Nelson in the Counseling Office if you have questions or contact me at: nelson.barbara@slpschools.org or 952-928-6131

SCHOOLS Profile Bar

College information is not required, but may affect scholarship eligibility – answer what you know to the best of your ability.

GPA Profile Bar

SLPHS calculates GPA on a 4.0 scale and is not weighted

Also, only the cumulative HS GPA is required. Cumulative GPA can be found on Naviance

CLASS RANK Profile Bar

Does your school rank students? - Yes

TEST SCORES Profile Bar

Test scores are not used to determine St. Louis Park scholarship awards. Do not need to fill out this area.

ACTIVITIES Profile Bar

Fill out all sports, clubs, community service, arts, music and church activities you wish to have considered. Use 100 hours for varsity sports as the "Total hours spent on this activity per year"

AWARDS Profile Bar

These are outside scholarship awards (financial or other).

EMPLOYMENT Profile Bar

List all employment

DOCUMENTS Profile Bar

Feel free to upload a resume for example, not required.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFO Profile Bar

Enter parent/guardian contact information – please include a valid email. You do not need to get consent for the application as you are over 16.

FINANCIAL INFO Profile Bar

Financial information is not required.

GOALS ESSAY and UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES ESSAY Profile Bars

An essay on <u>Goals and Aspirations</u> is **required** for all applications. An essay about any Unusual Circumstances <u>is optional</u>, but may be used to tell the awards committee other things that you might want considered. Minimum of 250 words.

TRANSCRIPTS Profile Bar

No Transcript required – <u>DO NOT</u> REQUEST FROM MS. MILNE

REFERENCES Profile Bar

<u>All</u> students must have a recommendation by a person of their choosing. Once you add reference information, click "Save and Request Recommendation". All recommendation requests will come from Scholarship America via email, you should notify the person that you are getting your recommendation from that the request has been made.

NOTE: It may take several days for a recommendation response. Please make your request for a recommendation as soon as you can to make sure it can get done before the deadline.

MY SCHOLARSHIPS

-Students are **required** to write an answer to the following question:

What personal strength(s) you have gained from your experiences from either St. Louis Park High School or the St. Louis Park community-at-large? What would a scholarship mean to you? This question can be found under the Scholarship Chapter Additional Information box (click on Questions). You will not be able to apply for any scholarships until this essay is complete and you have clicked on "submit".

- Click "Verify Eligibility"
- -Answer all eligibility questions; submit answers to the custom questions.
- -Click "View" to see detail of scholarships
- -Click "Submit App" to complete application submittal for any one you wish to be considered for. There are many scholarships that **all students** are eligible for.
- -Some scholarships require additional essays and/or references and must be completed before scholarship can be submitted.