

2021 TVUSD SENIORS & PARENTS

Temecula Dollars for Scholars (TDFS) is celebrating over 30 years of providing college financial aid in the Temecula Valley Unified School District! Over **\$200,000** in scholarships were given out to the graduating class of 2020! The scholarship process is **NOW OPEN** and **will close February 1, 2021**. **Start your free online student profile now**. The TDFS application/student profile is similar to the UC Common App and is linked to Fastweb.com. By completing **ONE online application**, you could qualify for dozens of school, community, AND national scholarships. All info can be found at www.temecula.dollarsforscholars.org. To guide you through the online process, below is a **recommended timeline**.

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

- Begin/complete your TDFS online profile. The more complete your profile, the better chance you have to be matched to scholarships. **NOTE: Being “matched” to a scholarship means your application matches donor criteria set for scholarships, not that you have been awarded a scholarship.**
- Begin seeking references and requesting letters of recommendation. Make sure the email address for your reference is correct. Check your profile to ensure references have been submitted. It is *your responsibility* to contact your reference and confirm submission. Do not assume! Check to make sure letters you’ve requested have been sent!
- Students can be matched for national scholarships almost immediately (depending on the completion status of your application). Check your dashboard frequently. TDFS chapter scholarships open **January 1, 2021**.

NOVEMBER

- Work on/complete profile, essays and references. Continue accumulating/recording community service hours.
- Verify your references are working on your letters of recommendation.

DECEMBER

- Upload your Fall 2020 transcript into your portal.
- If you have not done so already, request letters of recommendation (reference). Make sure the email address for your reference is correct. Check your profile to ensure references have been submitted. It is your responsibility to contact your reference and confirm submission. Do not assume! Check to make sure letters you’ve requested have been sent!

JANUARY

- TDFS chapter scholarships open **January 1, 2021**. Your online profile **must** be 100% complete in order to submit your application for any TDFS scholarship.
- Go online to check your dashboard regularly for scholarship opportunities.
- Respond to notices regarding matching scholarships. Answer all custom eligibility questions. Keep searching for new scholarships and submit to any that you may be eligible for. Click “SUBMIT” to scholarships in order to be considered.

FEBRUARY

- **February 1, 2021** is the closing date for all TDFS Local Scholarships. You will not be able to apply after this date.

MARCH/APRIL

- Keep checking your student dashboard frequently for notices regarding national scholarships; apply when eligible.
- If receiving a school scholarship, you will receive an email invite to attend your high school Senior Awards Night.

MAY

- Check email for an invitation to attend the **Temecula Dollars for Scholars Community Awards Night in May** (for community-based scholarship awards) if you will be receiving an award. Make sure your email is correct and that TDFS correspondence is not going into your spam folder.

JUNE

- Check your student dashboard and accept scholarships awarded to you by **August 1**. This is an important step in receiving any awarded scholarship monies. Follow each step on your award envelope to claim monies.
- **IMPORTANT: You can continue to search for national scholarships after high school graduation. After you graduate, download a copy of your transcript before you are exited out of the Infinite Campus system. (After school is out for the summer, you will not be able to access it.)** This will enable you to easily update your Scholarship America online profile in preparation for applying to scholarships your second year of post-secondary (college, university, trade) school. If you forget, you must contact Parchment to request a copy of your transcript.