



Scholarship Workshop  
September 10, 2022 – College Station

Scholarship Tips

- FAFSA – is required to complete, does not mean you have to accept all eligible funding
  - Should complete regardless of family income
- Apply for all sorts of scholarships – do not limit yourself
- Essays – Proof, Proof, Proof
  - Great to have essays, apps reviewed by others unfamiliar with your writing style
- Pay attention to deadlines
- College / Industry Tours
  - Be open to universities/colleges that offer your field of interest
- Talk to guidance counselors to seek out opportunities
- Check with your local county extension office/agent regarding local opportunities
- Become more knowledgeable on financial matters
  - Know what it costs to attend college
  - Plan for food, lodging, clothes, etc.
- Community service opportunities look great on applications
- Do not limit your college application submissions
- Participate in college and career fairs
  - i.e. – Texas 4-H Roundup
  - opportunities at school/community
- Internships/ Job opportunities - seek out opportunities
  - Make connections with people
  - Talk with people in the industry you are interested in
- Look at credible resources for information
  - i.e. “.gov” for FAFSA
- Set goals on completing applications
  - Break down the sections over time
- Keep records of what do and have done
  - Example – 4-H Recordbook Template
  - Involvement in and out of school
- Pay attention to application requirements
  - Character/word limits
  - Number of pages
- Tell **YOUR** Story
- ASK questions
  - Do not be afraid to ask when you are unsure
- Do not live on the motto “It worked for XYZ, it will work for me”

## Texas 4-H Foundation Scholarship Application Process

- Requirement of ranking in top 50% of class is being removed
  - Please note, some donors could keep their top percentile requirements for **their** scholarships
- ACT/SAT score requirement is being removed for 2023
  - Advised to still take the tests due to other scholarship/admission requirements
- Revised scoring system:
  - 4-H - 70
  - GPA – 10
  - Financial Need – 10
  - Interview – 10
- Applicants selected for an interview, will be required to bring a one-page information sheet about themselves
  - Page will not be judged/scored
  - A template will be provided
- All scholarship recipients MUST BE PRESENT at Scholarship Interviews, donor banquet/event(s) and the 2023 Texas 4-H Roundup Assembly(s) (if applicable) in order to receive a 4-H Scholarship.
- All scholarship recipients must have made a formal application (acceptance not required at this time) to enroll with intent to attend an accredited Texas College or University in the Fall of the year scholarship is awarded.
  - Youth with plans or intentions of attending a non-Texas College/University/Trade School are not eligible to apply.
  - If your intentions or plans change after being awarded a scholarship you will forfeit your scholarship.
- By the time of interviews, all scholarship recipients must have been accepted into a Texas College/University or Technical School
- Applications will open November 1 and close February 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Pay very close attention to deadlines, do not delay!
  - All information can be found on the Texas 4-H Foundation Website
  - <https://texas4hfoundation.org/types-of-scholarships/>
- Make certain your county extension agent knows your intention to apply
- Interview Scores – big impact on overall score
- Be honest and transparent
- Formatting of pages
  - Bullet points or tables are eye catching