

How to Win Scholarships: Prioritizing Potential Scholarships

- **Only apply if you are eligible.** Make sure you meet all of the scholarship requirements. If you don't, then move on. If you are unsure, contact the organization for further clarification.
- **Start with local scholarships followed by regional, state and national ones.** Local scholarships tend to have fewer applicants and therefore, are easier to win.
- **Learn about previous winners.** On the scholarship's website, search for information about previous winners to see what kinds of individuals tend to be selected. This will tell you about the kind of competition you will have for the scholarship.
- **Pay attention to phrases such as "priority consideration given to" or "preferred applicant requirements".** If you fall into the preferred or priority group in addition to meeting the other eligibility requirements then you will have a greater chance of winning.