

# Scholarship Application Tracker System

Complete Campaign Management Tool for Maximizing Scholarship Success

**Includes:** Deadline Calendars | Essay Adaptation Worksheets | Recommendation Request Templates | Application Tracking | Award Management

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## HOW TO USE THIS SYSTEM

**Week 1:** Set up your Master Tracker with all scholarship opportunities  
**Week 2:** Organize deadlines using the Calendar System  
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**Week 4:** Request recommendations using provided templates  
**Ongoing:** Update Application Status Tracker weekly  
**After Awards:** Use Award Management to track acceptances and requirements

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## SECTION 1: MASTER SCHOLARSHIP TRACKER

### Scholarship Information Database

Complete one entry for each scholarship opportunity

#	Scholarship Name	Organization	Amount	Deadline	Status
1	_____	_____	\$ _____	//__	_____

#	Scholarship Name	Organization	Amount	Deadline	Status
2	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
3	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
4	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
5	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
6	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
7	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
8	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
9	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____
10	_____	_____	\$_____	//__	_____

**Status Codes:**

- **R** = Researching
- **IP** = In Progress
- **S** = Submitted
- **A** = Awarded
- **D** = Denied
- **W** = Withdrawn

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## Detailed Scholarship Profile Template

Copy this template for EACH scholarship you're pursuing

Scholarship #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Added: \_\_\_\_\_

### BASIC INFORMATION

Scholarship Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Website/Application Portal:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Award Amount:** \$\_\_\_\_\_ **Renewable:** Yes / No / N/A

**Number of Awards:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Competition Level:** Local / State / National / International

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## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Check all that apply to you:

- GPA Minimum: \_\_\_\_\_ (My GPA: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Academic standing: Freshman / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / Graduate
- Major/Field: \_\_\_\_\_
- School/University: \_\_\_\_\_
- Geographic location: \_\_\_\_\_
- Demographics: \_\_\_\_\_
- Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
- Age requirement: \_\_\_\_\_
- Financial need: Yes / No
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Am I Eligible?** Yes / No / Unsure (need clarification on: \_\_\_\_\_)

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## DEADLINES & TIMELINE

**Application Opens:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Application Deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_ (timezone: \_\_\_\_\_)  
**Recommendation Deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_ (if earlier than main deadline) **Transcript Deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_ (if earlier than main deadline)  
**Interview Date (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Award Notification Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**My Internal Deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_ (at least 1 week before actual deadline)

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## REQUIRED MATERIALS CHECKLIST

- Completed application form
  - Personal essay (\_\_\_\_\_ words max)
  - Additional essay #2 (\_\_\_\_\_ words max) Topic: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Additional essay #3 (\_\_\_\_\_ words max) Topic: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Official transcript
  - Resume/CV
  - Letter(s) of recommendation (\_\_\_\_\_ required)
  - FAFSA/Financial aid information
  - Tax documents/Financial statements
  - Proof of enrollment
  - Photo/headshot
  - Portfolio/work samples
  - Video submission (\_\_\_\_\_ minutes max)
  - Interview (scheduled for: \_\_\_\_\_)
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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## ESSAY PROMPTS

**Main Essay Prompt:**

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**Word/Character Limit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Format:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Key Themes to Address:**

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**Which Master Essay to Adapt:** Essay # \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_ topic)

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**Additional Essay Prompts:**

**Prompt 2:**

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**Prompt 3:**

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**SELECTION CRITERIA & VALUES**

**What the scholarship committee values (based on website/description):**

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**How I align with these values:**

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**AWARD DETAILS**

**Payment Structure:**

- One-time payment
- Distributed per semester: \$\_\_\_\_\_ × \_\_\_\_\_ semesters
- Annual renewal for \_\_\_\_\_ years (requirements: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Payment Method:**

- Check to student
- Direct payment to institution
- Reimbursement for expenses

- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Restrictions on Use:**

- Tuition only
- Tuition and fees
- Any education-related expense
- Specific use: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CONTACT INFORMATION**

**Program Coordinator:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Office Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
**Questions Asked/Answered:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**STRATEGY NOTES**

**Why this scholarship is a good fit for me:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Unique angle/story to emphasize:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Potential weaknesses in my application:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**How to address weaknesses:**

\_\_\_\_\_

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## COMPETITION INTEL

Estimated number of applicants: \_\_\_\_\_ Historical acceptance rate (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ % Previous winners' profiles (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

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## SUBMISSION TRACKING

Application Started: \_\_\_\_\_ First Draft Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Peer Review Completed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Review Completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ (confirmation #: \_\_\_\_\_)  
Follow-up Email Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

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## OUTCOME

Notification Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Result: Awarded / Finalist / Denied / Waitlisted

Award Amount (if different from listed): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Acceptance Required By: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted Award: Yes / No

If Denied - Reasons (if provided): \_\_\_\_\_

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Reapply Next Year? Yes / No

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## SECTION 2: DEADLINE CALENDAR SYSTEM

### Monthly Overview Calendar

MONTH: \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR: \_\_\_\_\_

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

**Key:**

- ★ = Application deadline
- □ = Essay due (internal deadline)
- □ = Request recommendation
- ✓ = Submit application
- □ = Follow-up/check status

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## Weekly Action Plan Template

Week of: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**This Week's Scholarship Deadlines:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (Due: \_\_\_\_\_)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ (Due: \_\_\_\_\_)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ (Due: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Priority Actions:**

**HIGH PRIORITY (Due within 7 days):**

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**MEDIUM PRIORITY (Due within 14 days):**

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**LOW PRIORITY (Due 15+ days):**

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**Recommendation Requests to Send This Week:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (for: \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (for: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Essays to Complete:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (deadline: \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (deadline: \_\_\_\_\_)

**Applications to Submit:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ (deadline: \_\_\_\_\_)
- \_\_\_\_\_ (deadline: \_\_\_\_\_)

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## 90-Day Deadline Timeline

Create visual timeline of all deadlines for the next 3 months

**DAYS 1-30 (This Month):**

- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYS 31-60 (Next Month):**

- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

**DAYS 61-90 (Month After):**

- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_
- Day \_\_\_\_: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Scholarships Due in Next 90 Days: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION 3: ESSAY ADAPTATION WORKSHEETS

### Master Essay Bank

Create 3-5 "master essays" on core themes that can be adapted for multiple scholarships

#### Master Essay #1

Core Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Length: \_\_\_\_\_ words

Main Story/Experience:

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Key Points Covered:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

Tone: Inspirational / Reflective / Analytical / Personal / Professional

Can Be Adapted For:

- Prompts about: \_\_\_\_\_
- Scholarships focused on: \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Master Essay #2

**Core Theme:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length:** \_\_\_\_\_ words

**Main Story/Experience:**

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**Key Points Covered:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

**Tone:** Inspirational / Reflective / Analytical / Personal / Professional

**Can Be Adapted For:**

- Prompts about: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Scholarships focused on: \_\_\_\_\_
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## Essay Adaptation Worksheet

Use this worksheet each time you adapt a master essay for a specific scholarship

**Scholarship Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Essay Prompt:**

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**Word Limit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Format Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

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## STEP 1: SELECT BASE ESSAY

Starting with Master Essay #: \_\_\_\_\_ (Theme: \_\_\_\_\_)

Why this essay fits:

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## STEP 2: IDENTIFY REQUIRED CHANGES

Prompt Keywords to Address:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Values/Themes This Scholarship Prioritizes:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Current Essay Elements to KEEP:

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Current Essay Elements to REMOVE:

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New Elements to ADD:

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### STEP 3: ADAPTATION STRATEGY

#### Structural Changes Needed:

##### Introduction:

- Current hook: \_\_\_\_\_
- Adapted hook: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Body Paragraph 1: Keep / Modify / Replace

- Changes: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Body Paragraph 2: Keep / Modify / Replace

- Changes: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Body Paragraph 3: Keep / Modify / Replace

- Changes: \_\_\_\_\_

##### Conclusion:

- Current conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Adapted conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_
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### STEP 4: WORD COUNT MANAGEMENT

**Original Essay:** \_\_\_\_\_ words **Target Word Count:** \_\_\_\_\_ words **Difference:** \_\_\_\_\_ words (need to add / cut)

#### If cutting words, remove:

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#### If adding words, expand on:

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## STEP 5: TAILORING CHECKLIST

- Essay directly addresses the prompt
  - Scholarship values are clearly reflected
  - Organization name/mission mentioned (if appropriate)
  - Specific examples support main points
  - Word count meets requirements (not under or over)
  - Tone matches scholarship's style (formal/casual)
  - Opening hooks the reader
  - Conclusion ties back to prompt and organization
  - Unique personal voice maintained
  - Proofread for grammar/spelling
  - Formatted per requirements (spacing, font, etc.)
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## STEP 6: REVIEW TRACKING

**Draft 1 Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Self-Edit Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Peer Review By:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date: \_\_\_\_\_) **Faculty/Counselor Review By:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Date: \_\_\_\_\_) **Final Draft**  
**Completed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Submitted:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Peer/Reviewer Feedback:**

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**Changes Made Based on Feedback:**

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## Essay Prompt Analysis Template

Before adapting any essay, analyze the prompt thoroughly

**Prompt:**

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**Command Words (what they're asking you to DO):**

- Describe
- Explain
- Discuss
- Analyze
- Compare
- Argue/Persuade
- Reflect
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Content Requirements (what they're asking you to INCLUDE):**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Implicit Questions (what they're really asking):**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Evaluation Criteria (what they'll judge):**

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**Strategy:** Based on this analysis, I will focus on:

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## **SECTION 4: RECOMMENDATION REQUEST TEMPLATES**

### **Pre-Request Preparation Worksheet**

**Complete BEFORE requesting any recommendations**

**Recommender Profile**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_  
How long they've known me: \_\_\_\_\_  
years/months Context of relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Why this person:**

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**What they can speak to:**

- Academic performance
- Leadership abilities
- Character/integrity
- Specific skills: \_\_\_\_\_
- Work ethic
- Growth/improvement
- Community involvement
- Career/field-specific knowledge

**Specific examples they might reference:**

- 1.
  - 2.
  - 3.
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**Recommendation Request Timeline**

Recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarships Requesting For:**



Scholarship Name	Deadline	Date to Request	Date Requested	Reminder Sent	Submitted
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

**Rule:** Request at least 3-4 weeks before deadline

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## Email Template: Initial Recommendation Request

**Subject:** Recommendation Letter Request for [Scholarship Name]

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Dear [Title] [Last Name],

I hope this email finds you well. I am applying for the [Scholarship Name], a [scholarship amount/type] scholarship for [students who...], and I am writing to ask if you would be willing to write a letter of recommendation on my behalf.

I believe you would be an excellent recommender because [specific reason - reference your relationship, what they can speak to, specific experiences together]. [Optional: Include 1-2 sentence example of a meaningful interaction or achievement they witnessed].

The scholarship deadline is [DATE], and I would need the letter submitted by [DATE - at least a few days before actual deadline]. [If online submission:] The letter can be submitted online through [portal/system]. [If physical letter:] The letter should be submitted to [address/method].

To make this process as easy as possible for you, I have attached:

- My current resume/CV
- A brief summary of my accomplishments and goals
- The scholarship description and selection criteria
- [Any specific forms or instructions]
- [Optional: A draft list of points you might address]

I understand you have a busy schedule, so if you are unable to write this letter or need more time, please let me know. I would be happy to provide any additional information that would be helpful.

Thank you so much for considering this request. Your support means a great deal to me.

Best regards,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Contact Information]  
[Your Student ID, if applicable]

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#### Checklist Before Sending:

- Personalized greeting (not generic)
- Specific scholarship name and details
- Clear deadline (with buffer time)
- Explained why I chose this recommender
- Attached all supporting documents
- Included submission instructions
- Professional tone and formatting
- Proofread for errors
- Provided "out" if they're too busy

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## Email Template: Recommendation Follow-Up/Reminder

**Subject:** Friendly Reminder - [Scholarship Name] Recommendation (Due [DATE])

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Dear [Title] [Last Name],

I hope you're doing well. I wanted to send a friendly reminder that the recommendation letter for the [Scholarship Name] is due on [DATE], which is [X days] from now.

[If online portal:] The recommendation can be submitted through [portal name] using this link: [URL]. [If you already created their account:] Your login information was sent to you on [date] from [email address].

[If physical submission:] The letter should be [mailed to/delivered to] [address/location] by [date].

I've attached another copy of my supporting materials in case you need to reference them:

- Resume/CV
- Scholarship description and selection criteria
- [Any other relevant documents]

Please let me know if you need any additional information or if you're experiencing any technical difficulties with the submission process. I'm happy to help in any way I can.

Thank you again for your support!

Best regards,  
[Your Name]  
[Your Contact Information]

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#### When to Send Reminders:

- **First reminder:** 1 week before deadline
- **Second reminder:** 2-3 days before deadline
- **Urgent follow-up:** Day before deadline (phone call if email not answered)

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## Email Template: Thank You After Submission

**Subject:** Thank You - [Scholarship Name] Recommendation

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Dear [Title] [Last Name],

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for writing a letter of recommendation for the [Scholarship Name]. I truly appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedule to support my application.

Your letter, along with your guidance and mentorship [over the past X years/during Y experience], has been invaluable to my academic and personal growth.

I will keep you updated on the outcome of my application. The scholarship committee will be making their decision [timeframe], and I should hear back by [date].

Thank you again for your continued support.

Gratefully,  
[Your Name]

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**When to Send:**

- Within 24-48 hours of confirmation that letter was submitted

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## Email Template: Update on Scholarship Outcome

**Subject:** Scholarship Update - [Scholarship Name]

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Dear [Title] [Last Name],

I wanted to update you on the [Scholarship Name] I applied for with your recommendation letter.

[If awarded:] I am thrilled to share that I was selected to receive the scholarship! [Include amount if comfortable]. This award will [explain impact - reduce loans, allow me to focus on studies, fund research, etc.]. I could not have achieved this without your support and the strong recommendation you provided.

[If not awarded:] Unfortunately, I was not selected for this particular scholarship. While I'm disappointed, I am grateful for your support throughout the application process. The experience has been valuable, and I plan to [continue applying/reapply next year/pursue other opportunities].

Thank you once again for believing in me and investing your time in my future.

[If awarded:] I hope to make you proud as I continue my academic journey.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]

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**When to Send:**

- Within 1 week of receiving scholarship decision
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## **Recommendation Information Packet Template**

Create this document to send to ALL recommenders

### **INFORMATION FOR RECOMMENDERS**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Major/Program: \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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### **ABOUT THIS SCHOLARSHIP**

Scholarship Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsoring Organization: \_\_\_\_\_  
Award Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Selection Criteria: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**What the scholarship committee values:**

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### **SUBMISSION DETAILS**

**Deadline:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Submission Method:** Online Portal / Email / Mail / Other: \_\_\_\_\_ **Portal Link (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ **Mailing Address (if applicable):** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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**Format Requirements:**

- Length: \_\_\_\_\_ words/pages
  - Format: PDF / Word / Letterhead / Other: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Specific questions to address (if any): \_\_\_\_\_
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**ABOUT ME - KEY POINTS TO POTENTIALLY MENTION**

**Academic Achievements:**

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**Leadership & Extracurricular Activities:**

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**Community Service/Volunteer Work:**

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**Work Experience:**

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**Skills & Strengths:**

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**Specific Examples from Our Interaction:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

**Career Goals:**

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**How This Scholarship Fits My Goals:**

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**OPTIONAL POINTS TO ADDRESS**

Based on the scholarship criteria, it would be especially helpful if you could speak to:

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However, please write what you feel most comfortable addressing and what best reflects your experience with me.

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**ADDITIONAL MATERIALS ATTACHED**

- Current resume/CV
- Personal statement/essay
- Transcript (unofficial)
- List of awards and honors
- [Other relevant materials]

**Questions?** Please don't hesitate to contact me:

- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Best times to reach me: \_\_\_\_\_

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## SECTION 5: APPLICATION STATUS TRACKER

### Status Dashboard

#### Total Scholarships:

- Identified: \_\_\_\_\_
- In Progress: \_\_\_\_\_
- Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_
- Awaiting Decision: \_\_\_\_\_
- Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_
- Denied: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Potential Value: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Total Awarded (so far): \$\_\_\_\_\_

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### Detailed Status Table

#	Scholarship	Deadline	Status	Date Submitted	Decision Date	Amount	Notes
1	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
2	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
3	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
4	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
5	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
6	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
7	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
8	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____
9	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$____	_____



#	Scholarship	Deadline	Status	Date Submitted	Decision Date	Amount	Notes
10	_____	_____	_____	_____ —	_____ —	\$ _____	_____

## Follow-Up Log

Track all communication with scholarship committees

Date	Scholarship	Type	Contact Person	Purpose	Response	Next Action
_____	_____	_____	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —
_____	_____	_____	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —
_____	_____	_____	_____ —	_____	_____	_____ —

Type: Email / Phone / In-person / Portal Message

## SECTION 6: AWARD MANAGEMENT WORKSHEETS

### Award Acceptance Tracker

Scholarship Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Notification Method: Email / Mail / Phone / Portal

Acceptance Deadline: \_\_\_\_\_ Accepted: Yes / No Date Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Acceptance Requirements:

- Sign and return acceptance form
- Provide enrollment verification
- Submit thank you letter
- Attend award ceremony (Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Complete additional paperwork
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## Award Disbursement Details

Scholarship Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Schedule:

- Payment 1: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Expected date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Payment 2: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Expected date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Payment 3: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Expected date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Payment 4: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Expected date: \_\_\_\_\_ Received: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method:

- Direct to school (tuition account)
- Check to student
- Direct deposit to student
- Reimbursement (submit receipts)

### Renewal Requirements (if applicable):

- Minimum GPA: \_\_\_\_\_
- Enrollment status: Full-time / Half-time / Any
- Credit hours per semester: \_\_\_\_\_
- Major requirements: \_\_\_\_\_
- Renewal application due: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other conditions: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reporting Requirements:

- Semester grades (due: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Thank you letter (due: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Progress report (due: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Final report (due: \_\_\_\_\_)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Tax Information Tracking

Scholarship Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Year  
Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Taxable Status:

- Not taxable (qualified education expenses)
- Partially taxable (amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_)
- Fully taxable
- Unknown - need to consult tax advisor

**1099 Form:** Received / Not Applicable **Reported on Tax Return:** Yes / No / N/A

**Notes for Tax Preparation:**

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## Thank You Letter Tracker

Scholarship	Award Date	Thank You Sent	Method	Date Sent
_____	_____	Yes / No	_____	_____
_____	_____	Yes / No	_____	_____
_____	_____	Yes / No	_____	_____

**Method:** Email / Handwritten letter / Online portal

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## Thank You Letter Template

[Date]

[Scholarship Committee Name]

[Organization Name]

[Address]

[City, State ZIP]

Dear [Scholarship Committee Name/Donor Name],

I am writing to express my sincere gratitude for being selected as a recipient of the [Scholarship Name] for [academic year]. I am honored to have been chosen from among so many qualified applicants.

[Paragraph about impact: Explain specifically how this scholarship will help you - reduce financial burden, allow you to focus on studies, pursue research, participate in activities, etc.]

[Paragraph about your goals and commitment: Describe your academic/career goals and how you plan to make the most of this opportunity. Show that you're a worthwhile investment.]

[Paragraph about the organization: If applicable, mention specific aspects of the organization's mission that resonate with you and how you embody their values.]

This scholarship means more to me than financial assistance - it represents your belief in my potential and your investment in my future. I am committed to maintaining the academic excellence and personal integrity that made me a candidate for this award.

Thank you again for your generous support and for making my educational goals more attainable.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]

[Typed name]

[Your contact information]

[Your school/program]

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## SECTION 7: TIME MANAGEMENT TOOLS

### Weekly Scholarship Work Session Planner

Week of: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Blocked for Scholarship Work:**

Day	Time Block	Task	Scholarship	Completed
Mon	_____	_____	_____	[ ]
Tue	_____	_____	_____	[ ]
Wed	_____	_____	_____	[ ]
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Fri	_____	_____	_____	[ ]
Sat	_____	_____	_____	[ ]
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**Total Hours Scheduled:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Recommended:** Dedicate 5-10 hours per week during peak scholarship season

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## Task Batching Template

Group similar tasks together for efficiency

### RESEARCH SESSION (2-3 hours):

- Search scholarship databases
- Check university financial aid portal
- Review new opportunities
- Add \_\_\_\_\_ new scholarships to tracker

### ESSAY WRITING SESSION (3-4 hours):

- Draft essay for: \_\_\_\_\_
- Adapt essay for: \_\_\_\_\_
- Revise essay for: \_\_\_\_\_

### ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION (1-2 hours):

- Request \_\_\_\_\_ recommendations
- Follow up on \_\_\_\_\_ pending recommendations
- Update application status tracker
- Organize documents/materials

### SUBMISSION SESSION (2-3 hours):

- Final review of application: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Submit application: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Save confirmation emails/numbers
  - Send thank you emails to recommenders
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## Productivity Checklist

### Daily:

- Check email for scholarship updates
- Review today's deadline list

- Complete at least 1 small scholarship task (15-30 min)

**Weekly:**

- Update master tracker
- Review upcoming deadlines (next 2 weeks)
- Dedicated scholarship work session (5-10 hours)
- Follow up on pending items

**Monthly:**

- Search for new scholarship opportunities
- Review and update essays
- Check in with recommenders
- Evaluate progress toward financial goals
- Celebrate wins (applications submitted, awards received)

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## Motivation & Progress Tracker

**Financial Goal:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ in scholarships

**Progress:**

- Applied: \_\_\_\_\_ scholarships
- Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_ applications
- Awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ scholarships
- Total Won: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Percentage of Goal: \_\_\_\_\_%

**Success Rate:** \_\_\_\_\_ awarded ÷ \_\_\_\_\_ submitted = \_\_\_\_\_%

**Personal Bests:**

- Most applications submitted in one week: \_\_\_\_\_
- Largest scholarship awarded: \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Shortest time from start to submission: \_\_\_\_\_
- Most essays adapted in one day: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lessons Learned:**

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**What's Working:**

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**What to Improve:**

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## **APPENDIX: RESOURCES**

### **Scholarship Search Websites**

- Fastweb.com
- Scholarships.com
- Cappex.com
- Peterson's Scholarship Search
- College Board Scholarship Search
- Your university financial aid portal
- Professional organizations in your field
- Community foundations in your area

### **Document Checklist**

**Keep these ready for quick application:**

- Current resume/CV (updated monthly)
  - Unofficial transcript
  - 3-5 master essays on different themes
  - Personal statement/biography (100, 250, 500 words versions)
  - List of activities/honors/awards
  - Reference list (3-5 potential recommenders)
  - Financial information (if required)
  - Professional headshot photo
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# NOTES & REMINDERS

## Important Contacts:

### Financial Aid Office:

- Contact: \_\_\_\_\_
- Phone: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Office Hours: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Advisor:

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_
- Best time to meet: \_\_\_\_\_

### Scholarship Coordinator (if applicable):

- Name: \_\_\_\_\_
- Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Personal Reminders:

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*This tracker is designed to help you organize and maximize your scholarship application efforts. Consistency is key - dedicate regular time each week to scholarship work, and you'll significantly increase your chances of success. Good luck!*



**Download Additional Resources:**

- Essay Writing Guide
- Interview Preparation Checklist
- Financial Aid Planning Worksheet
- College Cost Calculator

**Need more help? Visit our blog for scholarship tips, sample essays, and success stories.**

