

Scholarship Workshop

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Financial Aid Reminders

- FAFSA needs to be completed ASAP before state grant money runs out
- Check SAR to see if you have been “verified”
- Login to college accounts to check on status
- Many award letters go out in February/March

College Scholarships

- Check college websites for scholarship availability
- Parkland
 - Must login to Parkland account to see scholarships
 - Trustees Scholarship should have been mailed out
- Lake Land
 - Foundation Application due Feb. 1 (one app for 400 scholarships)
 - Must apply to LLC first
 - Presidential Scholarships are available now for 1230 SAT or top 15%
 - See me after meeting

Other Scholarships

- Check at your parents workplace, banks, credit unions
- Use scholarship search engines - fastweb.com, goingmerry.com, collegegreenlight.com

Local Scholarships

- Listed on www.cusd305.org
- Don't work too far ahead. Organizations are sometimes slow to update.
- Can type on app and then print out.
- Follow directions carefully and include all required docs.
- Unofficial transcripts are available on Skyward under Portfolio. Print as many as you need.
- Official transcripts must come from me.

Letter of Recommendations

- Fill out form on our scholarship website to give to recommender
- Ask recommender two weeks in advance
- You can ask for a general letter that you can use for multiple scholarships
- If it needs to be mailed, you need to give recommender a stamped, addressed envelope
- Follow directions on app but can typically be teacher, counselor, employer, coach, pastor, etc. No family

Essays

- A good essay can be used for multiple scholarships
- Be personable. Tell a story.
 - Don't just type "My name is Jane Smith. I am a senior at ALAH....."
 - Use a strong opening hook
 - Use standard essay format; intro, body, conclusion
- Don't be afraid to talk about adversity you have faced.
- Be honest and write what you know, not what you think they want to hear
- Do research if needed
- Proofread and have someone else proofread also.
- Look online for examples at goingmerry.com and other sites