



# SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

PRESENTED BY CKHS COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

# AGENDA

- What are scholarships?
  - How do I find scholarships?
  - Scholarship Deadlines
  - What is the process for applying?
  - Transcript Requests
  - Letter of Recommendation
  - Scholarship Tips
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# WHAT ARE SCHOLARSHIPS?

- Scholarships are FREE money for you to go to college or some kind of training after high school.
  - They typically have some sort of criteria—like having a unique skill, a certain GPA, wanting to pursue a certain career field, etc.
  - Earning scholarships requires a lot of hard work—which is why so many of them go unclaimed!
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# WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE NOT

- **Scholarships are not part of the FAFSA and require a different application process.**
  - Some scholarships require proof of FAFSA submission to show financial need.
- **Scholarships are not loans.**
  - You don't have to pay them back.

# HOW DO I FIND SCHOLARSHIPS?

## High School



Scholarship  
Newsletter

Bulletin

Counseling office

## College or University



Tuition & Aid Tab

Pay attention to  
how you apply

## Online



Start small – local,  
state wide, then  
national

Washboard.org

Fastweb.com

## Community



Parental  
involvements

Community  
connections (i.e.  
Church, Boy/Girl  
Scouts)

# ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCES

- **Need Based**

- [Waopportunityscholarship.org](http://Waopportunityscholarship.org)
- [Collegesuccessfoundation.org](http://Collegesuccessfoundation.org)

- **State Scholarships**

- [Thewashboard.org](http://Thewashboard.org)

- **National Scholarships**

- [Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search](http://Bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search)
- [Fastweb.com](http://Fastweb.com)
- [Readysetgrad.org](http://Readysetgrad.org)

# WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS?

- ***“Scholarship Season”—October through April***
- ***Gather materials***
  - Letter of Recommendation
  - Transcript
  - Scholarship Essay/Personal Statement
  - Resumé
- ***Keep a list of upcoming deadlines—these are not flexible!***

# TRANSCRIPT REQUEST—PARCHMENT

## ORDER YOUR TRANSCRIPT

IN THREE EASY STEPS

### 1 Register For Your Free Account

1. Visit [Parchment.com](https://www.parchment.com)
2. Find your school



### 2 Request Your Transcript

1. Choose *Order*
2. Select Destinations such as colleges, Common App or yourself
3. Review your Order and Check Out



### 3 Track Your Transcript

1. Watch your email for updates
2. Log in to Parchment for more details

- Request through Parchment
- Can take 24-36 hours—if you need immediately, see your counselor, Mrs. Mohs, or Mrs. Roy.



# LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION REQUEST

CKHS Request for

## Letter of Recommendation

### STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

- Make sure the person you ask to write your letter knows you well.
- Make personal contact (appointment) with the person; do not leave the request in a mailbox
- Give the writer at least **FOUR WEEKS** notice.
- Make sure you self-promote and communicate thoroughly.

### Writer's Responsibilities:

- Please consider the following in your letter: Scholastic ability, leadership qualities, cooperation, initiative, motivation, maturity, personality, integrity and reaction to criticism.
- You may also wish to include: examples or anecdotes, reasons why the student is qualified and your phone number or email address in case further information is needed.
- If a question is not relevant to you, you may skip that question.
- \*Indicates optional question

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

INTENDED AUDIENCE THAT WILL BE READING THIS LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION (check all that apply)

College(s)  Scholarships  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

LIST OF SCHOOLS TO WHICH YOU WILL APPLY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

LIST SCHOLARSHIPS YOU ARE APPLYING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What other teacher(s)/counselor are writing a letter for you? \_\_\_\_\_


\*What experience and passions do you have which will prepare you for your intended major/career? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*List your community service/volunteering/sports/activities and awards that you are involved in, including number of years.

Community Service _____ _____ _____	Volunteer Work _____ _____ _____
Sports/Activities _____ _____ _____	Awards _____ _____ _____

- Some scholarships will require a letter of recommendation
- Request EARLY (allow 4 weeks to complete)
- Request from an adult you know educationally, professionally, or from community involvement
- Forms available in the counseling office

# SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

1. **BE ELIGIBLE**—make sure you meet the criteria!
  2. Follow directions and provide **ONLY** what is required
  3. Submit by deadline
  4. Provide all requested information
  5. Don't be afraid to sing your own praises!
  6. Make a copy of submitted applications for your records (in case something gets lost)
  7. Proof read—some scholarships require essays. Make sure to have someone else read your work!
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**QUESTIONS?**

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING COLLEGE & CAREER NIGHT!!

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