

# Scholarship Tips

Tis the Season for Scholarships! Don't get fooled.

## **TIPS:**

- **NEVER** pay for scholarship applications or fees.
- Make sure all pages you submit are typed, NEAT, well edited, and that all the information you include is true and verifiable.
- Always try and beat the deadline posted.
- National scholarships can involve BIG money. However, they are very difficult to get. Go LOCAL if you can. Look for local stores, businesses, or perhaps your parent(s) employer may offer scholarships.
- Try to submit applications as least one week before the due date. Online servers can get overloaded and stop working properly when everyone submits them on the last day. In addition, remember to account for the delivery time if mailing an application.
- NEVER NEVER pay to submit a scholarship application. (This is a duplication, but bears repeating.)
- Always spell check and proof-read applications. (Mrs. Grange in the Career Center is happy to edit and proof-read.)
- Make sure you have submitted everything requested and answered all the questions.
- Don't submit anything that isn't asked for, and stay under the required word count.
- Photocopy everything before you submit it, in case your application gets lost and needs to be re-submitted.
- Professionalize your online presence, remove potentially embarrassing content from social media. Use an appropriate email address.
- Gather information early. Most scholarships require various versions of:
  - Community service activities, hours, location, services
  - Personal Essay
  - Letters of recommendations
  - Resume with test scores, honors classes, and awards received