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How to Apply

- Visit: <https://www.foundationforlps.org/scholarshipsandawards/scholarships/> beginning December 4th
- Click How to Apply, then Apply Now
- -OR- visit: www.lps.org, and use the jump code OFGA
- Click Create New Account
- Complete the required fields and Submit – **you must use your personal email address for your Login ID, we will not be able to contact you at your LPS email**
- Log in using your Email and Password (ensure you save your password)
- Click Apply
- Fill out the application – you may Save and Exit and resume at any time before the deadline
- All sections must read 100% before you can click Final Review & Submit

You must submit your application by the deadline: Monday, February 12, 2024 at noon

Application Review and Awarding Process

Once the application closes, submitted applications will be reviewed by a committee to determine recipients. Applicants will be notified of their status via email on Monday, April 22, 2024. Recipients will also receive a letter in the mail. Recipients are asked to submit a thank you letter to the scholarship donor and an enrollment verification form, which must be signed by the university/college. Scholarship awards will be disbursed to universities/colleges at the beginning of August 2024, unless the required items have not been received.

Make your Application Stand Out

- One of the most important pieces of the application are your letters of recommendation.
 - Be thoughtful about who you ask to recommend you. They should know who you are, what you have accomplished in high school, your strengths, and your aspirations.
 - Ask the individual in person, provide them your resume, and describe the scholarships you are applying for.
 - Provide them with a deadline earlier than the application due date. Letters of Recommendation are due along with the scholarship application; however, we recommend you provide an earlier deadline to your recommenders to allow yourself enough time to submit your application, and/or change your recommender if necessary.
- Follow all application instructions and include all supporting documents. Leave no blanks, unless the instructions specifically say to do so.
- Type your essays responses in a separate document so you can check for spelling and grammar errors, and save it for future scholarship applications and as a precautionary measure. Then copy your responses over to the application once they are finalized and Save.
- In your essays, tell the reader what makes you stand out compared to other applicants. Consider the corresponding scholarship(s) in your responses, how can you relate to the purpose of the scholarship?
- Always have someone read through your application before you submit it.

Documents Needed

- Free/Reduced Lunch Eligibility Letter (if applicable) – you can call Student Services (402-436-1688) for a copy
- Transcript – request your transcript beginning **January 10th**, after 1st semester grades are posted; contact your schools Registrar or Counseling Office to submit the request
- Total annual household gross income & your household size (# of people, including yourself)
- Resume – you can build upon your resume from Take Charge class or build your own.
 - Your resume should include:
 - GPA
 - ACT and/or SAT score(s)
 - School Activities (clubs, organizations, athletics, music, etc.): describe each activity, include specific leadership position(s), and how long you were involved
 - Work Experience (current & past): describe each job, your responsibilities, position(s) held, dates of employment, and number of hours per week
 - Community Service (volunteering): describe each community service, your role(s) and responsibilities, and the number of hours you volunteered
 - Honors & Awards: list all certificates, letters, and honors you have received
 - Specific Skills & Leadership Qualities
- Letters of Recommendation (2) – you need to start asking individuals to write you a letter of recommendation as soon as possible. You will need to get their personal email addresses AND give them your resume. Individuals you could ask include:
 - Counselor, Community Members, Athletic Coaches, Teachers/Instructors, etc.
 - Auto Tech teacher, addressing applicant's interest in a motor vehicle related field (Josh Grimes Scholarship)
 - Church/Temple/Mosque Pastor (Randy Fleming Scholarship)
 - Technology/Computer teacher (Robert & Burnita Den Hartog Family Technology Scholarship)

Required Essays

(500-word limit)

- Describe your financial need. Describe the importance of receiving a scholarship in the overall support of your education.
- Describe a meaningful school or community service activity in which you have participated. How did this activity benefit others and how did it benefit you?
- Describe your educational, occupational, and personal goals. What plans have you made for the next five to ten years? Be specific.
- Describe any obstacles or difficulties (financial or otherwise) you and your family have experienced while you have been in high school.