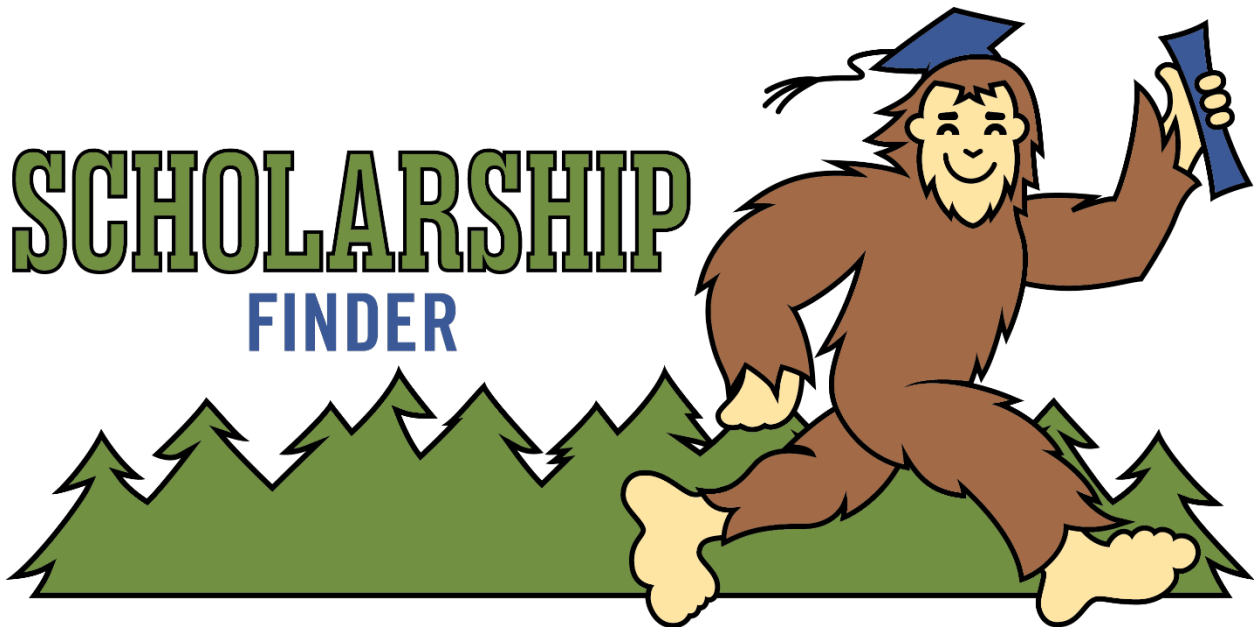


SCHOLARSHIP FINDER



The Scholarship Finder allows students to search for local scholarship information in one comprehensive site! We have compiled a list of scholarship opportunities that are offered by local schools, businesses, service clubs, and individuals.

This workbook is designed to highlight the expectations of Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation scholarships, which will be listed on the Finder in January. Scholarships listed on the Finder that are offered through other organizations will have their own unique application requirements.

Scholarship opportunities are listed on the Finder throughout the year, as they become available. Visit now to see the current scholarship listings and check back on January 15 to find Humboldt Area Foundation and Wild Rivers Community Foundation scholarships!

Visit the Scholarship Finder at:

www.ScholarshipFinder.org

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Preparing to Apply for Humboldt Area Foundation & Wild Rivers Community Foundation Scholarships

Humboldt Area Foundation (HAF) & Wild Rivers Community Foundation (WRCF) offers over 160 unique scholarship funds geared towards students of all levels pursuing a post-secondary education. The 2021 online application will become available on January 15 and gives students access to more than 160 scholarship funds through one application process. There are many things students can do to prepare for the application ahead of time:

- Community Service, Employment, Extracurricular Activities, Awards & Honors
 - o Create a list of these activities ahead of time – see page 2 for more information
- Personal Statement
 - o We've included an example prompt on page 2 so that you can start brainstorming
- Transcript
 - o You'll need an unofficial copy of your transcript (as a PDF)
 - o Request in mid-January so that your Fall 2020 grades and the classes you're enrolled in for Spring 2021 are listed
- Recommendations
 - o See page 3 for more information
- FAFSA/CADAA
 - o Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) ahead of time
 - o Be sure to save a PDF of your Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - o While we encourage all students to apply for FAFSA/CADAA, you do not need to have applied for these resources to apply for HAF/WRCF scholarships
- Other Financial Need Information
 - o An example financial aid worksheet is included on the last page of the workbook

Application Opens: **January 15, 2021**

Available on the Scholarship Finder at: www.scholarshipfinder.org

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2021**

Scholarships support students during the 2021-2022 academic year

Questions? Email scholarships@hafoundation.org



Community Service, Employment, Extracurricular Activities, Awards & Honors

Take some time to look back on the last *four years* and make a list of any community service or extracurricular activities you may have participated in, jobs you may have held, or awards and honors you may have received.

Community Service

Highlight a maximum of 5-10 activities that you are most proud of or had the biggest impact on you.

Example: Volunteered at the Food Bank, 4 hours every Saturday for 2 years; Volunteer Coach for Basketball Camp - 2 weeks each summer for 3 years

Employment

List your most recent jobs (maximum of 3-5).

Example: Barista at Starbucks, November 2019-current, 20 hours/week; Babysitting, February 2019-current, 4 hours twice a month; Camp Counselor at Camp Tawonga, 4 weeks, summer 2018

Extracurricular Activities

Highlight a maximum of 5-10 activities that you are most passionate about or have most influenced you.

Example: On the soccer team freshman through senior years of high school, Acted in the spring play sophomore year of high school, FFA member 2017-2019

Awards & Honors

List any awards or honors you have received.

Example: Honor Roll junior and senior years of high school, Most Important Player on the soccer team sophomore year of high school

Personal Statement

Write a personal statement (up to 600 words) answering the following prompt:

Why is going to college important to you? How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your goals? How have your life experiences influenced why you want to go to college and/or what you want to study? Describe a time you worked hard towards a goal and what you learned from that experience. How did you grow? How will this help you in the future?

Writing Tips:

- Scholarship committee members have let us know that students are often too modest in their personal statements; it's okay to be proud of your accomplishments and aspirations!
- Ask for help with writing and proofreading! We recommend asking two people to proofread your essay. Writing resources include:
 - o Academic counselors, teachers, or school administrators
 - o Career tech staff members
 - o School writing centers
 - o TRIO programs



Recommendations

The online application will ask you to provide the email address of one person to submit a recommendation for you. Your recommender will then receive instructions to complete a recommendation form.

- While many students choose to request recommendations from teachers or counselors, recommendations may also be completed by coaches, employers, or community members that you have worked with while volunteering or participating in community programs. (*Recommendations may not be completed by family members.*)
- We suggest brainstorming a list of 2-3 recommenders.
- An example of the types of questions on the recommendation form are listed below; feel free to share this page with your potential recommenders ahead of time.

Example Recommendation Form Questions

- Please provide your name, title, and a brief description of how you know the student.
- Why are you recommending this student for a scholarship? Please speak to this student's perseverance, inspiration, and goals.
- How have you seen this student grow?
- How have you seen this student help others (school, home, and/or in the community)?
- Is there anything else you would like the committee to know about this student?



Financial Need Worksheet

Annual Gross Income of Your Family

Please estimate the total income for your family in 2020

- \$100,000 and up
- \$75,000 - \$99,999
- \$50,000 - \$74,999
- \$45,000 - \$49,999
- \$40,000 - \$44,999
- \$35,000 - \$39,999
- \$30,000 - \$34,999
- \$20,000 - \$29,999
- \$10,000 - \$19,999
- Less than \$10,000

Statement of Financial Need

The application will ask you to provide a brief statement of financial need. This is your opportunity to tell the committee about any challenges that you and/or your family may have that will affect your ability to afford your education. This might include health-related expenses, loss of employment or inability to work, childcare costs, or any other aspects of your financial situation that may not be reflected in your Student Aid Report.

If you are unable to apply for FAFSA/CADAA or have chosen not to, we ask that you explain why you are ineligible or have chosen not to apply for this type of aid.

Estimated College Expenses for 2021-22 Year

Total the estimated expenses for you to attend college – you can get this information at www.collegeboard.org

Tuition:	\$
Room/Board:	\$
Other:	\$
Total Expenses:	\$

Estimated Income for 2021-22 Year

Calculate all income you expect to receive from other sources, including Federal Financial Aid

Family:	\$
Personal (Savings/Earnings/Etc.):	\$
Confirmed Scholarships:	\$
Confirmed Grants:	\$
Work Study:	\$
Student Loans:	\$
Other:	\$
Total Income:	\$

How many members in your household depend on the above income?	
What is your total anticipated need for college expenses in the coming year?	
Who will be responsible for financing your college education?	

According to your Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA or CADAA, what is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?	
If you don't have your SAR, what is your EFC according to the EFC Calculator (or Quick EFC Calculator)?	