



HOW TO BE A **COMPETITIVE** SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT

PART 2 OF E4FC'S 2016 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP GUIDES



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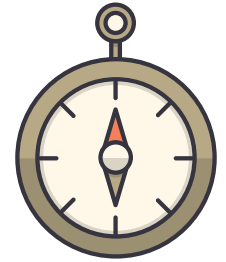
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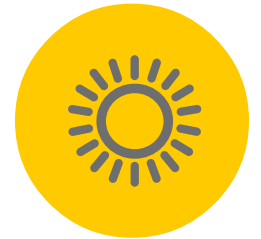
Scholarship Tips - Pt. 1

- Identify your interests early!

Your counselors could also work with you starting in 9th grade to identify your interests and passions and connect you with activities that have to do with these interests. If there are no opportunities, then start your own club at your school.



- Do community service or special programs such as internships, youth boards, and community college classes during the summer EVERY summer.



- Take leadership roles!

You don't have to be the class president, but you could try to be captain or co-captain of the sports team and/or take on a leadership role in clubs.



Scholarship Tips - Pt. 2

- Private scholarships are very competitive. If you're applying to them, it's crucial that you do as much as possible to stand out. You must be doing community service EVERY year of high school. Do not wait until junior or senior year to start.



- Maintain the highest GPA you can. To get the few full scholarships colleges offer to AB540 students, you must be the best of the best.



- Start getting comfortable with interviews, since many private scholarships require a face-to-face interview. You should practice public speaking before senior year. Practice questions that may be asked and practice telling “your story” to others before senior year. Ask your counselors to do workshops on interviewing and sharing testimonials.

