

SCHOLARSHIP TYPES EXPLAINED

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

- Scholarships are based on a student's GPA and ACT score (Index Score).
- Index scores for scholarships vary for each college/university.

TALENT

- Awarded in areas such as music, dance, arts, debate, newspaper staff, rodeo, and drama.
- Students with a talent for sports can consider pursuing an athletic scholarship.
- Each department has individual criteria.

HOBBIES AND EXTRACURRICULAR

- While students may be familiar with academic and sports scholarships, awards created to support certain hobbies and interests may offer some surprising opportunities.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Opportunities for those who volunteer in their communities.
- Students with a history of community involvement can focus their scholarship search on volunteering-based awards such as these.

LEADERSHIP

- Scholarships for students who have shown outstanding leadership.
- To receive full consideration, grades should usually be above average.

DEPARTMENTAL

- Scholarships are awarded to students excelling in specific areas.
- Students apply to their chosen department.

NEED-BASED

- A variety of scholarships seek to help students with demonstrated financial need.

BASED ON APPLICANTS' IDENTITY

- A number of scholarship programs have a mission to support traditionally underserved students.
- When searching for opportunities, students can indicate their gender, race, ethnicity, or other aspects of their identity to find scholarships that are a good fit.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Most general scholarships require one or more of the following criteria:

- Average ACT score and/or GPA.
- Community Service, extracurricular activities, work experience, leadership experience.