



# Scholarship Guidelines

Everything you need to know so you can do well on your scholarship application.

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## The Basics of the Application Process

1. Complete the Application -
  - a. This is where you have the opportunity to really shine as an applicant! You have up to 250 words per section so **we strongly encourage you to use them all**. Start by writing your responses to the questions in a Word or Google Doc, so you can edit and review your answers. Below you will find the application questions and additional guidance on what we are looking for.
    - i. We'd love to hear about your education & professional career to date. What are you currently up to and how did you get there?
      - Please consider any major milestones in your education or professional background. Additionally, we'd like to learn more about your journey to coding (i.e. when and why you started to learn to code and what resources you've used to date). Don't be afraid to tell us what coding has done to help you grow and step outside your comfort zone.
    - ii. Tell us about your proudest accomplishment so far, in any aspect of your life.
      - Reflect on a time where you had to be resilient in order to reach a goal you set. This question is where you can show us your personality through a story. Share a time when you didn't back down or a moment where you took ownership and were driven to reach a goal. Remember to use this section to tell us a compelling narrative about yourself.
    - iii. Please describe why you would benefit from the Galvanize scholarship and what you would plan to do with your new software engineering skills.
      - Think about the impact that this scholarship would have on you immediately and what it would allow you to do long term. Besides the obvious monetary benefit of receiving a scholarship, what impact would this have on you and your community?

- iv. How do you plan to achieve your software engineering or data science goals if you are not a recipient of this scholarship?
    - Describe your roadmap to achieving your goal if you do not get this scholarship. Think about what you are going to do to inspire yourself to do the work.
  - v. Promoting diversity and inclusion is a core value for Galvanize and it is our goal to grow industry leaders who share in this value. As a software engineer, how would you work to create a more diverse and inclusive workplace?
    - The act of including and being included is the basic concept of DEI but is sometimes hard to implement. Think about the concrete ways you would support DEI in your future workspace. How are you going to help build an empathetic, authentic, and positive community?
- b. Complete the video.
- i. The theme for the videos is to teach something. So teach us a skill, a song, a recipe, a greeting, how to tie your shoes, etc. Anything your heart desires! You are welcome to do something basic, like explaining how to tie a shoe, or something a bit more exciting that shows your personality.
  - ii. Keep your video short (under 2 minutes preferred and definitely no more than 3 minutes).
  - iii. Visual aids are welcome. They don't have to be fancy graphics. It could even just be a whiteboard behind you or a poster that shows us what you want to teach.
  - iv. Be precise about what you want to teach the audience.
  - v. NOTE: it is possible to set your video to [unlisted on YouTube](#) so that the link can only be viewed by people you would like to share it with versus the general public. Be sure to make sure your link works by sending it to a friend before turning in your application!

2. Complete the admissions challenge and schedule your technical assessment or interview.

- a. **IMPORTANT**: You **MUST** finish your technical interview or readiness assessment before the deadline. It is highly recommended that you schedule your technical interview **well before the scholarship deadline date just in case you do not pass the first time**. The only way to consider your scholarship questionnaire and video is if we know that you can also handle the rigor of Galvanize's Software immersive programs.
- b. Wait for any additional questions or notifications. The review process starts 3 to 4 weeks before the date we announce winners.

## Scholarship Tips

These general tips will help you build your best scholarship application.

- Stick to deadlines. The application period closes at 5:00 p.m. PT on the day of the deadline, so make sure you plan accordingly.
- Start early. Take two weeks to write your scholarship application. Take a crack at the first draft and edit it; then walk away for a day or two and come back to it. This will let you see your application with a pair of fresh eyes.
- Grammar matters. Typos, misspellings, and run-on sentences all get noticed when applications are reviewed. Though grammar isn't an official metric it sets a tone for your application.
- Have questions? Only email [scholarships@galvanize.com](mailto:scholarships@galvanize.com) to help us keep track of your correspondence.

**REMEMBER: We DO NOT save your previous applications.** Even if you applied once before, you **MUST** do every single part of the questionnaire plus admissions challenge and assessment or interview again. If you've done a technical assessment or interview once before but you did not pass and therefore did not qualify for a scholarship in that round, you **MUST** once again fill out the entire questionnaire and complete a technical assessment or interview before the deadline. It takes up to seven days to review your assessment or interviews to determine if you passed or not. Regardless, you must take the assessment or interview before the deadline to be eligible.