|  | Essays & LORs (Scholarships & Grants: Part 2)Student Worksheet |
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| Learning Objectives  * What are common scholarship essay questions? * What are common supporting documents that scholarships require? * How to write a good scholarship essay * How to request a Letter of Recommendation (and get a good one!) * How to create a résumé when you have limited (or no) job experience | |
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| Want to find and apply for scholarships? [Sign up for Going Merry!](https://app.goingmerry.com/sign-up?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=worksheet&utm_term=counselor-referral#students) Scan the QR code to [sign up for a free Going Merry account.](https://app.goingmerry.com/sign-up?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=worksheet&utm_term=counselor-referral#students) |
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| **Resources** | **Topic & questions** | |
| [10 most common scholarship essay questions](https://www.goingmerry.com/counselor-resource-10-scholarship-essay-topics-handout/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=worksheet&utm_term=counselor-referral)  [16 common scholarship essay themes](https://scholarshipinformer.com/popular-scholarship-essay-and-application-questions/) | **Common Scholarship Requirements** *(10 mins)*  Which of the common essay questions do you find easiest to answer? Which do you find the most difficult? Why?  Beyond essays, what are some accompanying documents a scholarship might request? Which of these documents have you not prepared yet?  How do these document requirements compare to college applications? | |
| [6 Scholarship Essays That Worked](https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/scholarship-essay-examples/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=worksheet&utm_term=counselor-referral)  [Featured scholarship winners & essays](https://www.goingmerry.com/how-to-win-scholarships-winners?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=worksheet&utm_term=counselor-referral)  [Best friend scholarship video winner](https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/whats-a-winning-scholarship-essay-look-like-actually-its-a-winning-scholarship-video/) (2:40) | **Writing a good scholarship essay**  Did you like the essay you read? Why or why not? Why do you think it was successful in winning a scholarship?  What did you think of the video? Why do you think it was successful in winning a scholarship?  Would you prefer to write an essay or submit a video?  *NOTE: Need more help with personal statements? You may want to* [*check out this article*](https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/how-to-write-the-best-personal-statement/) *in your own time, with examples and step-by-step instructions on how to choose a topic.* | |
| [How to ask for a LOR](https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/how-to-ask-for-a-letter-of-recommendation/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=worksheet&utm_term=counselor-referral) | **PRACTICAL EXERCISE: Requesting a Letter of Recommendation**  Do you know who should write your Letter of Recommendation (LOR)? Why did you pick this person (or these people)?  What do you think is the right way to ask for a LOR?  Activity (follow the worksheets!)   1. Identify possible good recommenders [here](https://www.goingmerry.com/counselor-resource-identifying-your-recommender-worksheet/). 2. Create a plan to ask them to write LORs for you. 3. Fill out [a brag sheet](https://www.goingmerry.com/counselor-resource-letter-of-recommendation-brag-sheet-worksheet/), to be able to private your recommender. | |
| [Tips for high school resumé writing](https://www.goingmerry.com/blog/how-to-create-a-student-resume/?utm_source=sendgrid&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=worksheet&utm_term=counselor-referral) | **Student resumés:**  What are key elements that should appear on your resumé?  What should students focus on, given limited work experience?  What are some “do’s” and “dont’s” of student resumés? | |
| [Student resumé sample & complete writing guide](https://zety.com/blog/student-resume) (Zety)  [Student resumé template and writing tips](https://resumelab.com/resume-examples/student) (Resume Lab)  [Canva Resume Templates](https://www.canva.com/resumes/templates/college/)  [Google Doc templates](https://drive.google.com/templates) | **HOMEWORK: Create your resumé.**   * Read through the two longer articles about creating a student resumé * Create your own resumé. You might look at Canva’s resume templates or another resume builder website like Google templates. Otherwise, you can start from scratch to make your own!   Choose a template and fill it out with your personal information. | |