

## Applying for Scholarships

**When filling out scholarship applications, keep the following in mind:**

**If asked to include a list of involvements:**

- Include all relevant accomplishments and experiences...in school and out of school
- Emphasize leadership, initiative, and commitment - use key words (eg. led, facilitated, initiated, organized, ran etc.) - be sure to state long term involvement and following things through start to finish where applicable
- Put official name of event/organization whenever possible and describe it briefly if needed (many people will not know what it is)

**Tips for essays/questions:**

- Do not just list involvements. That is already part of your application and every applicant will have an impressive list. You need to stand out through your essay/answers.
- Be true to you...100% (what you're passionate about, why you've been involved in certain activities, etc.)...it will show!
- When answering different questions on the applications try to use different examples for each question in order to really show the diversity of your skills, characteristics, and experiences
- Give specific examples in your answers. It is better to talk about one or two examples in-depth, rather than briefly discussing many examples
- Talk about the following: \*really spend some time reflecting before you start to write\*
  - Why did you do these things?
  - What did you gain through these experiences?
  - What did you learn?
  - Challenges that arose and how you overcame the challenges?
  - How have you grown?
  - How have you impacted others?
  - What does leadership mean to you? Why are you an effective leader?
  - What are your plans/goals/aspirations for the future?
  - What will you bring to their school/community?
  - How will you make a difference? And how have your experiences to date helped to prepare you?