

What you should know when applying for scholarships

1. Types of scholarships -- local (North High School only), regional (Eau Claire/Chippewa Valley), state, and national. Remember to check at the school to which you are applying, your place of work, and your parent's/guardian's place of work for scholarship opportunities.
2. **APPLY! APPLY! APPLY!** You would be surprised how few students apply for a given scholarship, especially local scholarships that a NORTH student WILL win. Those marked with an asterisk (*) on the scholarship bulletins are judged internally by the North High School scholarship committee and guarantees that a North High School student will win that particular scholarship. You need to apply to win!
3. Follow directions carefully -- Some scholarships require a single copy sent directly to the organization while others require multiple copies turned in to Student Services. Please note that scholarships are judged by a variety of community individuals and groups including the North High School Scholarship committee, so it is very important to follow the directions provided for each individual scholarship application. **PAY ATTENTION TO DETAILS!**
4. Neatness counts. No wrinkled papers, no scribbling out errors; type when possible-ink over pencil, attach a cover sheet with the title of the scholarship and your name to the front of the application, single staple in the upper left hand corner (unless otherwise instructed by the application).
5. Take your time and write thoughtful application essays/statements. Have someone else proofread your written prompts for you whenever possible.
6. Do not wait until the last minute to complete the application. Several scholarships require a letter of recommendation from staff and/or a signature. A three-week minimum notice is standard. Please provide your reference person with a resume.
7. If a transcript is required to complete the application, you will need only one original transcript. You can make copies of the application, and the transcript can be a photocopy (a minimum of 48 hour notice to request of transcript from Ms. Fuller in Student Services).
8. When asking for a reference or forms to be filled out by a counselor, it is important to talk with the counselor directly rather than leaving the paperwork for the person with no further discussion.
9. Start from the deadline date of the scholarship and work backwards. Leave yourself wiggle room! When planning, please take into consideration that staff may be absent or out of the building on a given day, school closure dates, snow days, breaks from school, or other unforeseen issues may arise.
10. Deadlines are **FIRM**. Late applications will **NOT** be accepted for any reason. Please make note of deadlines.