

2018 Shakopee Dollars for Scholars Scholarship Application Details

- The application must be started online at Shakopee.dollarsforscholars.org. Once there, go to the 'Students and Parents' tab. Click on the 'Click to Login' button. You will be directed to the main Dollars for Scholars website where you will create an account by clicking the "If you don't already have an account, please [click here](#)." Link.
- You MUST use an e-mail address in your profile that you will check on a regular basis. Do **NOT** use your high school email address. Also, please provide a parent's e-mail address, if possible. Double check that they are correct.
- After you fill out your basic information, an account will be created. An email will be sent to your email address for verification of your email and password creation. Once you do so, you will be sent back to the main website to finish your profile. Please read all details in the "My Information" box to complete your profile. *****Important note: only create one profile*****
- **Activities, Awards & Employment Sections:** Include all info from the beginning of your **freshman year until the end of your senior year (Sept. 2014 - May 2018)**. **List every extra**-curricular school activity and community volunteer event that you participated in (I.E. sports, class plays, band groups, choir, leadership clubs (like Key Club, National Honor Society, Student Governing Board), church involvement, hospital/nursing home, Eagle Scout, (activities only during the last four years)
- **Employment Section:** If you work a seasonal job (I.E. ValleyFair), list the average number of hours/week and how many months you worked. (I.E. You worked from June-Aug. of 2016 and 2017: that is 6 months, not two (2) years.)
- **Financial Section (FAFSA):** Not required to be eligible for a scholarship, if blank, you will receive zero points for that section.
- **Essay Section:** When writing your goals, be as specific as possible. Avoid any generalities. Tell us what you want to do with your life and why. Your goals should relate to your major.
- Unusual circumstances will not apply to everyone; this essay is for those of you who have had something happen in your life that has affected your achievement in school, work or activities (I.E. you had mono during your Sr. Year, a parent is sick, etc.)
- You need to have an appraisal/ recommendation completed from someone (I.E. Counselor, coach, teacher, etc.). They need to know your plans, goals, etc. to complete your appraisal effectively. ASK someone that knows you well, TODAY!
- If you apply for a scholarship in a certain field, make sure that the college you will be attending has classes in that major. (I.E. Do NOT apply for the ecology scholarship if the school you are enrolled in doesn't offer any courses in the ecology field.)
- You must complete every field labeled with **(**) a double asterisk**. Use correct spelling and good grammar. Do **not** use acronyms that may not be familiar to everyone. Each of our judges will be looking at only one section of each application. Make sure that the information you put down in each section actually applies to that section.
- Once your application has been completed, click on the 'My Scholarships' Section (yellow area) on the left navigation bar or on the homepage screen. After answering a couple of questions, the scholarships that match to you will be available. Click the "Submit App" button on each scholarship listed. Once you have submitted for them, the scholarship will move to the "Submitted Applications" section of the "My Scholarships" page. Scholarships outside of the Shakopee Chapter may appear if you match to them. We strongly suggest that you apply for **ALL** scholarships listed there!
- If you think you have completed your application, but you still receive an email from us reminding you to finish your application, do **NOT assume** that we made a mistake. Go back and check every step of your application. Read all instructions carefully.
- The applications are open NOW, today, Feb. 9th, and must be **completed by midnight, March 16th**, or they will not be considered. On approximately April 14th you will be notified via e-mail if you will be receiving a scholarship.
- Scholarship amounts range from \$500 to \$1,000 and will be given at the awards program on the morning of Thurs., May 31st at Shakopee Area Catholic School gym in Shakopee. Your parents or guardians will be invited to attend with you.