# Scholarship Application & Essay Tips

## Application and Essay Tips

 **•** All application materials should be typed if possible

 • Be thorough and answer all questions, leaving just one blank could cost you the scholarship

 **•** Be sure to include all extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, or organizations you have been a part of

 **•** Be sure to include all honors, awards, or special recognitions you have received

 **•** Be sure to include any community service work you have done

 **•** Be sure to clearly define your goals and future plans

**•** Be sure you proofread your application and essay and have a teacher or parent proofread it as well

 **•** Be sure to include any requested documents such as transcripts and letters of recommendations

## Samples of extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, and organizations

 **•** Sports teams

 **•** Student Council

 **•** Class Officers

 **•** National Honor Society

 **•** Future Educators of America (FEA)

 **•** Future Farmers of American (FFA)

 **•** Boys/Girls Scouts

Examples of honors, awards, and special recognitions

• Valedictorian

• Salutatorian

• Top 10% of class

• FFA Officer

• National Honor Society Officer
• HOBY Ambassador

 • Buckeye Boys/Girls State Delegate

 • WestPoint Leaders Award

 • U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete

• Sports team special recognition such as MVP, 1st team, Bulldog Award, etc.

• Homecoming court

Examples of Community Service & Community Involvement

 • Volunteer time at animal shelter

 • Volunteer at the library

 • Serve food at homeless shelter

 • Helped pick up trash in the community

 • Involvement in fundraiser

 • Mowed lawn or raked leaves for elderly neighbor