

Series 1: Brainstorming—Preparing the Scholarship Essay

This handout is created to assist college students. Some of these may be open to high school students also. (Also, under WHERE I FOUND IT, you can find where I found the current scholarship and THERE MAY BE MORE there.)

1. <https://www.regions.com/promo/black-history-scholarship>

\$3,500 Regions Riding Forward, D: Feb 28, 2017

“The Regions Riding Forward Essay Contest is a special scholarship to us. It provides college scholarships to 30 students, while also shining a spotlight on the African-Americans who inspire them”—from news release

Read what is wanted in the essay. Read the entire web page, including Contest Judging Criteria.

From webpage: “2. Write your essay

Choose the African-American you want to write about. It could be someone famous, a relative or a person you know. Just make sure the individual inspires and motivates you.

For guidance, review the “How to Enter” instructions and the “Contest Judging Criteria” in sections 4 and 5 of the Official Rules, and be sure your essay is 500 words or less. You can write your essay directly in the application or you can copy and paste it into the appropriate area in the application form.”

Jot down African-Americans who inspire and motivate you, which could be someone famous, a relative, or a person you know. Do this for 1-3 minutes.

Pick the one you are most drawn to.

Write words, phrases, accomplishments, etc on this person for 5 minutes.

Now, you can start to shape the essay.

2. The TSU Foundation Scholarships (opening Mon, Feb 20; Deadline March 31, 2017)

often require small written assignments such as career goals, what you hope to achieve with your major, and explaining an achievement you are proud of.

Start thinking about these things, jotting down notes.

3. https://www.valeantaspirehigher.com/?utm_source=bing&utm_medium=cpc

\$10,000 Valeant Dermatology Scholarships, D: April 30, 2017

From website: “If you have been treated for a dermatologic condition, you can aspire to receive a scholarship.”

From Rules and Regulations: “The Valeant Dermatology ASPIRE HIGHER Scholarship Program (the "Program") recognizes persons in the United States who have been diagnosed with and treated for a dermatologic condition (such as acne, rosacea, eczema, atopic dermatitis, or actinic keratosis) who are pursuing higher education”

Read to see if you qualify.

4. <http://www.teacher.org/scholarship-entry-rules/>

\$2,500 Teacher.org’s Inspire Our Future Scholarship, D: April 1, 2017; 18 years old; currently enrolled; GPA min 3.5, 500-700 words

From webpage: “Whether you are an experienced teacher who is continuing their education, or a teacher candidate who has just begun the process - we want to support you. With that said, Teacher.org is offering a \$2,500 scholarship to help you pay for your education and other associated expenses. Simply fill out the form and answer the question in order to apply.”

Scholarship Form http://www.teacher.org/scholarships-grants/#scholarship_form_8376

WHERE I FOUND IT: <https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarships-by-grade-level/undergraduate-scholarships/>

Skip the Ads!

5. <https://www.apartmentlist.com/scholarship>

\$500 Apartment List Scholarship, D: Mar 1, 2017

From webpage: “Therefore, we are offering a \$500 scholarship to outstanding students who exemplify one or more of Apartment List’s core values:

- Bold While Pragmatic
- Endlessly Helpful
- Making an Impact
- Driven by Data
- Succeeding Together
- Forever Learning

You may have mentored a fellow student, organized a fundraiser for charity, or gone on a humanitarian trip abroad. Whatever your achievements, we want to hear from you!

Eligibility

Any legal U.S. resident at least eighteen (18) years old who meets one of the following criteria:

- Currently attending attending high school and will be attending an accredited university or college in the next academic year
- Currently attending an accredited university or college (undergraduate and graduate students are both eligible)

How to Apply

To apply, please submit an application that includes answers to the following questions:

- What have you done that exemplifies one (or more) of Apartment List's core values?
- What is most important to you when choosing a place to call "home"?"

WHERE I FOUND IT: <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/march-scholarships/>

5. <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/sweet-and-simple-scholarship>

\$1, 500 Unigo Sweet and Simple Scholarship, D: Feb 28, 2017

Create s Unigo Scholarship Profile

Answer 250 words or less short answer, **"Submit an online written response for the question:**
"Not every gift has to be expensive or extravagant. In fact, sometimes it's the sweet and simple things that make a real difference in our lives. Think back and tell us about something you received as a gift and why it meant so much to you." (250 words or less)"

Avoid Ads

WHERE I FOUND THIS: <https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships>

6. <http://www.cfmt.org/request/search-scholarships/>

This is just one of the scholarships administered by the **Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee**.

Over 105 scholarships administered by the CFMT

You can explore the 105 scholarships administered by the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee and see if any others may apply to you.

Deadline: March 15, 2017

Other Community Foundation Scholarships all Over America

<http://www.cof.org/community-foundation-locator>

Not from the Middle Tennessee area. Then, use this Community Foundation Locator at the link above to find a community foundation close to your permanent residence and see what you find.

7. <http://genkellyscholarship.com/>

\$1,000 Gen and Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, D: July 31, 2017

From webpage: “In 250 words or less, please submit an essay on one of the following:

1. Why do you deserve to win this scholarship? -OR-
2. Describe your academic or career goals. -OR-
3. Any topic of your choice.

Feel free to re-use an essay that you wrote in class, for college admission or another scholarship competition.”

Scholarship Coaching is Available

List compiled by Michael Turner, Writing Tutor and Scholarship Coach, Tennessee State University Writing Center, room 117, Student Success Center, mjturner@tnstate.edu

If you are a Tennessee State University student, you can email Mr. Turner at mjturner@tnstate.edu and ask him for a scholarship coaching appointment. Please list day, dates, and times you would be available.

During this time, we would look for scholarships that you can apply for: more scholarship and internship money, less debt.

This handout is housed at <https://scholarshiptigers.com>

**Scholarships that Might Apply to You But May Not
(I found the following articles by going to Google and typing in scholarships,
but clicking on the option News, to bring up recent news stories)**

1. <http://www.militarytimes.com/articles/deadlines-looming-for-military-family-scholarships>

Deadlines Looming for military family scholarships, Feb 14, 2017

2. <https://www.accountingtoday.com/news/aicpa-announces-2017-18-legacy-scholarships>

AICPA announces 2017-18 Legacy Scholarships, Accounting, accounting education, Feb 13, 2017

3. <http://www.knoxnews.com/story/news/local/tennessee/2017/02/14/east-tennessee-foundation-offers-scholarships-all-ages/97820458/>

East Tennessee Foundation offers scholarships for all ages, East Tennessee (includes Knoxville, TN), Feb 14, 2017

4. <http://www.usnews.com/education/scholarship-search-insider/articles/2017-02-09/scholarships-help-undocumented-students-pursue-college-dreams>

Scholarships Help Undocumented Students Pursue College, Feb 9, 2017

5. <http://www.carrollcountytimes.com/ph-cc-fyi-bge-scholar-20170214-story.html>

Applications available for BGE (Baltimore Gas and Electric) scholarships, Feb 14

Where can I Get Writing Help (open only to TSU students)

1. <http://www.tnstate.edu/aeao/tutoring/writing.aspx>

Tennessee State University Writing Center

Hours, M-F, 8:00-4:30 pm

2. Passionate About Student Success (P.A.S.S.) Program

Several subjects and tutoring available.

Sign up early for free tutoring. Tutoring in English, biology, math, chemistry, sociology, and history.

For more information, contact

Dr. Belinda T. Lee

Student Success Center, Suite 115B

blee@tnstate.edu

615-963-7532

3. TutorMe

On-demand tutors available 24/7 in over 300 subjects

How to Get Tutoring:

A. Go to <https://tutorme.com/>

B. Sign up using your @my.tnstate.edu email address

C. Get matched with a tutor in less than 3 minutes

4. <http://www.tnstate.edu/write/>

WRITE Program at Tennessee State University

The WRITE Studio is available to upper-division students courses in in one of the participating WRITE programs: English, History, Human Performance & Sports Sciences, Political Science, Psychology, Social Work, and Sociology.

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE CURRENT TSU STUDENT I.D. WITH THEM FOR ADMITTANCE TO WRITE STUDIO.

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