SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

How to use the NEW online application

One application
+
Access to dozens of scholarships
=
Money for school!
Information You Need To Know

- You only have to create ONE application
  - You can edit your application anytime before the deadline

- Two deadlines:
  - **Priority deadline: April 15 - midnight**
  - October 15 – midnight

- Anyone can apply!

- You DO NOT need to submit your transcript if you are an Alamo Colleges student
Important Items to Consider

- PAC has ALL types of scholarships!
  - Logistics, Education, Science & Tech Majors & much more!
  - Performing Arts majors
  - Career-focused scholarships

- What the judges are looking for:
  - Commitment to your education
    - GPA – minimum GPA 2.0
    - Graduation and transfer goals
  - Your essay
    - Needs to be well-thought out
    - Include your goals and future career plans
    - Draft your essay and have at least two people review it
    - Check your spelling and grammar
    - The writing lab is FREE – USE IT!
  - Involvement
    - Community involvement is always a plus!
Essay Questions

- Describe your background and life experiences to include any challenges or successes. Explain how these experiences prompted you to pursue a higher education.

- Describe your educational career and life goals. Explain your plan for achieving these goals. Include your degree/major, why you selected it, and how this degree/major will help you achieve your goals.

- Explain why you deserve to receive a scholarship, and how receiving a scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
What happens after the deadline?

- The application closes April 15 and October 15
- Each scholarship is reviewed and you could potentially qualify for multiple scholarships
- Scholarships are judged by a committee of staff and faculty
- Notification is sent one month after the deadline by snail mail and ACES email
External Scholarships

- External scholarships: local, regional and national scholarships offered by corporations and non-profit organizations outside of the college.

- Where can I find them?
  - On our Scholarship Home Page! Web links online will help you navigate funding opportunities.

  - [http://www.alamo.edu/pac/htm/new/current/services/scholarship_services/default.aspx](http://www.alamo.edu/pac/htm/new/current/services/scholarship_services/default.aspx)

- We also list links on how to write the perfect essay and the do’s and don’ts of scholarship essays!
Resources

- Scholarship Office
  - Coordinator: Danielle N. Espinoza
  - 210-486-3132
  - despinoza66@alamo.edu
  - Center for Academic Transitions “CAT CENTER”
  - Student Center by the cafeteria
  - Hours: Monday & Thursday: 8am – 7pm
  - Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8am – 5pm

- Writing Assistance Center
  - 210-486-3257
  - pac-writingcenter@alamo.edu
  - Gutierrez Learning Lab 121
  - Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8am-7pm
  - Friday: 8am-2pm / Saturday: 10am-2pm
The Application Process

- Go to www.alamo.edu/pac/scholarships
- Click on the “Online Application” link

Instructions:

1. Submit the online application.
   FIRST TIME APPLICANTS: Please click on the REGISTER ME! button.
   RETURNING APPLICANTS: Enter your USER NAME and PASSWORD.

2. Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov/) to be considered for need based scholarships.

3. HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS, TRANSFER and 1st TIME ALAMO COLLEGES STUDENTS:
   Submit a transcript/GED certificate. Your application will be incomplete and not considered if your transcript/GED certificate is not received by the application deadline. Send your transcript/GED certificate to:
   Office of Institutional Advancement, Alamo Colleges
   Attention: Scholarship Coordinator
   201 W. Sheridan, Suite C-3
   San Antonio, Texas 78204

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- Click on the “Register Me!” Button at the bottom right hand of the screen

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- Fill out the Personal Information page
- Tips: Use your ACES email and a password you will remember!
  Log-in:___________________ / Password:___________________
- After you complete the form click on “Register Me”
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- Click on “Apply Now”
- Follow Steps 1 – 6 to complete your application
- Make sure to click the “Save & Go Next” button at the bottom of each page you’re working on
- If you want to close the application without submitting it go to Step 6 and click on “Save and Exit”
- You will want to perfect the **THREE** essay questions before submitting your application
REMEMBER:
The harder you work to make your application perfect the more chances you have to receive a scholarship!

You could potentially make $500 - $1,000+ in working two hours on a scholarship – Compare that to how much you make in two hours at your current job....

Opportunities are endless... its what you do with them that makes all the difference!