

Tips for Scholarship Applicants

Last year, Incourage awarded over 180 scholarships from 110 funds!

Where do I start? Incourage uses an online platform called ScholarSelect. Start by answering a few basic questions to help get matched with a list of all scholarships that you may be eligible for. Review the criteria to see if you meet ALL the requirements for a particular scholarship.

How does the application process work?

- Information entered in Sections 1-14 serves as the base for nearly all scholarships administered by Incourage Community Foundation.
- You are able to save your information and return later to update.

Proofread before you submit your work.

- Follow the directions. Incomplete applications may not be considered.
- Use proper spelling, capitalization, and punctuation.
- Ask someone to review your application for accuracy and completeness.

Importance of essays:

- A well-written essay can make the difference between receiving an award – or not receiving a scholarship. The best essays give the reader a better picture of you. Tell your story.
- We recommend that you compose your essay in a word document first, and don't indent your paragraphs. When you paste your essay online, indentations don't transfer well from online into our application merge, so please enter a blank line space between paragraphs.

How many Letters of Recommendation do I need? You need only two Letters of Recommendation regardless of the number of scholarships that you apply for through Incourage.

- Ask someone who knows you well and can write with first-hand knowledge.
- Online, enter contact information in the Letter of Recommendation section as soon as possible to allow the writer sufficient time to compose and submit their Letter.

When will I be notified if I have been selected to receive a scholarship? For most scholarship awards: High school students will receive their award letter at their school awards program; Continuing college and Non-traditional students will be notified via U.S. Postal Service near the end of May.

What do I need to do to receive my scholarship award? Your award letter will contain the details of your award and any special conditions.

Need help?

- If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Incourage. We are happy to help you. (Parents with questions: encourage your student to contact us.)
- Email tdassow@incouragecf.org or call Teri at 715-423-3863.