

Scholarship Tip Sheet

ALL scholarship applications and supplemental materials (such as high school transcripts) must be submitted online or to the University by December 1st. Applications received after December 1st will not make it in the application selection and review pool.

- 1) Apply EARLY. It's important to get your application in early to ensure your application is received by the December 1st deadline.
- 2) Request a copy of your high school (unofficial is OK) transcripts BEFORE the December 1st deadline to be sent to the University of Idaho Admissions Office: 875 Perimeter Dr. MS4264, Moscow, ID 83844-4264; email: admissions@uidaho.edu
- 3) FASFA's are open on October 1st. Be sure to get yours completed so that you have a completed package by December 1st.
- 4) When applying for a specific scholarship. Be sure to read the criteria and indicate in your written application section how you meet that criteria. For example: if you are applying for the Johannessen Scholarship, the criteria are:
 - a. Have been in 4-H at least four years – share the numbers of years you have been involved under the achievement section and expand about what you did in those activities.
 - b. Currently enrolled in 4-H – can be determined through 4-H Online. Be sure you are currently enrolled through 4-H Online for the current year to be considered for this scholarship.
 - c. Primary consideration given to overall leadership and 4-H achievement – Expand about your leadership and 4-H achievements in the activities and achievements section on the application.
 - d. Secondary considerations given to:
 - i. Community involvement - this can be expanded on in your Community Service section of the application.
 - ii. Academic achievement – this can be determined on your high school transcripts
 - iii. Financial need – this can be determined based on your current FAFSA information.
- 5) Highlight your greatest accomplishments relative to both the question you are answering and the scholarships you feel you are qualified for. See examples below for reference:

a. Activities, offices held, accomplishments

Example: (Expand on your experiences in your activities and accomplishments)

In high school, I participated in basketball, softball, club volleyball, youth group, agriculture club, Idaho Drug Free Youth and 4-H. In 4-H, I was secretary for 2 years and was responsible for keeping club minutes during each meeting. I was also the president of my 4-H club for 1 year and was responsible for preparing the agenda, running the meeting using parliamentary procedures, resolving club member issues and working closely with the rest of the club officers to make sure all ran smoothly. As a member of Idaho Drug Free Youth, I organized and planned a group activity for the local elementary students. The students broke into small groups, played games and learned about the importance of staying drug free. After that activity, I discovered I really enjoyed working with young children and decided to become a 4-H Camp Counselor. I am going on my 2nd

year as a Camp Counselor where I am responsible for assisting and teaching workshops, organizing small group activities, encouraging positive interactions, promoting health and safety, and helping the campers feel at home. Last year, I was encouraged to participate in the study abroad program where I traveled to Europe and was given the opportunity to visit a foreign country, learn about the culture, economic and social life, and experience traveling internationally for the first time. The experience has inspired me to continue to explore more international travel opportunities in the future.

b. Honors & Awards

Example:

2016: 1st Place 4-H Cast Iron Thrower
FFA Research/Agricultural Education Placement Chapter Proficiency Award
DECA Business Interview Contest – 1st place
Varsity Softball – Player of the year
1st Place 4-H Round Robin Small Animal
Grand Champion 4-H Pet Showman
Idaho 4-H Key Award
1st Place 4-H Horse Judging Contest
FFA Outstanding Member
Member of Honor Society

2015: 2nd Place Round Robin Small Animal
1st Place County 4-H Horse Judging Team
1st Place County 4-H
1st Place 4-H Camp Counselor Award
2nd Place DECA Speech Award
FFA Chapter Star Member
FFA Silver Individual Horse Judging
Member of Honor Society

2014: 4-H County Non-Animal Award for Excellence
FFA 1st Place Homesite Winner
4-H Top Leadership Project
4-H County 1st Place Team Horse Demo
Idaho FFA Participant
County 4-H First Place Job Interview
Member of Honor Society
FFA District Secretary

c. Work Experience

Example: (Give information on what types of work you do in your jobs)

During the summer, I work fulltime on my family farm where I plow and disk the fields to get ready for planting; move sprinkler lines; set gated pipe and siphon tubes for watering; swath and bale hay; swath and harvest alfalfa seed; harvest grain; drive grain trucks; and hand-pull weeds. I also water and feed cattle daily and give vaccines, deworm, dehorn and help with dystocias. For the past two years, I have been working two days a week at a local Veterinary clinic where I feed, water and walk the animals, clean kennels, stock supplies and assist the Veterinary Technicians when needed.

d. Community Service Activities

Example: (Share about the different types of community services you have participated and how it impacted you)

Through 4-H, I have done a variety of community service projects. I helped plant trees in the local park, planted flowers at the local hospital and fairgrounds and pulled weeds at the cemetery. I helped paint the fair buildings and grand stands, made blankets for local shelters and started a canned food drive with my club. Each year, I help serve at the Fireman's Pancake feed to help raise money for area shelters. Because I want to eventually work with young children, I contacted a local child care center and started doing weekly reading time with the preschoolers. This year, my club is helping to organize a military-box drive where we will be collecting items for military troops to send to them this Christmas. Through all of my volunteer experiences, I truly believe I am helping to make a difference in my community and value all of the connections I have made along the way. I know I will continue to volunteer even after high school since it has always been such an important part of my life.

e. Career Goals

Example: (Share about what you are considering as a career and why)

I am interested in exploring the healthcare profession. I often volunteer at the local hospital and enjoy my time learning from the doctors and nurses as well as visiting with patients. My original plan is to go to school to get an RN degree, but I may explore becoming a family practitioner. I enjoy helping others and I feel that healthcare would be both rewarding and fulfilling. It is also an industry that is in high demand which will benefit me personally and financially. No matter which path I end up choosing, I know it will be something where I am making a difference in the lives of others.

- 6) Remember, these applications are dispersed campus wide and depending on your major, that particular college may have additional scholarships that you automatically qualify for based on the information you provide.
- 7) If you are unsure or have questions about this process...please contact us. Feel free to contact our office at any time, we are happy to help! (208) 885-7700.