



Senior Scholarships 101 Webinar October 28, 2021 Questions & Answers

- Where can I access the recording & slide deck from the Senior Scholarships 101 Webinar?
 - www.EducationFoundation.com/SeniorScholarships
- Where can I apply for HEF scholarships?
 - www.EducationFoundation.com/SeniorScholarships
- What are the application dates?
 - The student application is open from November 1, 2021, through January 31, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST
- How will I know which scholarships to apply for?
 - We have one application that will apply your information to all the scholarships we offer. Our application portal will show you which scholarships you qualify for and which you are not eligible for based on criteria. You can see examples of this in the recorded webinar.
- Are scholarships for Florida schools only?
 - It depends on the scholarship; some are restricted to specific schools and/or the state of Florida while others are not restricted.
- Are these scholarships available for Ivy Leagues universities, private schools, etc.?
 - It depends on the scholarship; many scholarships do not set school restrictions and can be used for Ivy League or any other school the student wants to attend.
- Are there any merit-based scholarships or are they only based on financial need?
 - Yes, there are merit-based scholarships; they are not all based on financial need.
- What is the income amount to be considered for scholarships based on financial need?
 - It is not based on an income dollar amount. It is based on qualifications for one or more of the following programs: Medicaid, free/reduced-price lunch, WIC, TANF, and/or housing assistance.
- If I don't qualify for one of the social assistance programs, can I still get a scholarship?
 - Yes - not all scholarships require financial need.

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- Do different scholarships require different amounts of community service hours?
 - Yes, and some don't have a requirement at all.
- For the scholarships that require community hours, would the hours need to be completed by January 31st?
 - Yes, and entered into the scholarship portal by 11:59 p.m. EST
- Can I receive multiple scholarships and is there a monetary restriction?
 - Students selected to receive a scholarship will be awarded one scholarship with the highest value, in which he/she received the highest score.
- Can students from charter, private schools and homeschool apply?
 - Yes.
- Can a student who is undocumented without DACA apply for scholarships?
 - Yes.
- If a student qualifies for a full Bright Futures scholarship, which pays for all tuition, can the scholarship money go toward room and board, meal plans, or other fees?
 - Yes. In addition to tuition, funds can be used for books, supplies, housing, meal plans, fees, and equipment required for enrollment or attendance at the educational institution.
- Do scholarships go unclaimed?
 - Occasionally. In that case, if a student notifies HEF that they are unable to use the scholarship by June 30, the scholarship is awarded to the next highest scoring student
- Do you prioritize who applies first?
 - No.
- Do SAT/ACT scores matter?
 - They are not assigned points during the scholarship application review process, but may be taken into consideration.
- Should AwardSpring registration be in the student's or parent's name?
 - All names should be the student's, unless noted to provide the parent's/guardian's name.
- What should I choose for the school I will be attending if I don't know yet?
 - You can select your top 3 to 5 school choices. If you are granted a scholarship that requires attendance at a specific school and you end up not going there, you will have to forfeit your award.
 - The application can be edited until 11:59 p.m. EST on January 31, 2022. If you have already completed the application, but decide which school you will attend before January 31st, update the information in the portal.
 - If you select "undecided," you will not be considered for scholarships with a school requirement.



- What should I enter if I'm going to a two-year community college and then transferring to a university?
 - Please enter the school name you'll be attending after high school graduation, because scholarships must be used during the first year and expire on April 30, 2023.
- If I find an error after my essay has been submitted, can I make corrections?
 - Yes, you can make corrections until January 31, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. EST
- How long does it take to process a correction in the application?
 - The system updates the edits immediately.
- Which GPA should I use when I complete application?
 - Please enter your UNWEIGHTED GPA, which is the state cumulative GPA on your most recent report card.
- Is the GPA for 9-11 grade?
 - Please use the UNWEIGHTED GPA from your most recent report card.
- What if the student has credits through dual enrollment? Is that included in the high school UNWEIGHTED GPA?
 - No.
- Should I enter my weighted GPA?
 - No.
- Is the UNWEIGHTED GPA for all classes or just core classes?
 - All classes.
- Is it safe to assume a student will be able to have a GPA and SAT score before the scholarship applications deadline?
 - UNWEIGHTED GPA will be on the students' most recent report card.
 - You will need to contact the SAT testing body to find out when scores will be released.
- Who do I contact if I have more questions?
 - Angie Anthony at aanthony@educationfoundation.com or 813-574-0273

