Welcome to your Billerica Scholarship Foundation information night

2022

IMPORTANT Information

Scholarships open on March 1st

Scholarships close on March 22nd

Follow us on FB for updates

If you have questions ASK Sharon

SFerris@idealconcretblock.com

Email, Text or FB Message

978-375-0842

Completing the Student Profile.

https://billerica.dollarsforscholars.org





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Student and Parent Login

Students: Questions? contact us at dollarsforscholars@scholarshipamerica.org

Application Instructions

Students: Please follow these <u>instructions</u>. Failure to do so may disqualify you from scholarship opportunities.

Parents: Please see these instructions on how to grant consent if your child is a minor.

Logging into the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Dashboard will also give you access to important news about college life, and exclusive resources to help you manage your money, succeed in college, and take advantage of everything Dollars for Scholars has to offer.

If you're a parent, this is a great resource, too; if you're here to enter financial or other information for scholarships, you've come to the right place!



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Browse Scholarships

<u>Scholarship America manages national and regional scholarships. Here's your guide!</u>

Student Profile

Now's the time! Create or update your student profile to find affiliate scholarships

Email & Social Media

- Visit ANY local Dollars for Scholars website.
- Click on the student and parent tab.
- Look for and follow any specific instructions provided by your local Dollars for Scholars on the web page.
- "Click to Login."



The Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center

Welcome to the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars Student Center! Your profile here will allow you to match to and apply for scholarships managed by your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate.

In order to be eligible for Dollars for Scholars scholarships, you need to have a Dollars for Scholars affiliate serving your area. (Click here to search before you get started.) We encourage you to go to the Students & Parents Tab of your local Dollars for Scholars affiliate website for specific instructions on applying and deadlines.

If there's no Dollars for Scholars affiliate in your area, you will not be eligible for a Dollars for Scholars scholarship. You can still create a profile to access financial aid resources, college guidance and application tips. We also encourage you to check out the national and regional scholarships managed by Scholarship America.

If you have a profile, log in below. Don't have an account yet? Create one here.

Didn't receive the login email? Click the gray support button on the left side of the screen.

* Email Address Password Login Forgot Password?

Parents

Parents: Click Here to Log In

School Officials

School Officials: Click Here to Log In

References

References: Click Here to Log In

 If you don't already have an account, create one here.



Welcome To Scholarship America Student Center

Thank you for your interest in Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars. To get started on your profile, find your high school in the list below using the available filters and click the "Choose This School" button to the right of it.

- If you are/were home schooled enter "Home Schooled" into the High School Name field and select the option that appears.
- If you received your GED, please enter "GED" into the High School Name field and extect the generic GED option that
 appears.
- If you graduated from an **international high school**, please enter "Laernational School" into the High School Name and select the Not in USA filter in the State drop down and select the option that appears.
- If you CANNOT FIND YOUR HIGH SCHOOL, please click on the gray Support tab on the left side of the screen and send
 us your school's name and location so we can add it to our database.



Showing 1 record(s).

High School Name	City	State ZIP
SAINT (ST.) CROIX FALLS HIGH	SAINT (St.) CROIX	Wisconsin 54024 Choose This School
SCHOOL	FALLS	

- Start by entering the name of your high school.
- If your school name returns too many results, you can filter by the city, state, or zip code of your school.
- Click "Choose This School" where your high school appears.

IMPORTANT DO NOT NOT NOT use a school K12 email

These are deactivated Summer of 2022

Our awards are 2nd semester Freshman year



Step 2: Fill Out Your Basic Information Please complete the following fields and check the box at the bottom of the page to agree to our terms and conditions. All items with a double star (**) are required before the form can be submitted. Please use a non-school email address. Click on the grey ? Support button on the bottom left side of the screen to submit a help ticket to us with the details of your issue/question. Submit Cancel ** Legal First Name ? ** Legal Last Name ? ** Primary State or Province -- Select --** Primary Address Line 1 @ Primary Address Line 2 **Primary Apartment** Search ** Primary City 🕢 ** Primary County -- Select --** ZIP or Postal Code ** Which school district do you reside in? (Search ** Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) ** Email Address (2) ** Confirm Email Address *** *** **** ** Primary Phone Number Primary Phone Text Capable - check box ** Opt in for Text Messages from local Chapter, Primary YesNo Phone? ** Current Grade Level -- Select --** Year Graduated/ Expected Graduation from High -- Select --School ** Race 🔞 -- Select --* * Ethnicity -- Select --** I understand that my online profile contains confidential personal data. I hereby authorize Dollars for Scholars to review the information in my profile for the purpose of determining my eligibility for scholarships. I also understand and agree that Dollars for Scholars may transfer, store and process my profile data in any of its offices in conjunction with the selection process for a I verify that I have read, understand, and agree to the guidelines for this program. I understand that I may withdraw my consent to processing at any time by contacting Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars but that doing so will impact Dollars for Scholars' ability to consider my application. By registering for an account, consent to the statements above and to the guidelines for the Dollars for Scholars program, and I consent to receive relevant electronic communications from Scholarship America. Submit Cancel

- Fill in all the fields with the appropriate information.
- Read the terms and conditions, check the box to agree to them, and then "Submit."
- An email will be sent to you with your login information. Check other folders (Junk/SPAM/etc.) if the email is not found in your Inbox.

Dear Marty McFly,

Thanks for registering for the Scholarship America Dollars for Scholars student center. Please follow the link below and use the information listed to get log into your account. When you first log in, you will be prompted with a popup asking you to set your password at which point you can set it to whatever you want to use going forward. After you set your password, you can complete your profile and start submitting to scholarships!

Login page: https://public.dollarsforscholars.org/index.php?action=userLogin

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Email:: martymcfly@gmail.com

Temporary Password: 887560aee637464064fa

Instructions for completeing the profile can be found here.

If you have any questions or run into any issues while completing your profile, you can reply to this email with the details of your question/issue and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

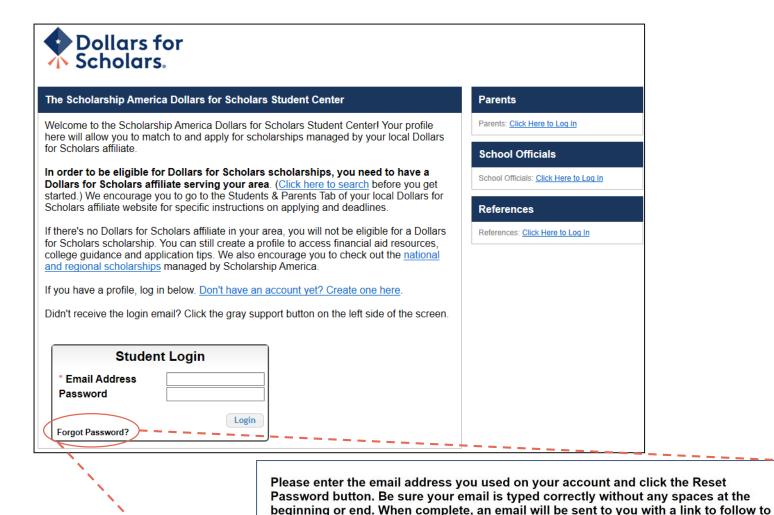
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Reset Password	
Passwords must be at least 8 characters and contain at lea case letters, numbers, and symbols.	st one of each of the following: upper case letters, lower
* Password	(2)
* Confirm Password	<i>⊗</i>

 The email you receive will provide a link to the login page and a temporary password.

> When you first log in, a popup will ask you to set your password.
> Enter the password you want to use moving forward, and click "Save Password."

Save Password



Email Address

get back into your account and set a new password. If you don't see this email in your

Close Reset Password

inbox within a couple minutes, be sure to check spam.

- If you have forgotten your password, click "Forgot Password?"
- Turn-off pop-up blockers in your browser.
- Enter the email address
 associated with your Dollars
 for Scholars account.
- Click "Reset Password" and an email will be sent to you with instructions to set a new password.

Welcome, Marty McFly Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website

My Dashboard

My Information

Your profile is 95% complete.

You still have an incomplete profile. You will reach 100% complete when all the starred (*) items in each section are complete, however you may still apply for scholarships with less than 100% complete. If you do not complete your profile, you may not qualify for all scholarships.

Work on Profile

To have a complete profile, the following supplementary information may be required. Request this information by going to the appropriate section of your profile. Current status of these pieces are:

Financial Information from Parent or Guardian: Requested

Transcript Information: Submitted

Recommendation from Reference: Submitted Consent from Parent or Guardian: Consent Granted

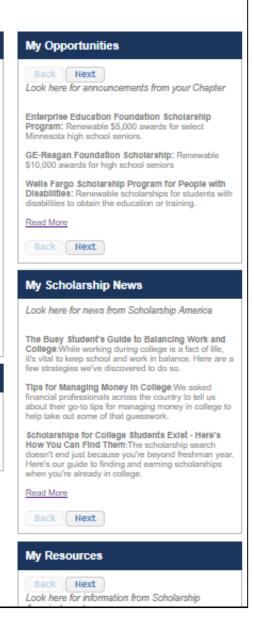
Scholarships I've Applied for this Year: 1

My Scholarships

Search for Scholarships

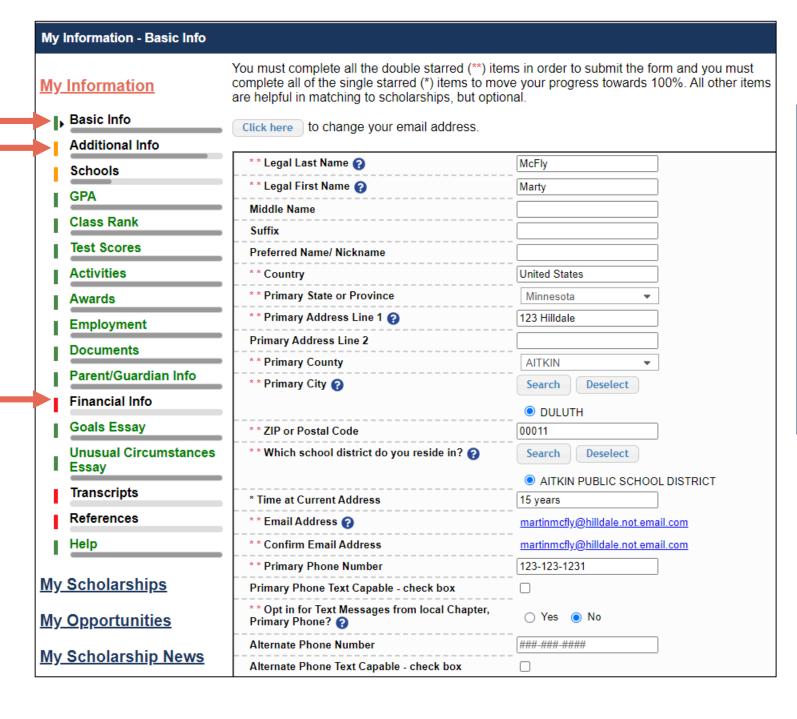
Search to see if you match to or if there are any updates to any open scholarships.

Check this section often, as scholarships open and close all the time. We recommend you check back weekly so you do not miss any new opportunities.

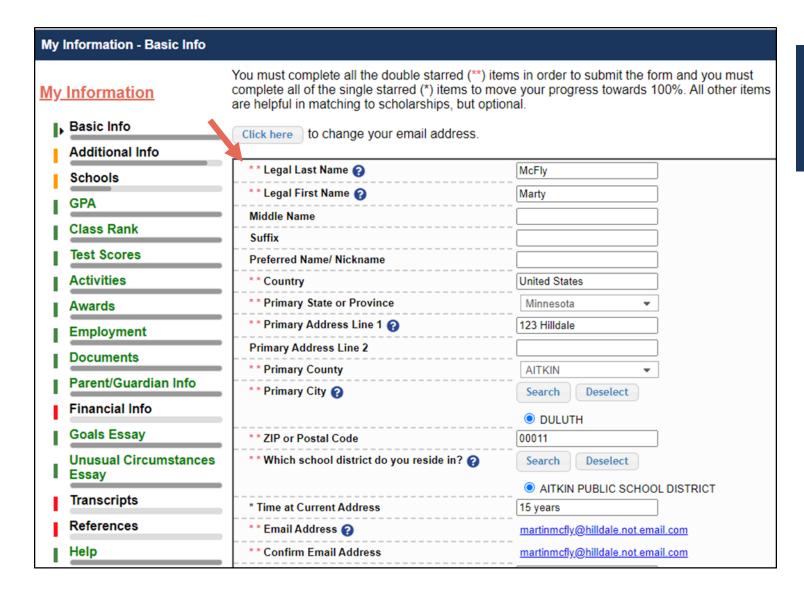


The Dashboard lets you:

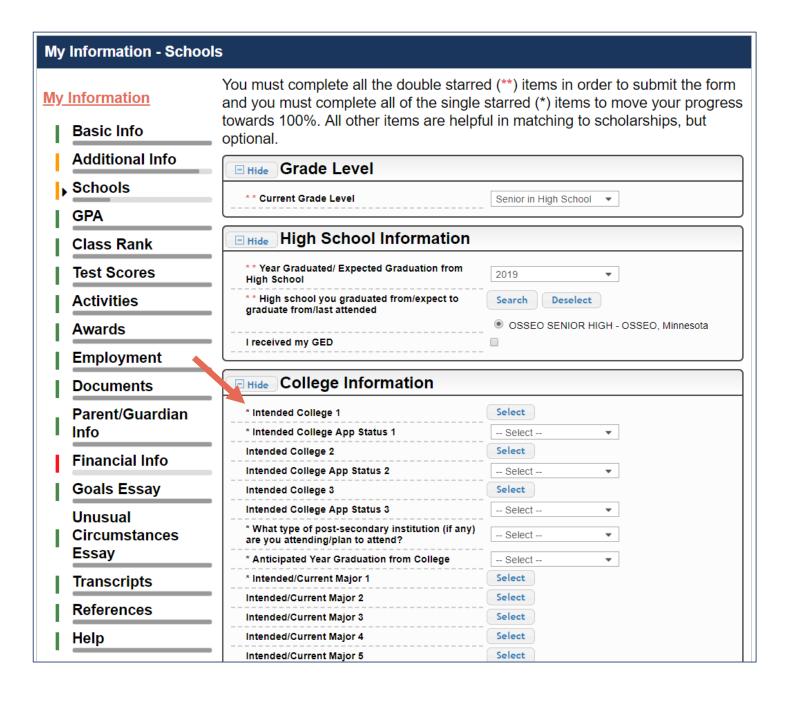
- View your local Dollars for Scholars under Your Chapter Matches. Click the name to be directed to their website.
- **My Information:** View your progress and follow the link to complete your profile.
- **My Opportunities:** View other scholarship opportunities that you may be eligible for.
- My Scholarship News & My **Resources:** View and use other national news and resources.
- **My Scholarships:** Search for scholarships.



- When completing your profile, notice the progress bars – The color indicates the level of completeness of each section.
 - Red = Not started
 - Yellow = Started but not completed
 - Green = Complete



Items marked with a double ** are required to move on from each section.

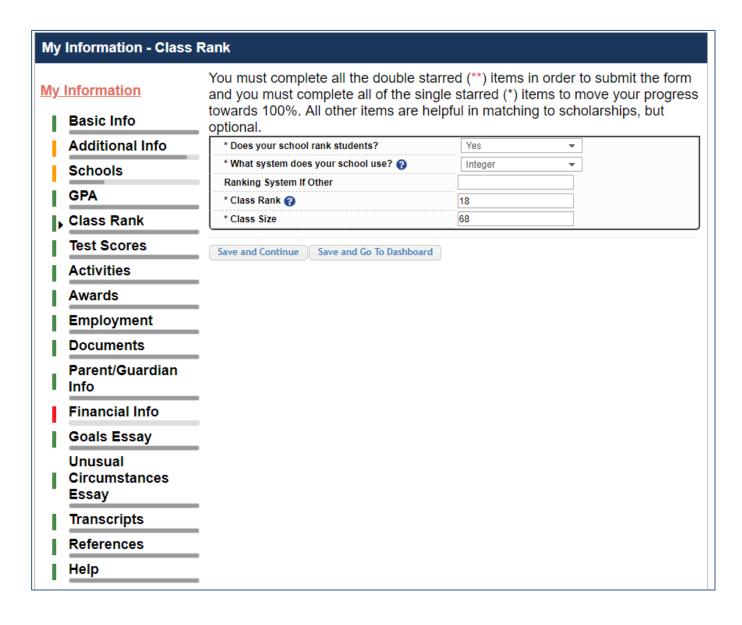


- Items marked with a single star * are factored into your profile completion percentage.
- Complete all starred fields to move your profile to 100% complete.
- NOTE: Being 100%
 does NOT mean you
 have applied to a
 scholarship.

My Information - GPA You must complete all the double starred (**) items in order to submit the form and you must complete all of the single starred (*) items to move your progress towards 100%. All other items My Information are helpful in matching to scholarships, but optional. Basic Info When entering GPA, you will also need to enter the Scale. The scale can be found on your transcript or by asking a school official such as a guidance counselor. For example, your high Additional Info school could have a 4.0 scale and your GPA is 3.85 and you would enter a scale of 4. If your scale is a percentage, such as 100%, you would enter 100. Or if you checked the box that your school Schools uses Weighted GPAs, you would enter your weighted GPA and your school's weighted GPA scale. ■ GPA If your school used the same GPA scale for all grade levels, check the box that says "My school Class Rank used the same GPA scale for all grade levels. **Test Scores** If you do not see your GPA Scale as an available option, please convert your GPA to a 4.0 scale. If you do not know how to convert your GPA, please click here for instructions. Activities Awards * * GPA information available I have high school GPA Employment My school uses weighted GPAs My school used the same GPA scale for all grade **Documents** levels Parent/Guardian Info Grade 9 GPA (2) Financial Info Grade 9 GPA Scale -- Select --Grade 10 GPA (2) Goals Essay Grade 10 GPA Scale Select --**Unusual Circumstances** Essay Grade 11 GPA (2) Transcripts Grade 11 GPA Scale - Select --Grade 12 GPA (2) References Grade 12 GPA Scale -- Select --Help * * Cumulative HS GPA 👔 3.68 My Scholarships ** Cumulative HS GPA Scale (2) 4.0 Converted Cumulative HS GPA 3.68 My Opportunities Save and Go To Dashboard Save and Continue

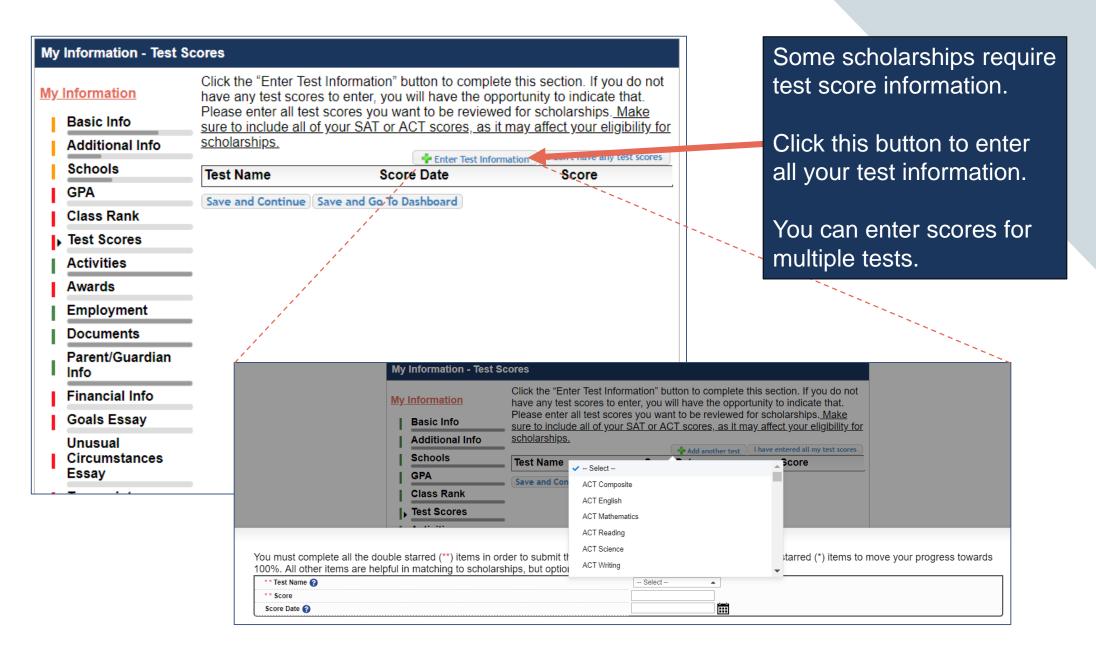
Some scholarships require GPA information.

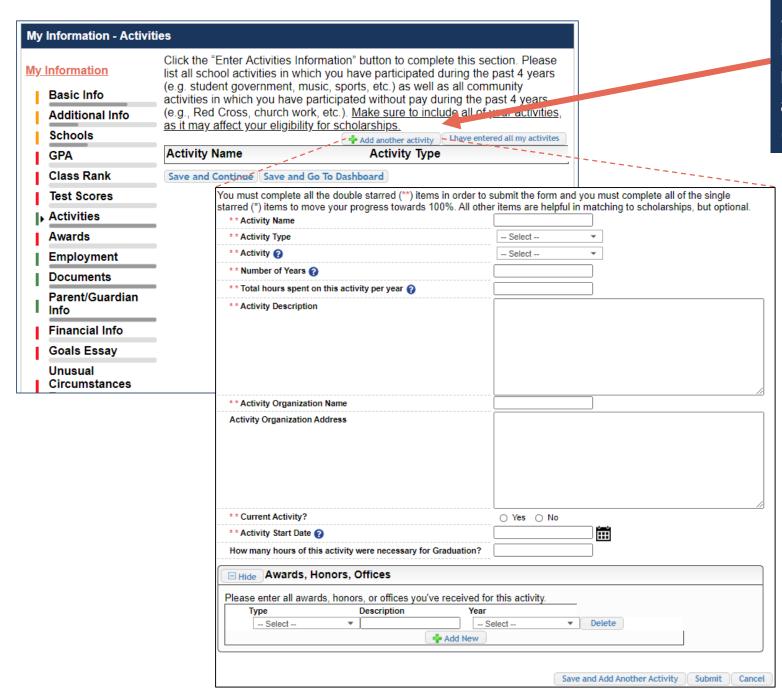
- Accuracy is important.
- If you have a weighted GPA, make sure you check this box.
- Enter your GPA and the GPA scale as shown on your transcript or as provided by your school official/counselor.



Some scholarships require Class Rank information.

- Class Rank may be used along with GPA information.
- If your school ranks students, select the system used.
- If your school does not rank students, select "No".





Some scholarships require Activity information. Enter all school and non-school related extracurricular activities for the last four years (church, sports, volunteering, etc.).

This Activity form appears when you click "Add an activity."

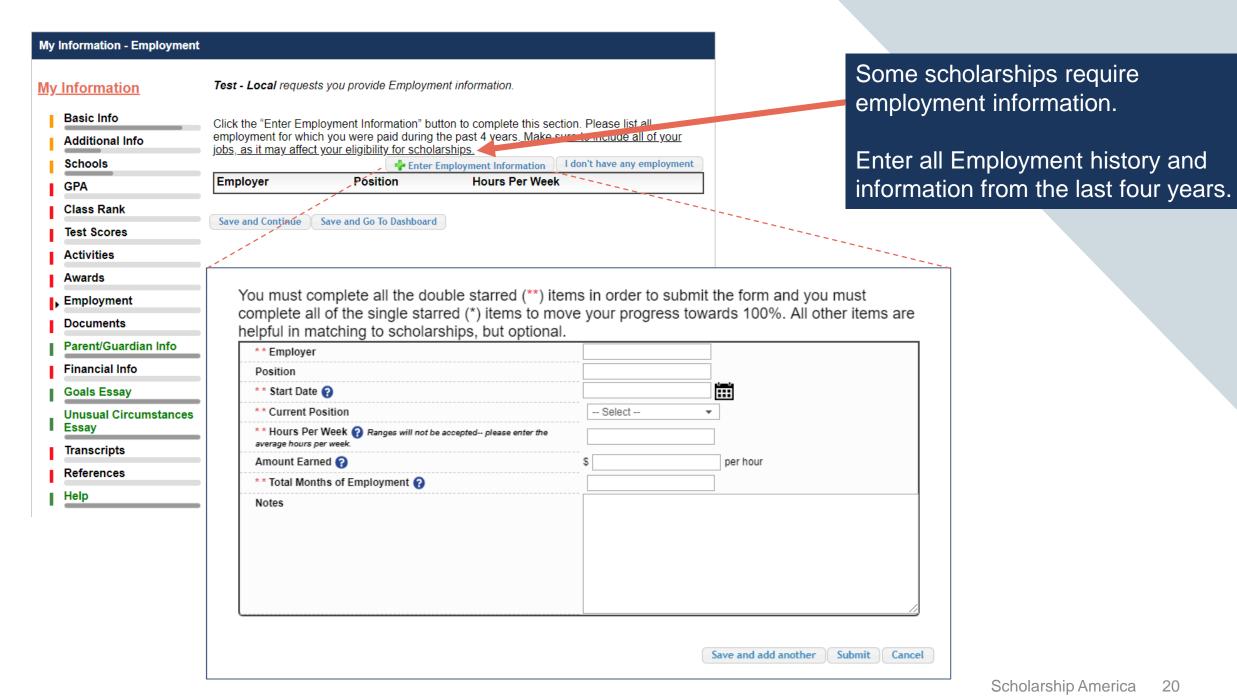
- The required fields are indicated by **.
- When entering an Athletic Activity you will also need to enter a Level of Involvement.
- Make sure to enter any Awards, Honors, or Offices held associated with this activity.

REMINDER: LAST 4 Years

No one is an Eagle Scout for 14 years in a 4 year time period.

You haven't danced or the violin for 12 years in 4 years BUT it is possible that you have played indoor soccer on a select team and played Varsity HS soccer those are separate activities and should be listed separately. It is possible that you actively participate in different musical or theatrical productions

Work history for most students flexes summer and in school. There is no one that is a life guard at Micozzi beach for 40 hours a week for 4 years. You might be a life guard 2 months a year for 4 years but that is 8 months of employment NOT 48.



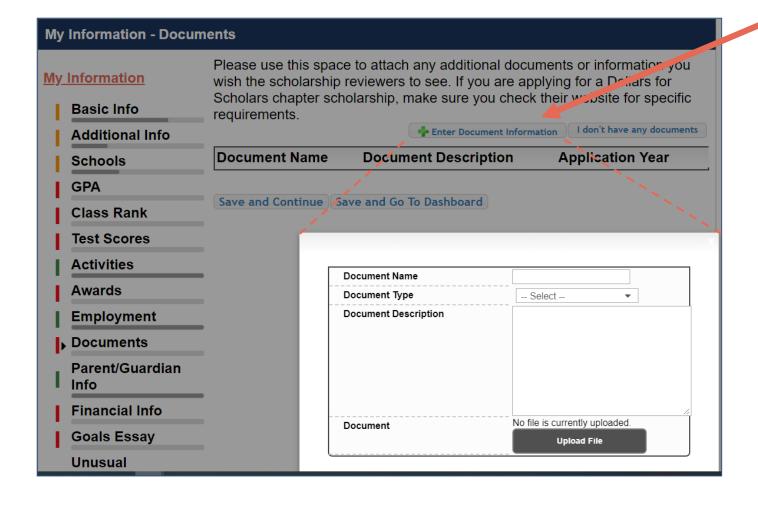
Not everything is "Employment" or "Service"

Not everything is employment or community service somethings are just being a good neighbor or family.

- Randomly watching your brother for an hour while you run to the store is different than being a Nanny all summer
- Your mom sending you next door or dropping you across town to shovel out grandma is different than having a teenage landscape business or shoveling customers

Active participation in community service is what matters.

- Buying girl scout cookies is different than organizing a sidewalk sale
- Donating soup to the Food Pantry is helpful but is different than coordinating a drive and collecting, dropping off and helping at distributions.

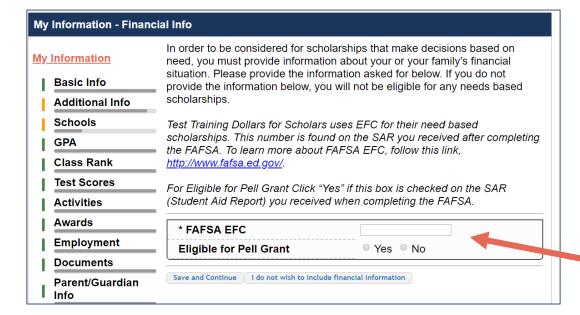


- Click "Enter Document Information" to upload additional application documents.
- In the pop-up, enter the Document Name, select the Document Type, enter Document Description, and upload the file.

If you're under 16 years old, you MUST HAVE parental/guardian consent to apply for scholarships.

- Enter your parent/guardian information and request consent.
- If you are 16 or older, you can still enter your parent/guardian information.

Because you are under 16, you must receive permission from a parent/guardian to complete the scholarship application process. Use the form below to enter information about your parent/guardian and then click the request consent button - this will send an email to your parent asking them to grant you permission to continue with the scholarship process.					
In the rare case that you are emancipated from your parents, you would not be required to have					
parental permission. If you believe that you qualify, Click here to see if you meet the criteria.					
Consent Status: Not started					
* * Primary Parent First Name					
* * Primary Parent Last Name					
Relation					
* * Primary Parent Phone Number	#### #####				
* * Primary Parent Email Address					
Request Consent from Parent/Guardian Save and	Go To Dashboard I am legally emancipated				



ly Information - Finan	cial Info			
ly Information	In order to be considered for scholarships that make decisions based on			
<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	need, you must provide information about your or your family's financial situation. Please provide the information asked for below. If you do not			
Basic Info	provide the information below, you will not be eligible for any needs based			
Additional Info	scholarships.			
Schools	Test Training Dollars for Scholars requests your parent fills out our financial			
GPA	form for their needs based scholarships. Enter your parent info below to request the information. Your parent will receive an email with further			
Class Rank	instructions on completing this task.			
Test Scores	For Eligible for Pell Grant Click "Yes" if this box is checked on the SAR			
Activities	(Student Aid Report) you received when completing the FAFSA.			
Awards	Parent Information			
Employment	+ Dalana Barant Flort Name			
Documents	* Primary Parent Lock Name			
Parent/Guardian	* Primary Parent Last Name			
Info	Relation			
Financial Info	* Primary Parent Phone Number #########			
Goals Essay	* Primary Parent Email Address			
Unusual Circumstances	Request Info from Parent I am legally emancipated I do not wish to include financial information			

In order to be considered for need-based scholarships, you need to provide financial info.

What is shown in this section depends on what your local Dollars for Scholars requests.

You may be asked to provide your EFC,

OR

 Your parent's information so they can provide more detailed financial information,

OR

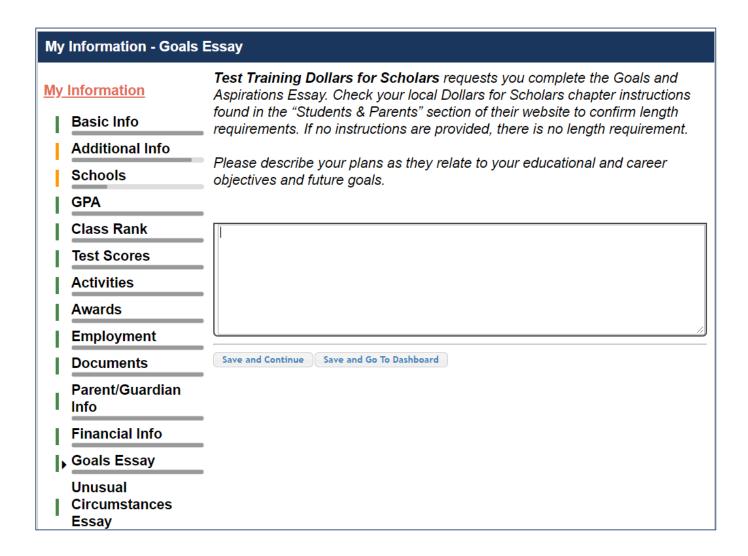
 If your local Dollars for Scholars does not require financial info, the instructions will indicate this.

Financial Aid ???

Everything is confidential-the Awards Chair (me) sees a scored result not the numbers behind it. No one else sees anything.

Billerica Scholarship has some scholarships with a need component but the majority do not.

IF you/parents feel you won't qualify for a need based award, your scholarship applications will be complete for all scholarships without the NEED component. You can skip and save the time.



Some scholarships require a Goals and Aspirations Essay.

- Provide an essay
 describing your plans
 as they relate to your
 educational and career
 objectives.
- Check your local
 Dollars for Scholars'
 website for length
 requirements of the
 essays. If no
 instructions are
 provided, there is no
 length requirement.

Goals and Aspirations

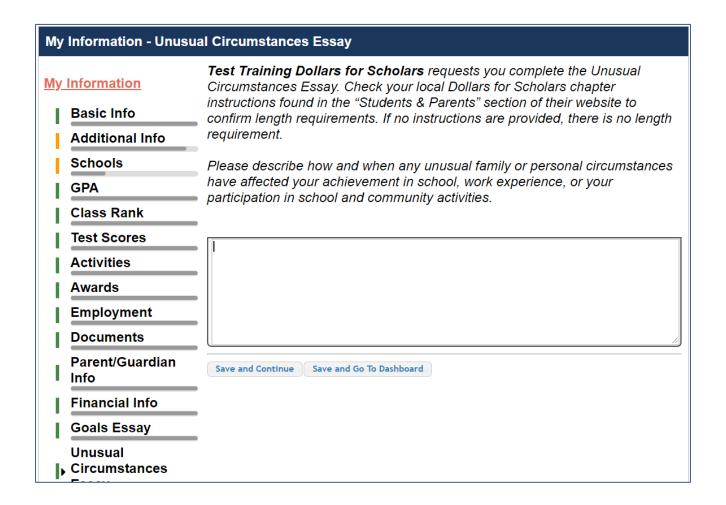
I want to be happy or healthy or a millionaire are all great goals but for this purpose will get you absolutely Zero points.

Be comprehensive with reasonable attainable steps.

You may want to go to the Moon BUT what will it take you to get there, otherwise it's a dream not a plan.

You may want to be heal the world but first you will need a bachelor degree pre-med, medical school, a residency at a top teaching hospital, maybe time with Dr without borders and then a research fellowship.

There are steps to every career or path there is no right or wrong path they are all valued and needed.



Some scholarships require an Unusual Circumstances Essay

- Provide an essay
 describing how and when
 any unusual family or
 personal circumstances
 affected you.
- Check your local Dollars for Scholars' website for length requirements of the essays. If no instructions are provided, there is no length requirement.

Hardship and Unusual Circumstance

CONFIDENTIAL- The committee will see this for scoring purposes only and no identifying information is attached to your essay when scored. That being said some circumstances may be unique enough that someone could identify a student please be assured it will remain confidential.

An example might be a reference to a house fire

Not everything in life is a hardship or unusual it is perfectly acceptable to indicate you have none and move on. But if you do have something that has had a significant negative impact this would be the spot to share it.

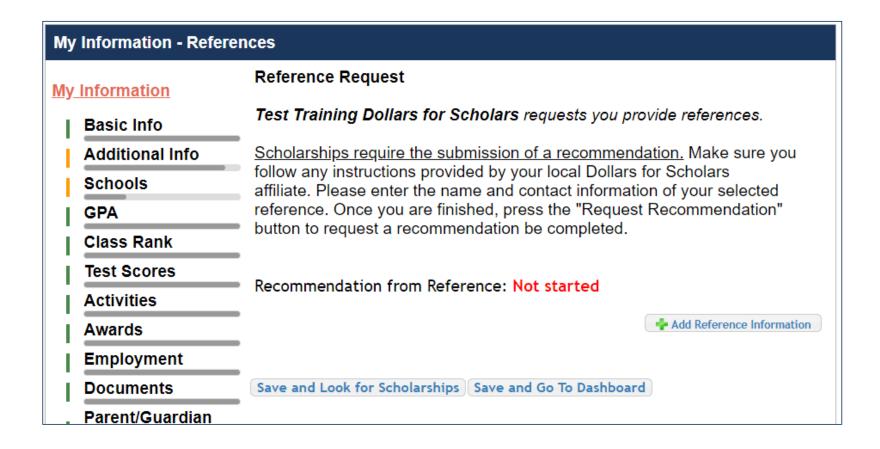
My Information - Transcripts Transcript Request My Information Test Training Dollars for Scholars request(s) you provide transcripts. Basic Info Additional Info Scholarships require the submission of a school transcript or at least verification by a school official. For High School transcripts, enter the name Schools and contact information of the school official who verifies your academic record, such as a guidance counselor or registrar. Once you are finished, **GPA** press the "Request Transcript Information" button to request a transcript. Class Rank Test Scores Transcript Information: Not Started, request transcript from School Activities Official Awards Add School Official Information **Employment** Please note: If you want to include additional transcripts from previous **Documents** schools, please upload them to the Documents section. Check with your local Dollars for Scholars to see if unofficial transcripts are acceptable. Parent/Guardian Info Financial Info Save and Continue Save and Go To Dashboard Goals Essay Unusual Circumstances Essay Transcripts

Some scholarships require a transcript or verified transcript information.

- Click "Add School Official Information" to request your transcript information.
- If you are a college student, you will be prompted to upload your own college transcript.

Transcripts

Don't wait and make sure your student has the correct counselor email. We give guidance extra time but be fair and request early.



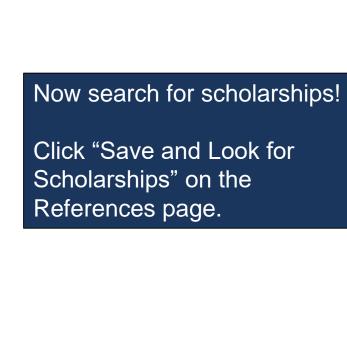
Some scholarships require a recommendation.

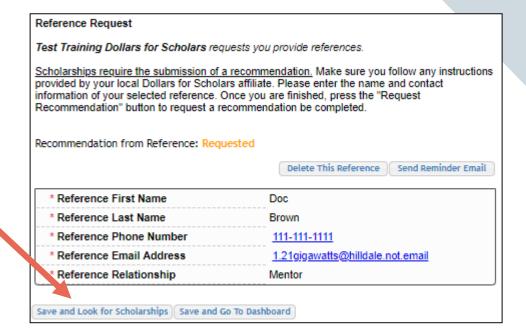
 Click "Add Reference Information" to request your recommendation.

Reference Requests

Again be fair, be early and be accurate

Some students might already have these for college applications.





Click "Search for Scholarships" on My Dashboard.

My Scholarships

Search to see if you match to or if there are any updates to any open scholarships.

Check this section often, as scholarships open and close all the time. We recommend you check back weekly so you do not miss any new opportunities.

Click "My Scholarships" in the menu on any page.



It all ADDS UP

Everything up to this point gets the student a score and is the same process for everyone. We will use your individual score later

Billerica Scholarship considers these comprehensive scores when awarding Scholarships.

Some Scholarships are weighted more heavily in one area that another

Some Scholarships are dependent on sponsor feedback

All scholarships are awarded blind, meaning we do not know the recipient name, we are awarding to an applicant # based on their score and/or responses.

The numbers are then linked back to the individuals for award presentation

Applying for Scholarships

The process from here depends on your completeness above.

All of our scholarships are set up as a series of options. The first tier is the basic profile, the 2nd tier are a series of questions based on your 1st tier responses.

Did you attend the Locke? Y/N

Did you attend the Vining? Y/N

Did you play Fast Pitch Softball? Y/N

If you indicated on the profile that you attended BMHS you will not see scholarships that require attendance at Shawsheen etc

PAY ATTENTION AND TAKE YOUR TIME but be aware of the DEADLINE.

On the My Scholarships page, your Dollars for Scholars may have additional questions you need to answer to verify your eligibility for scholarships.

Not all Dollars for Scholars have these types of questions.

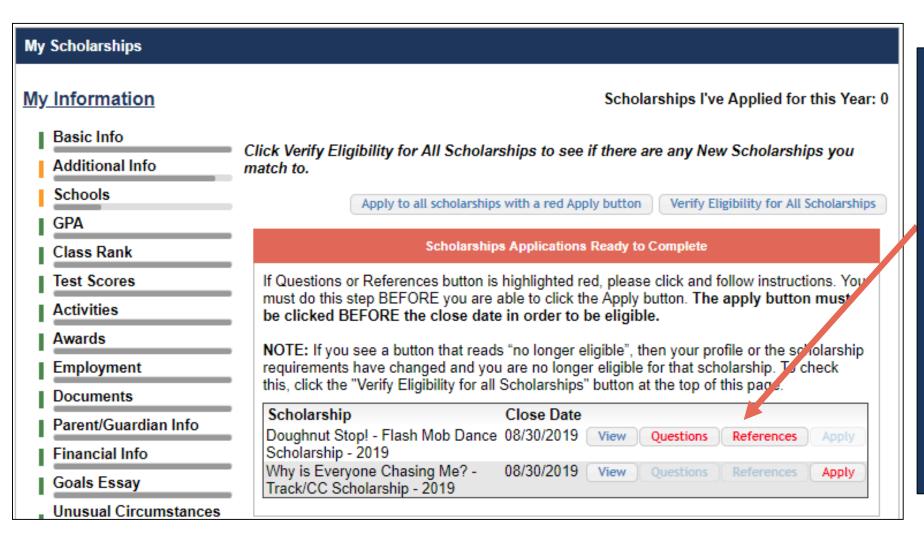


Logout Back to Dashboard Help
Welcome, Marty McFly
Your Chapter Matches click below to view their website
NA9999 - National Scholarships - DFS
Test - Test Training Dollars for Scholars

Thank you for searching for scholarships in our system. You need to answer all of the questions listed below, if any, to help determine your eligibility for scholarships. <u>Make sure to click the "Submit" button after you have answered all of the questions.</u>

If you have incorrectly answered any of these questions and want to change your response, click on "Edit Answers." If you need to change your answer to a question that you are not able to edit, please contact dollarsforscholars@scholarshipamerica.org or click the gray support button in the lower, left corner of the page.

Hide Affiliate Custom Eligibility							
Did you participate in at least one Dollars for Scholars fundraising activity? O Yes O No							
Hide Scholarship Program Custom Eligibility							
	Answer						
Will you be continuing your education at a Vo-Tech School or Two-Year College?	○ Yes ○ No						
Submit Cancel							
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- Some Dollars for Scholars require additional openended questions and/or additional references.
- Click the active Questions and/or References buttons to complete the additional information.
- As with the previous screen, your Dollars for Scholars may or may not have these additional questions or references.

ESSAYS MATTER

Essays are all reviewed individually and often are the criteria for sponsor feedback. Take the time to let the sponsor or the foundation know you figuratively speaking.

Do not put identifiers such as an opening Hello my name is

These are often memorial or organization specific scholarships that will be awarded based on something that rings true with the family. Perhaps it's a similar path, maybe a common passion or a combination of something random,

Take the time to let them know you.

Scholarships I've Applied for this Year: 0

Click Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships to see if there are any New Scholarships you match to.

Apply to all scholarships with a red Apply button

Verify Eligibility for All Scholarships

Scholarships Applications Ready to Complete

If Questions or References button is highlighted red, please click and follow instructions. You must do this step BEFORE you are able to click the Apply button. The apply button must be clicked BEFORE the close date in order to be eligible.

NOTE: If you see a button that reads "no longer eligible", then your profile or the scholarship requirements have changed and you are no longer eligible for that scholarship. To check this, click the "Verify Eligibility for all Scholarships" button at the top of this page.

Scholarship	Close Date				
Doughnut Stop! - Flash Mob Dance Scholarship - 2019	08/30/2019	View	Questions	References	Apply
	08/30/2019	View	Questions	References	Apply

- Additional question or reference information may be required before submitting an application for certain scholarships. The "Apply" button will activate only after these are complete.
- If no further information is required, the "Apply" button will already be active.
- To be eligible for a scholarship, you MUST click "Apply."



APPLY APPLY APPLY

I can't say it enough APPLY you can't be considered if you don't APPLY.

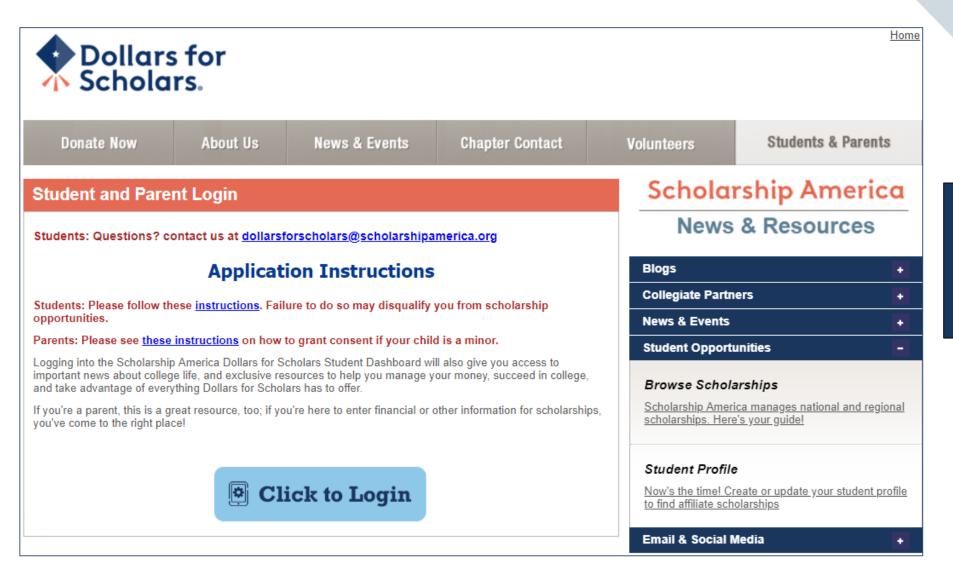
If in doubt APPLY again



My Information - Help My Information Welcome to the Help section! Please look through the FAQ below for an answer to your question. **Basic Info** If you can't find the answer below, click on the gray Support tab on the left hand side of the screen and send us a help ticket with the details of your question. **Additional Info** You can find a general overview of the student profile here. **Schools GPA** FAQ: Class Rank My profile is less than 100% complete, how do I know where I'm missing info? **Test Scores** My profile is at 100%, does that mean I'm done? Activities My parent/reference/counselor isn't receiving any emails, what do I do now? Awards **Employment** How do I submit my profile? Documents Can I submit to my matched scholarship(s) even if my transcript/reference Parent/Guardian information isn't submitted yet? Info How can I change my answers to an eligibility question? **Financial Info** Goals Essay How do I accept a scholarship I've been awarded? Unusual When will my scholarship funds be sent to my college? Circumstances Essay How do I contact my local Dollars for Scholars chapter? **Transcripts** References Q. My profile isn't at 100% completion, how do I know where I'm missing Help information? A. All the sections of the profile are color coded by completion - red = not My Scholarships started, yellow = started but not completed and green = complete. Look for the My Opportunities red or yellow sections in your profile, this is where you are missing information.

(?) Support

- Check out the Help section for Frequently Asked Questions.
- If you have any questions not answered here or need technical assistance, contact the Support team.



You can get back to your profile at any time via "Click to Login" on your Dollars for Scholars' Students & Parents page.

Contact:

Sharon Ferris, Awards Chair

Text: (978) 375-0842

SFerris@idealconcreteblock.com

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FB for updates and reminders FB Messenger

Remember: We are a team of <u>Volunteers</u>. Teens may have a question at midnight, I won't have an answer.





Q&A ??

Reminder Billerica Scholarship awarded the Class of 2021 (172) scholarships valued at \$156,250. Since we were founded in 1989 we have awarded (3,622) scholarships valued at \$2,564,053

Billerica Scholarship oversees many scholarships but there are more available to the students of Billerica. Billerica Scholarship manages endowments and memorial scholarships but many scholarships are grass roots neighbors and businesses donating annually, Individuals donating with their tax inserts, teachers participating in Team Trivia, families ejoying a Dine to Donate event. There are ways to be involved, even an annual clothing drive so get involved. WE appreciate everyone who has made this happen for the Class of 2022

Thank you for your time

Start early

Make an Effort

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