

Scholarship Search Help



Jan
22nd

Western's
Weekly
Workshops

Library
During
Flex

The One About Scholarships



The focus of the very first Western Workshop will be to help students in any grade gain an understanding of the scholarship process, learn how to efficiently search and apply for scholarships, and to work with the counselors individually to create a game plan for getting some applications submitted.

Wednesday the 22nd • During Flex

- Sign up with your Flex Teach or your Counselor •

Who Qualifies

If you have a pulse, you can find a scholarship to apply for!



Start Now!

Collect and Organize your info

- Use a google doc/website/whatever works to start notes
 - One for your personal info: awards, community service, interests, etc.
 - One for organizing dates and applications
 - Again, whatever works for you
 - Email folder to retain/document proof of submission, etc.
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- Frog and Toad data collection for Frog Watch USA - 8 hours
- Vernal Pool Study for DNR - 6 hours
- Sewing blankets and sock animals for the hospitals - 14 hours
- TSC Cloverleaf drive - 4 hours
- Islamic Center Outreach - 2 hours
- 100 Days of Kindness - 4 hours
- Working in the 4H food booth - 3 hours

On My Own

- Safe Routes to School - 4 hours
- Bike Helmet Give-A-Way - 4 hours

2018

Through 4H

- Boomerang Bags Sewing Bee - 2 hours
- Blanket's for Motts and Sock Animals for Sparrow - 12 hours
- TSC Cloverleaf drive - 4 hours
- Working in the 4H food booth - 3 hours
- Tours to Lansing youth at Fair - 3 hours
- Buttons to Benefit Ingham County Dog Project - 11 hours, \$160 dollars raised

On My Own:

- Pigs in Hats Calendar project - \$865 to CAHS, 25 hours

- Rabbit Showmanship - 1st place
- Cavy Showmanship - 1st place and Grand Champion
- Goat Showmanship - 4th place
- Goat Pack - 2nd place
- Little International Champion for Small Animals
- Participated in Large Animal Little I
- Participated in Still Life and Small Animal Auction
- Community Service - Best in Show
- Met Debbie Stabinow and she tweeted a picture of us:
- Volunteered for an afternoon to give tours of the fair to youth from Lansing



I applied for county medals for the first time, and earned a medal in Cavy and Dogs.

2019: 5th Year

January 4H State Rabbit Show - Best of Breed Lionhead

Goat Expo

- First time participating in the Quiz bowl, and the first time Ingham County has had a team in years - 6th place
- 6th place Skillathon
- 1st place Illustrative Talk

Quality AND Quantity

The more you apply for, the greater likelihood you will earn one, BUT, be smart about it.

- Target opportunities that are relevant to you
 - Avoid sweepstakes style applications and scams
 - Be sure to submit ALL parts of the application asked for
 - This is often the first line of screening
 - This is where your organization can be helpful
 - One 30 second PSA can be used to apply for multiple scholarships
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Search Efficiently

<http://whsguide.weebly.com/scholarships-fafsa-and-college-info.html>

Google

Search Engines

Talk to family and friends (ex. Grandpa in the VFW)

WATCH YOUR EMAIL SENIORS!!

Essay Tips

- **Use an outline.** Collect your thoughts, key points, and create a general structure for the essay.
 - **Use real, vivid examples of how an experience impacted you.** Discuss the lessons you learned. For example, how did working at a homeless shelter impact the way you look at the underserved population in your area? How are you an outspoken leader? When have you exemplified teamwork?
 - **Skip the exaggerations.** If your experience isn't real, it will show and your essay will come across as inauthentic.
 - **Be ready for a question about your weaknesses or a failure.** Use this opportunity to be very honest, but also showcase how you learned from this experience to show your personal growth and resolve.
 - **Proofread your essay.** Reviewers are not looking for text-message essays or tweeted experiences. Proper grammar and punctuation show reviewers how meticulous and thorough you are.
 - **Get others to review your essay.** A different point of view or perspective can make a great difference and help you make your point more clearly.
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What we want you to do now:

Start creating a google doc/ organizational plan

Create an email folder

Create a spreadsheet according to date due

- Name
 - Website
 - Items needed
 - Plans for submission
 - How will you find out results
 - When submitted
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Before you leave...

