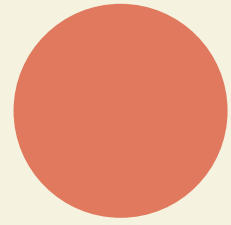


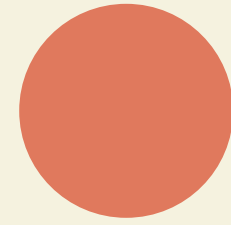


SCHOLARSHIP BASICS



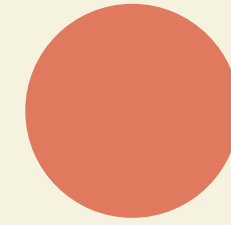
Types

Students will identify categories of scholarships & where to search



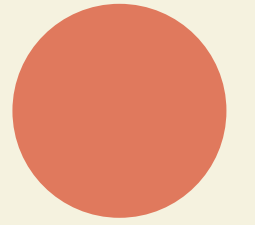
Application

Students will gain confidence in how to apply



Strategy

Students will begin to develop a plan for applying



Portfolio

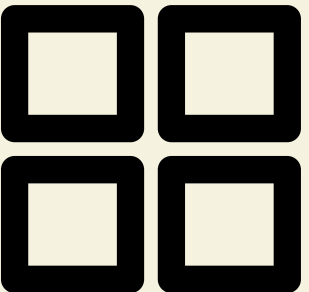
Students will know what items are needed for their scholarship portfolio

SOURCES



Institutional
Private organization

TYPE



Merit
Need-based
Identity-based
Major / Career based

LEVEL



Local
Institutional
State
National

UA SCHOLARS

- Top 10% of high school class using weighted cumulative high school GPA at end of junior year
- Can appeal after senior year if GPA is in top 10%
- \$12000 to be used at a Univ of AK campus
- High schools identify students; UA contacts with more information in the fall of senior year



UNIVERSITY
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A SCHOLARS
PROGRAM

APS


- Two tracks: Math/Science or Soc Studies/Lang Arts
- Required number of credits earned in approved courses
- GPA and SAT or ACT test scores determine award amount
- MSBSD identifies eligible students after senior year
- Scholarship must be used at approved Alaska school
- Students must complete FAFSA
- 6 year window to use scholarship following graduation



Class of 2018 & beyond

ALASKA PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP

Eligibility for the APS and other financial aid opportunities, students must complete a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by June 30th of each year. Visit fafsa.ed.gov




Math/Science Curriculum		Social Studies & Language Curriculum	
Science (credits)		Science (2 credits)	
Math (credits)		Math (2 credits)	
Social Studies (credits)		Social Studies (2 credits)	
Language Arts (credits)		Language Arts (2 credits)	
		World Language (2 credits)	www.language.alaska.gov

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
\$4,750	\$3,500	\$2,500
3.0 or greater	3.0 or greater	3.0 or greater
ACT 25 SAT 1200*	ACT 25 SAT 1100*	ACT 21 SAT 1000*
WorkKeys 13	WorkKeys 13	WorkKeys 13

On track to qualify? Get ready to put your APS award to work! Download Student Award and Continuing Eligibility Conditions at APS.alaska.gov

Questions? Visit APS.alaska.gov



FAFSA

- FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid
- Most colleges will require students to complete the FAFSA to be eligible to receive institutional scholarships
- FAFSA completion is required to receive the Alaska Performance Scholarship
- FAFSA becomes available Oct 1 prior to the year students attend college post high school graduation

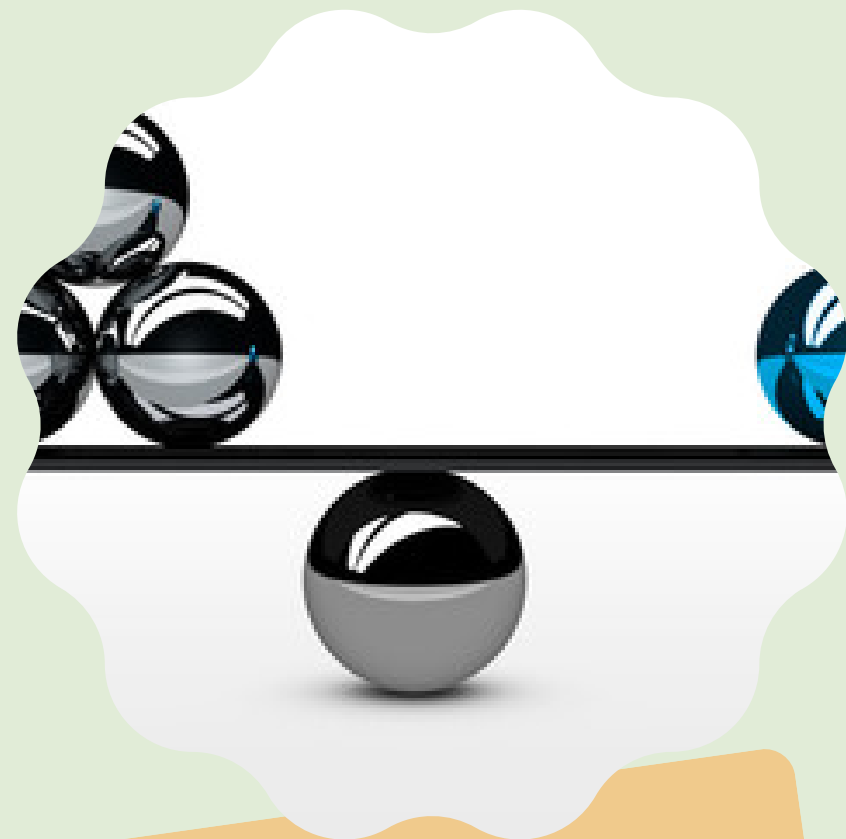
INSTITUTIONAL AID

- What scholarships are available from the university for freshmen students?
- What are deadlines & processes to apply for scholarship?
 - Award based on admission application or is additional application and materials required?
 - Note: Scholarship deadlines may fall EARLIER than admission application deadlines

PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIPS

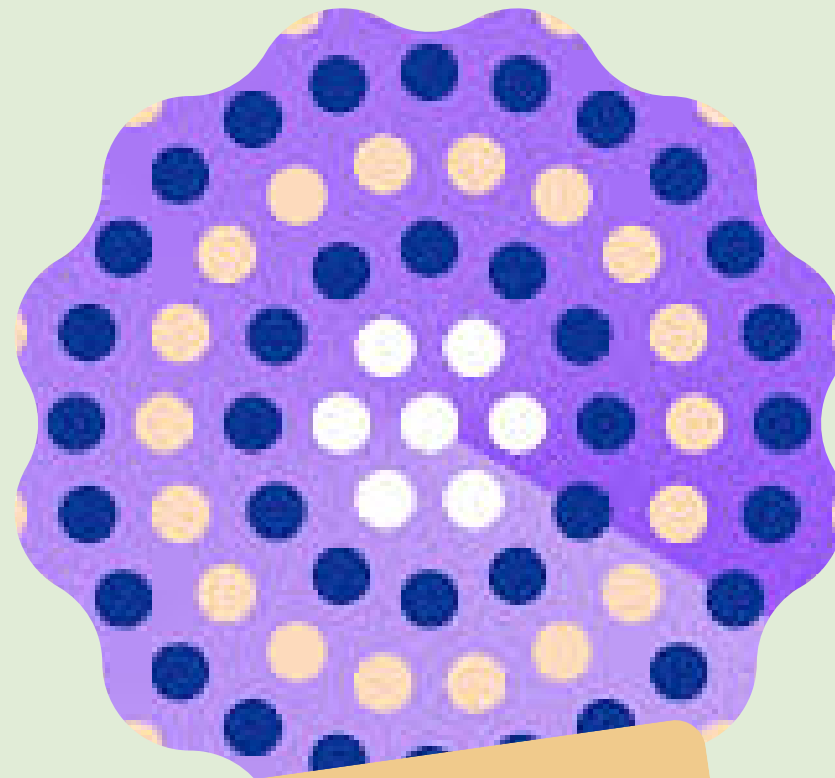
- Where to search? MSMCS Scholarship / MSBSD District Scholarship webpages
- Follow reputable social media for scholarship organizations: MSMCS, Going Merry, Fastweb, etc
- Use reputable scholarship search engine to find additional scholarships. Pay attention to privacy policies (i.e. what information they request of you and if they share your information with other companies). Never pay to apply for scholarships.
 - Going Merry
 - FastWeb
 - Alaska Career Information System (AKCIS)
 - College Board Big Future

STRATEGY: GUIDING PRINCIPALS



QUANTITY VS. QUALITY

Apply for any scholarship for which you meet eligibility requirements



PROXIMITY

Focus efforts first on scholarships closest to you!

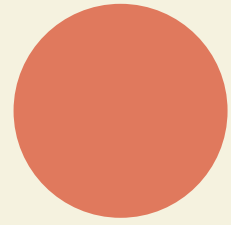


ACCOUNTABILITY

What time will you carve out for scholarships?
Who is your accountability person?

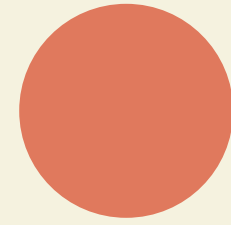
TIPS

- **Use technology to help with organization**
 - Google sheet to track requirements, deadlines, items submitted, etc.
 - Create individual folders for each scholarship in Google Drive and store app materials here
 - Plug in time on Google Calendar for work sessions and deadlines
- **Do your research to stand out**
 - Research the mission statement or values of the organization offering the scholarship. Tailor your application to address those!
 - Can you look up past winners? How did they stand out? Model their example.
- **Follow all application instructions exactly and PROOFREAD**
 - This includes submission instructions
 - Have someone else also proofread your documents for errors, accuracy and completion



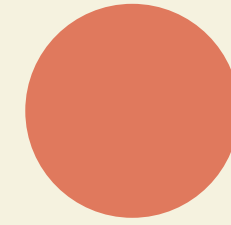
High school transcript

Request on MSMCS website



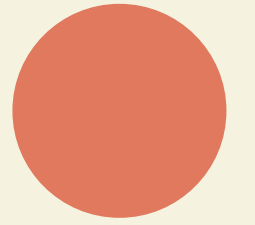
Letter(s) of recommendation

Use letter of rec request form on MSMCS website



Essay

May be personal statement, career goals, or prompt-provided



Resume

Activities
Employment
Service
Leadership
Awards

1. Introduction

- Make it compelling (draw the reader in)
- List any special populations you are part of (economically disadvantaged, first in family to attend college, underrepresented ethnic/racial group)

2. Explain how you are paying for college and difficulties you have in meeting your financial needs

- Working?
- Savings?
- include Middle College participation to reduce college costs
- Relevant life circumstances

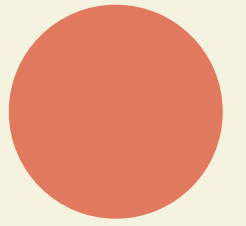
3. Describe how you would benefit from the scholarship(s)

- Work fewer hours and focus more on school?
- Take an unpaid internship to enrich learning?
- Allow you to attend college?

4. Closing

- Thank committee
- Respectful
- Leave with impression you will be a good steward of their funds

Statement of Financial Need



A short letter (typically about 3 paragraphs) that explains why you would benefit from being awarded a scholarship