

Scholarship Application Tips & Suggestions

How The Scholarship Application Works

1. Register for a CollegeNet account if you have not done so already. If you applied for admission online, you can use that login for the scholarship application too.
2. Enter your basic information, including your GPA, ACT, major, state, and more.
3. The next page will automatically populate each of the scholarships and guaranteed entrance programs *you are eligible for*. **If Governor's Scholars meet GPA and test score requirements, they will not have the Trustee's Scholarship as an option. These students are guaranteed a Trustee's Scholarship.** However, if students meet the minimums for the Hallmark Scholarship or any other scholarship or guaranteed entrance program, those will appear as options.
4. Check the scholarships and programs you wish to apply for and upload any required materials (essays, etc.). On the next page, you can upload your resume and put in the names and e-mail addresses of your recommenders (if required).
5. Once the form is entirely complete, you must click "Submit." Once you submit your application, you **cannot** go back and make any changes.

Timeline

- **January 15:** Deadline to apply and submit all materials. You must submit the scholarship application, the admission application, and any required materials by this date to be considered.
- **March 1:** Trustee's scholarship letters will be sent at the end of February, with the intention of them arriving on or around March 1.
- **May 1:** Deadline to accept your scholarship if awarded one.
- The McConnell Scholars and most guaranteed entrance programs conduct interviews. If you are selected, you will be informed of the date and time in February.

ACT/SAT

You must meet the minimums for ACT/SAT and GPA BEFORE the January 15 deadline to apply to be eligible. Scores from test dates after January 15 will not be considered.

Residual ACT

In addition to national ACT test dates, the University of Louisville offers monthly residual ACT dates on campus; these test scores will ONLY be accepted at UofL. These scores are not transferrable to any other universities, but UofL accepts them for admission and scholarship purposes. The greatest advantage of the Residual ACT is that the Office of Admissions receives your scores the Monday after you take the test. You can view test dates and get more information on registration (which must be done in advance) at <http://louisville.edu/testing/act.html>.

Helpful Tips

- Write down or save your username and password. You can save your application during the process before you submit it, but you must have your username and password to log back in and access it.
- On your resume, only include activities/awards/leadership roles from high school. Give a short description of activities, since the committee may be unfamiliar with certain honors or activities.
- Regardless of the ACT/SAT and GPA you enter on your scholarship application, the committee ultimately only look at your official scores on file, so it is very important that you send all scores

and transcripts to us (The ones you send for admission will be used for scholarship consideration, so you do not need to send them twice.).

- Put your name on all of the documents you upload, including your resume and any essays. We highly recommend using a “header,” so it will put your name on every page. (In Microsoft Word, you can go to “Insert,” then “Header”).
- If the scholarship/guaranteed entrance program you are applying for requires letters of recommendation, the recommenders will receive an e-mail with a link to submit the letter of recommendation online when you submit the application.
- Don’t hesitate to ask us if you have any questions. E-mail admitme@louisville.edu and make the submit “scholarship.”

Letters of Recommendation

- Tell your recommender you are using his or her name on your scholarship application.
- Some (but not all) scholarships and all guaranteed entrance programs require letters of recommendation (LOR).
- If LORs are required, there will be a place at the end of the application where you must enter the e-mail address(es) of your recommender(s).
- When you **submit** your application, the recommender(s) will receive an e-mail with a link to submit the letter of recommendation online. It is your responsibility to contact any recommenders to ensure they received the e-mail and to let them know you need a letter written.
- Once you have submitted your application, you are able to log back into our application host and review the status of your letters of recommendation. Go to <https://www.applyweb.com/cgi-bin/ustat> and log in for more information.
- Please note: your recommender will not receive notification until you submit your completed scholarship application. As January 15 approaches, we recommend asking your recommender to begin your recommendation letter, so it will be ready to submit.

FAQ

- Why is Harlan Scholars my only choice on the application?
 - The scholarship/guaranteed entrance program application only allows you to apply programs you meet the eligibility for. Some students may only be eligible for a limited number of programs. For example, most (but not all) of the scholarships and guaranteed entrance programs require you be a resident of Kentucky, so out-of-state students oftentimes will have limited choices, like Harlan Scholars. For more information on out-of-state scholarship opportunities, please visit <http://louisville.edu/admissions/aid/scholarships/national-scholars>.
- I’m a Governor’s Scholar...why can’t I apply for scholarships?
 - Governor’s Scholars (GSP and GSA) are guaranteed scholarships as long as they meet the minimums (25 ACT and 3.35 GPA for \$2,500 per year, and 28 ACT and 3.35 for full tuition). Because of this, you will not be eligible to apply for Trustee’s scholarships. If you have a 30 ACT and 3.75 GPA, you will be eligible to apply for our Hallmark scholarships, which cover full tuition and a stipend for room and board. GSP and GSA students must complete a scholarship application to receive consideration for the Hallmark scholarship.
- Can I apply for more than one scholarship?

- Yes, you can apply for more than one scholarship. However, you cannot be awarded more than one scholarship from our office; for example, if you are eligible for the Trustee's Scholarship, Hallmark Scholarship, and Eagle Scout Scholarship, you will be considered for all of them, but you will ultimately be awarded only one.
- My friend received a higher a scholarship than me but we have the same GPA and test score?
 - Numerous factors are considered in the scholarship awarding process. Though test scores and GPA play a large role, our committee has a difficult job and analyzes all of the aspects of your application.
- My older brother/sister received a larger scholarship a few years ago than I did, but we had the same GPA and test score?
 - The pool of our scholarship applicants varies from year to year and other parts of the application (resume, etc.) play a role, so just because an older sibling or friend at your level received a scholarship doesn't mean you are guaranteed a scholarship at that level. Besides GSP, GSA, and National Merit scholarships, all of the scholarships are competitive.
- Can I take the ACT after January 15 to increase my scholarship possibilities?
 - UofL will NOT consider any test scores from test dates after January 15.
- How many scholarships are awarded each year?
 - Grawemeyer Scholarship—10 awarded each year
 - Hallmark Scholarship—130 awarded each year
 - Trustee's Scholarship—600 awarded each year
 - Eagle/Gold Scout Scholarship—minimum of 10 awarded each year
 - McConnell Scholars—10 selected each year
 - Brown Fellows—10 selected each year
- If I am selected for a guaranteed entrance programs do I automatically receive a scholarship?
 - Students selected for guaranteed entrance programs are not automatically awarded scholarships. Many students selected do receive scholarships as well, but requirements and minimums vary between scholarships/programs, so scholarships are not guaranteed for these students.
- How do I know if the Office of Admissions has my most recent test score on file?
 - The easiest way to see if we have received this is to call 502-852-6531 or to e-mail admitme@louisville.edu. Please include your full name and date of birth in any correspondence.