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March is almost Here!!! Welcome to SCHOLARSHIP MONTH!!! Now is the time to be get those scholarship applications completed.

Seniors To Do: Look through this list, research other sites and start filling out the applications. Request transcripts ASAP. Juniors To Do: Look through these scholarships and learn what you will need to have ready for next year's applications.

What You will need for Scholarship Applications:

- 1) Pre-write essays, then adapt the essay for that particular scholarship. Think about who you are writing to if it is a business keep it more professional, if it is a sorority be a little more personal, if it is the college financial aid officer make it interesting and unique.
- 2) A Resume that includes your educational, scholastic, activities, volunteer work and achievements.
- 3) 3 to 5 Letters of Recommendation from a teacher, coach, activity sponsor, volunteer coordinator, employer, and people who know you and can write a strong letter.
- 4) Transcripts Some will accept a transcript with the school seal, others want transcript with a school seal and put in a sealed envelope. Ask your school counselor or registrar for at least 3 of each.
- 5) Financial Plan Many scholarships have a form. They will want the following information: Sources of Assistance: Savings, Summer Job/Work Income, Parents/Guardians Income, Scholarships Applied For, Scholarships Awarded, Grants/Loans. College Expenses: Tuition, (Use the most expensive school you are applying to), Books/Fees, Room & Board, Personal Expenses, Travel

The Alaska Community Foundation – Many Scholarships Available	Ongoing	alaskacf.org/scholarships/ Hosts many scholarships for students around the state. Scholarship applications start in late January. You can go to this website to view more information and tips on applying.
Cook Inlet Tribal Council	Ongoing	http://thecirifoundation.org The CIRI Foundation (TCF) offers general scholarships to full-time and part- time degree-seeking students of Alaska Native decent.
June Nelson Scholarship	03/08/21	(Association of Alaska School Boards) https://aasb.org/june-nelson-memorial-scholarship-2/
Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority	03/20/21	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JnJapvV3XunWtXmOg2Dewfnr2OpALs1b/vi ew
David Cuddy Scholarship	03/22/21	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L1FuFhoWq37whMAA- m_vMQKPrtAeTWRc/view
Becca's Closet Spirit of Generosity	03/31/21	https://www.beccascloset.org/scholarships/
GCI Scholarship	03/18/21	https://www.gci.com/why-gci/gcigives/gci-scholarship-program_
JJ Klein Scholarship	03/31/21	https://alaskacf.org/blog/scholarships/jj-klein-scholarship-2/
Nordic Skiing Association of Anchorage Scholarship	03/31/21	https://www.anchoragenordicski.com/nsaa-scholarships/
Alaska State Fair Scholarship	03/31/21	https://www.alaskastatefair.org/site/fair-info/scholarships/
Credit Union 1 - Bill Countryman Scholarship	04/01/21	https://www.cu1.org/scholarship/
Briggs Memorial Scholarship	04/02/21	(Chugiak - Eagle River Foundation) http://www.cerfoundation.org
Alaska Telecom	04/09/21	http://www.alaskatel.org/scholarships
Alaska Peace Officers Scholarship	04/15/21	https://www.apoaonline.org/uploads/8/6/3/8/86382712/2021 2022 scholarship application.pdf
APS - Alaska Performance Scholarship	06/30/21	https://acpe.alaska.gov/FINANCIAL-AID/AK-Performance-Scholarship_

This is a brief overview of scholarships. Be sure to go to the Alaska Community Foundation, ask friends, employers, and organizations you belong to for more information and opportunities. Keep a list of your applications.

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