

**Writing for Scholarships: More Scholarship Money,
Less Debt
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Many people do not submit applications to scholarships that require writing.

Since many people don't, those who do apply to scholarships that require writing have less competition and have a better chance of receiving scholarships.

In this workshop, we will work toward breaking down your fear of writing, and then show you several scholarships, some requiring as little as 3-5 sentences (one \$10,000 scholarship requires 140 characters, including spaces) to those requiring more in-depth scholarship and work.

If a scholarship requires more work, then think about it: less people will submit, and your chances go up threefold or fourfold.

We also discuss throughout how to use the resources you have at Tennessee State University to strategically apply for scholarships that require writing.

Writing Project: Brainstorming

Spend about 5 minutes to freewrite or cluster (mindmap) everything you think about data—how we use it, what is it, what are good (or bad) practices. Do a "brain dump" about data.

Mr. Turner will explain what freewriting and clustering is.

Now, using this information, you have started your thought processes toward creating (if you choose) what you might want to say in a video of about 30-60 seconds that "discusses/explains/demonstrates an important aspect of data in today's or tomorrow's society."

You have started toward \$5,000 for the Spring 2018 semester.

<https://www.liaison.com/scholarship/>

\$5,000 Liaison's Data-Inspired Future Scholarship, D: Oct 31, 2017 for spring semester; May 31, 2018 for the fall semester (create a

Scholarships that Require Little Writing

<http://www.getupgetactive.org/active-life-weakness/>

\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship to Tackle Your Weakness, D: Oct 31, 2017

<http://www.getupgetactive.org/active-life-political-awareness/>

\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship for Political Expression, D: Dec 31, 2017

<http://www.getupgetactive.org/scholarship/>

\$1,000 Financial Literary Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2017

The above three scholarships involve only answering a few questions and writing a 3-5 sentences to a Short Answer question.

Take your time with these, paying close attention to what is asked for.

<http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/technology-addiction-awareness-scholarship>

\$1,000 Technology Addiction Awareness Scholarship, D: Jan 30, 2018

From website: "Write a 140-character statement that completes this sentence: *Instead of spending time with technology, I'd rather . . .*

Top 10 applications will be selected as finalists.

The finalists will write a 500- to a 1000-word essay about technology addiction. One winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, judged on the essay's content and creativity."

<http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/ewaste-scholarship>

\$1,000 E-waste Scholarship, D: April 30, 2018

From website: "Write a 140-character statement that completes this sentence: *The most important reason to care about e-waste is...*

Top 10 applications will be selected as finalists.

The finalists will write a 500- to a 1000-word essay about e-waste. One winner will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, judged on the essay's content and creativity."

Scholarships that Require Some Writing

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/unigo-10k-scholarship>

\$10,000 Unigo Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2017

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/top-ten-list-scholarship>

\$1,500 Top Ten List Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2017

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/education-matters-scholarship>

\$5000 Education Matters Scholarship, D: Nov 30, 2017

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/zombie-apocalypse-scholarship>

\$2,000 Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, D: Oct 31, 2017

All the above scholarships require 250 words or less short answer.

Some require less writing (the \$10,000 Unigo Scholarship requires a tweet of 140 characters or less, including spaces).

Once you complete a scholarship profile at Unigo.com, you can apply for all the scholarships above.

You can see previous winners of past years to see who got the money before.

<http://www.genkellyscholarship.com/>

\$1,000 Gen & Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2017

Save all your answers to short answer scholarships in a file and then you could choose the best one to enter this scholarship.

Scholarships that Require More Writing

<https://www.chegg.com/scholarships/david-b-goldberg-5000-music-scholarship-13138/apply>

\$5,000 David B. Goldberg Music Scholarship, D: Nov 14, 2017

How many? **Two \$5,000 scholarships**

Selected criteria from webpage: "Dave was a true innovator and had a deep love of music. He was also passionate about music education, so in his honor we're offering two \$5,000 scholarships to students pursuing their own love of music.

Show us how you are creating, innovating, writing or performing music through a short essay and a one-minute video (uploaded to Instagram or YouTube) of your own original content. Videos will be judged on their creativity and how well they demonstrate your work in music production, creation or innovation. Please make sure your Instagram or YouTube posts are set to 'Public,' so we can view the videos."

In reading the [official rules](#), you will discover that you don't need to be a music student to apply but need to "show your passion for music in your essay and your video."

Video: 60 seconds or less

Essay: No longer than 500 words or 3000 characters

Legal residents of the 50 US states and Washington DC, who are 16 years of older, enrolled in high school or an accredited college or university

WHERE I FOUND THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

<https://www.chegg.com/scholarships#>

List of 482 scholarships, including scholarships for college and high school students

<https://www.coloradolaw.net/scholarship/>

\$2,000 Bachus & Schanker, LLC Scholarship, Deadlines: Nov 30, 2017 for the spring semester; July 30, 2017 for the fall semester

Selected criteria: "Each student must write an essay about his or her opinion(s) on the importance and efficacy of the 7th Amendment. Students are encouraged to think critically about the right to trial by a jury, and other elements of the Amendment, and it how affects their lives.

Eligible Students Will:

Write an essay of no fewer than 800 words about your opinion on the importance and efficacy of the 7th Amendment and how it affects your life. Consideration for the entirety of the Amendment (rather than the well-known nutshell explanation of the right to trial by jury) is encouraged.

WHO CAN APPLY

Any high school senior accepted to attend a four-year university by the time of the award, or full time student attending a four-year university in the United States who carries a 3.0 cumulative GPA may apply."

<https://www.foreclosure.com/scholarship/>

\$5,000 and \$1,000 Foreclosure.com Scholarship Program

Open to current college students (read below)

Essay Requirements: **Minimum, 800 words, Maximum, 2,000 words**

Awards: **Top prize (1): \$5,000; Second through fifth place receive \$1,000 each**

Deadline: Dec 15, 2017

Selected criteria from webpage:

"2017 essay topic:

Is the "American Dream" of one day owning a home alive and well among Millennials?

Millennials having experienced the "Great Recession," which was the traumatic housing crisis that triggered the financial crisis a decade ago. As a result, data suggests that Millennials (those born between 1981 to 1997) have been slow to adopt homeownership. Discuss the pros and cons of homeownership for Millennials, as well as which factors could increase or decrease homeownership among the generation. Will their collective hesitation and apprehension hurt them in the long run or are Millennials simply in the process of re-defining the "American Dream?"

About the scholarship program:

Foreclosure.com has issued \$63,000 in scholarship money to 35 college students nationwide since the program was introduced in 2009. Each year, the company challenges future leaders of America to provide creative solutions/ideas to many of the nation's most critical issues, real estate in particular, which can be used to help foster a robust United States housing market.

Foreclosure.com Scholarship Program at a Glance

Foreclosure.com continues to break new ground by offering a nationwide scholarship program. **Currently enrolled college students (graduate students, law students and/or high school seniors are NOT eligible) are invited to apply by submitting an essay. Freshman entering Fall 2017 are eligible once they have received a student ID number. Plagiarism is strictly forbidden.** Essays that are not the original work of the entrant will be immediately discarded and eliminated from consideration."

More Scholarships that Require More Writing

- ✓ [\\$3,000 CouponsPlusDeals Scholarship, D: Dec 31,2017, essay on how you save money in your daily life](#)
- ✓ [\\$2,000 Tom Joyner Foundation/Denny's Hungry for Education Scholarship Program](#)
- ✓ [Scarlett Family Foundation Scholarship Program, \\$2,500 to \\$15,000 per academic year, D: Dec 15, 2017](#)

Scholarships that Require No Writing

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/campaigns/missing-history>

\$5,000 Missing in History Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2017

From Dosomething.org website: "Educate friends about diverse, often-forgotten figures in history to inspire the next generation of leaders!"

Print (or make your own) bookmarks featuring forgotten figures in history. Then insert them in textbooks to teach and inclusive history and empower the next generation of leaders, starting with your school. Let's Do This!

What You Get

Sign up for facts on textbook erasure, a bookmark you can print out, and tips on how to make your own. Plus, you'll enter for the chance to win a \$5,000 scholarship!"

<https://www.dosomething.org/us/about/easy-scholarships>

There are more scholarships at DoSomething.org, such as the **\$3,000 Uncover the Truth Scholarship**, **\$2,000 #SuperStressFace Scholarship**, **\$2,000 Shower Songs Scholarship**, and **\$5,000 Ride and Seek Scholarships**.

DoSomething.Org is for people ages 13-25 and encourages young people to do something, to complete social action through campaigns.

Scholarships and opportunities are ongoing throughout the year, some times as much as \$10,000.

<https://www.usbank.com/community/financial-education/scholarship.html>

\$20,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000 U.S. Bank Scholarship, D: Oct 27, 2017

Selected criteria from webpage: "Register to win \$20,000

- Runner up scholarships awarded as well (1 - \$10,000; 3 - \$5,000)
- Earn up to eight additional entries for every Financial Education module completed
- More questions about qualification details; see official rules

Learn about Checking Accounts, Auto Loans and Building Emergency Savings. Every tutorial completed is another chance to win."

<https://www.livemassscholarship.com/#home>

\$25,000; \$10,000, and \$5,000 Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship, opens in 2018

Sign up to be notified when the scholarship opens up in 2018

Ages 16-24

\$5,000, \$10,000, to \$25,000 to pursue your passion

Legal resident of the 50 US and the District of Columbia

Create and submit a 2 minute or less video that tells a story of your life's passion

Read the official rules, so that you include all the information looked for in that video

<https://www.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

\$10,000 Create A Greeting Card Scholarship, D: Mar 1, 2018

Where to Find More Scholarships Like These

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/all-scholarships-2/>

Here is a list of scholarships with monthly deadlines. Explore October to see scholarships with October 2017 deadlines, including those with deadlines for today.

Click NEXT to see the next page of scholarships.

I would then explore November and December for scholarships with November 2017 and December 2017 deadlines.

Some of these are easy, requiring very little work; some have much work.

Some are based on financial need; some are based only on merit.

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/>

To find more scholarships, search out Jessica Velasco of JLV College Counseling's list of scholarships and contests. These are scholarships that can be searched by major, age/grade level, minority, gender, military, etc.

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships>

Browse millions of scholarships at Unigo's Scholarship Directory at the above link.

<https://www.scholarships.com/financial-aid/college-scholarships/scholarship-directory/>

Scholarship Directory located at Scholarships.com

<https://www.studentscholarships.org/#sthash.RRqGDkzj.dpbs>

Scholarships listed by StudentScholarships.org; this website is very “spammy” in how it is laid out, but some good scholarships here

SKIP THE ADS! (Some of the ads are legitimate, but sadly I can’t vouch for them all. Avoid the single mom or single dad scholarships—I and a few other students have received calls, and some of the operators are not scrupulous, trying to pressure students in pursuing degrees at for-profit colleges and to take on heavy student loans.)

They often ask very extensive, very invasive questions if you sign up for them, in order to give that information to marketers.)

Also, whenever you find a scholarship, sometimes the scholarship provider will supply resources to lead you to other scholarships.

https://scarlettfoundation.org/Resources/Scholarship_Seekers/

This resource page for scholarship seekers found at the Scarlett Family Foundation has some great finds.

Check out the **Sleep-related scholarships**.

Also check out **Academic Common Market** under *Access, Matching & Comparing*.

The Foundation also gives some good advice to avoid scams: “**A word of caution:** You should never be required to give a credit card number or pay any online resource to assist you in finding scholarships.”

For Tennessee State University students only: How to Make an Appointment for the TSU Writing Center

First, you must make an appointment on the scheduling system.

How to set up an appointment:

<https://tnstate.mywconline.com/register.php>

Once you create an account for the schedule, you can see when I, Michael Turner, am available.

Go to the above link and register. It will ask you questions. I would choose an email that I check often. It could be the email associated with your phone.

Once you have registered, you can sign in to the schedule by putting in your username (email address) and the password you created.

Your student ID is your complete Tnumber.

Select "**Writing Center Fall 2017**" for the current TSU Writing Center schedule.

You cannot schedule for the day you register, but there are directions once you log on for what to do if you need an appointment for that same day.

If you wish to email me instead, Mr. Mike Turner can be reached at mjturner@tnstate.edu.

How to Receive Entire Blog Entries from ScholarshipTigers.com as They are Published

<https://scholarshiptigers.com/>

On the right hand side of the webpage, scroll down until you see the words, EMAIL SUBSCRIPTION.

If you enter your email address and click on the box, Sign me up, you should receive an email, and then all you have to do is confirm it.

You will then receive updates with scholarships and clues so that you can discover more college money and aim for less student debt.

You will receive the text of the entire blog post, and I try to blog twice a week.