

**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.

**Scholarships that Require Little Writing**

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

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

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

**\$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.

Notice that if you are spending too much time saying "you" and not focusing on "I," you are most likely on the wrong track.

<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/i-have-a-dream-scholarship>

**\$1,500 I Have a Dream Scholarship, D: Jan 31, 2018**

<https://www.unigo.com/scholarships/our-scholarships/sweet-and-simple-scholarship>

**\$1,500 Sweet and Simple Scholarship, D: Feb 28, 2018**

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 (the link is found above the APPLY NOW button) 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

[\\$3,000 CouponsPlusDeals Scholarship, D: Dec 31,2017, essay on how you save money in your daily life](#)

From webpage:

### **“Coupons Plus Deals “Save for Future” Scholarship**

**\$3000** scholarship will be awarded to only one student from anywhere around the world (US, UK, Canada, Australia, Singapore, Vietnam,...) to help him/her pay for his/her education. Just by applying for this scholarship, you're already off to a great start!

Steps to apply

- Fill out the required form.
- Make an essay about how you can save money in your daily life. You should focus on saving tips. If your ideas are unique and helpful, you will get higher chances to win this scholarship.
- Submit your application when you've finished.”

<https://www.marveloptics.com/about-marvel-optics/scholarship-program/>

**\$1,500 MarvelOptics.com National Scholarship Contest, D: Jan 5, 2018 for spring semester, Aug 15, 2018 for fall semester**

Selected criteria from webpage:

### **“WHO IS ELIGIBLE?”**

Any current, full-time student at an accredited two-year or four-year American university or college is welcome to apply. There is no age nor specified major requirement.

### **HOW TO APPLY:**

1. Select your preferred social media outlet(s):  
Blog, [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [Google Plus](#) or [YouTube](#).
2. Answer the following prompt

- **Helen Keller said, "The only thing worse than being blind is having sight but no vision." What does that mean to you?**
3. You may post on more than one social media outlet or your blog page. You can choose to post a short essay or a video.
  4. If you choose to write a short essay, it must be a maximum of 300 words.
  5. A video must be 1-minute in length.
  6. Any pictures posted must be original."

Explore the complete criteria at the link above

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

**\$1,000 JonesTshirts.com Love Your Career Scholarship, D: Jan 8, 2018**

Description taken from [jovcollegecounseling.com](http://jovcollegecounseling.com) website:

**"Description:** Scholarship is open to current college students. Applicant must submit an essay describing at least three steps that they plan to take in the next year to start a path towards having a career that they love." ( <https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/january-scholarships/3/> )

<https://musicauthority.org/scholarships/>

**\$1,000 MusicAuthority Scholarship, D: Feb 1, 2018**

Selected criteria from webpage:

**"Eligibility**

Any student that is enrolled (or has been accepted) in a United States college as of Feb 2018 is eligible for this award.

**How To Apply**

Students that wish to apply for this scholarship must send an application by Feb 1, 2018 via [this form](#). You will be required to fill in:

- Contact Information (Name & Email Address)
- Education Background (High School, High School Graduation Date, College)
- Quick Biography (300-500) words that will accompany your essay if it is selected for our award. Share a little about yourself with everyone that will read your essay.
- Essay (Please include a 2000 word essay on the topic of how music has influenced your life, passions, or ambitions. Feel free to include personal stories.)”

## **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 **\$2,000 Cookin' It Old School Scholarship, \$5,000 #MyBigRegret Scholarship, \$2,000 Shower Songs Scholarship, \$5,000 Ride and Seek Scholarships, and \$5,000 Thanks a Billion Scholarship.**

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.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**

## **Writing Project: Brainstorming toward \$5,000**

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.

Explanation of mindmapping/clustering:

<https://www.thoughtco.com/clustering-discovery-strategy-in-composition-1689857>

Explanation of freewriting:

[http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/GRAMMAR/composition/brainstorm\\_freewrite.htm](http://grammar.ccc.commnet.edu/GRAMMAR/composition/brainstorm_freewrite.htm)

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.”

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

**\$5,000 Liaison’s Data-Inspired Future Scholarship, D: May 31, 2018 for the fall semester D: Oct 31, 2018 for spring semester**

## **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.chegg.com/scholarships#>

List of 697 scholarships at Chegg.com, including scholarships for college (including graduate school) and high school students

**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/](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**" 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.

Since we are between semesters, you will at least be registered for when the TSU Writing Center opens in January 2018.

***If you wish to email me instead, Mr. Mike Turner can be reached at [mjturner@tnstate.edu](mailto: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.**