

**Scholarship Write-In:
More Scholarship Money, Less Debt**

**Apply for a \$1,000 Scholarship Today
February 14, 2018 (updated)**

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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.

Scholarship Write-In #1 (Est time: 7-14 minutes)

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

\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship to Tackle Your Weakness, D: Feb 28, 2018

Selected criteria: "Who: Current high school or college students age 15 years or older.

What: This scholarship encourages students to identify and take action to improve a weakness and begin to transform it into a strength.

Amount: \$1,000. May be used at any college to study any major

Short Answer

In 3-5 sentences please answer ONE of the following:
*What do you consider one of your greatest weaknesses? -OR-
Why is it important to try to improve a weakness?"*

After we view the link above, we will discuss the scholarship.

Then, focus on yourself, using *I* or *me* in your answer.

When you are ready for us to look at your answer, raise your hand. We will give you suggestions on how you might improve your answer, and then you can revise quickly on the spot.

Have us come over to view your answer before final submission.

If you are ready, you can submit your answer.

If not, cut and paste your answer into a Word document, save it [I would suggest the desktop], and send the answer to yourself as an attachment.

Or email the answer in the body of an email to yourself.

Scholarship Write-In #2 (Est time: 3-5 minutes)

<https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/>

Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship, D: Mar 18, 2018

Ages 16-24

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

Legal resident of the 50 United States 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

Part of Video Requirements: "Please be sure to answer at least these first four questions in your video:

1. **What is your passion?**
2. **How do you plan to achieve your passion through your educational goals?**
3. **What impact will you have on your local community or the world by following your passion?**
4. **What is your dream college, school or next step in your education? Each applicant must identify a specific secondary education program, college or certificate/degree option he/she wishes to attend, or for which he/she needs funds."**

Source: <https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/more-about-how-to-enter/>

Write-In Instructions—freewrite for 3 minutes about your passion. Or you can mind-map or cluster.

Now, looking at what you wrote, how do you plan to achieve your passion through your education. Write or mind-map for another 2 minutes.

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

You have the beginnings about what you could say in your two minute or less video.

Scholarships that Require Little Writing

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

\$1,000 Financial Literary Scholarship, D: Mar 31, 2018

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

\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship for Political Expression, D: April 30, 2018

The above 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/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."

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

\$1,000 Technology Addiction Awareness Scholarship, D: Jan 30, 2019

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."

Note: If you happen to be one of the ten finalists, make weekly appointments in the TSU Writing Center to practice writing, allowing us to read over your work and make suggestions on how to improve your writing for the next time. This way, you will build your skills, increasing your chances at this scholarship, making you a better writer, and, in turn, improving your performance in college classes.

Also, you can work on your writing skills as described above without the need for a scholarship, making you a better writer and increasing your ability to write well in classes.

<http://www.digitalresponsibility.org/scholarships/>

More scholarships like the two above

Scholarships that Require Some Writing

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

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

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

\$2,500 Superpower Scholarship, D: Mar 31, 2018

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

\$2,000 Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, D: Oct 31, 2018

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

\$1,500 Top Ten List Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2018

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

\$10,000 Unigo Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2018

All the above scholarships require a 250 word or less short answer.

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

You can see previous winners (the link, SEE PREVIOUS WINNERS, is found above the APPLY NOW button) of past years to see the winning entries of the past.

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

More Unigo scholarships like those above

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

\$1,000 Gen & Kelly Tanabe Scholarship, D: July 31, 2018

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.regions.com/promo/black-history-scholarship>

Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest, D: Feb 28, 2018

College students: Fifteen \$3,500 scholarships to “freshmen, sophomores, or juniors”

High school seniors: Fifteen \$5,000 scholarships

See the above link for complete information

Selected criteria from webpage:

"1. Complete an online application

Click **applyists.net/ridingforward** to enter the Regions Riding Forward Scholarship Essay Contest between January 15, 2018, and February 28, 2018. Complete and save all requested information.

2. Write your essay

Choose the African-American you want to write about. It could be someone famous, a relative or a person you know. Just make sure the individual inspires and motivates you. For guidance, review the "How to Enter" instructions and the "Contest Judging Criteria" in sections 4 and 5 of the Official Rules, and be sure your essay is 500 words or less. You can write your essay directly in the application or you can copy and paste it into the appropriate area in the application form.

3. Review and submit

Review your information, check your essay for spelling and submit your entry by 11:59:59 p.m. Central Time on February 28, 2018."

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

\$1,000 RentLingo Dream Big Scholarship, D: Mar 1, 2018 for the Spring term; Oct 1, 2018 for the Fall Term

Selected criteria from the webpage:

"Write an essay about what's your dream job (750 words or less). The top overall winner will receive the \$1,000 scholarship and the top three submissions will have the option to get career advice / coaching from RentLingo's founders, Dan Laufer and Byron Singh.

Can I submit multiple applications?

You may submit multiple applications but only the latest submission will be considered.

Who qualifies for this scholarship?

Any student 18 years or older currently attending a college or university may apply for the scholarship.

I'm an international student. Can I apply?

Yes. International students must still meet the above requirement to apply."

When will I know the result?

Winners will be announced 2 weeks after the application deadline. Look out for an email from RentLingo in your mailbox.

Where should I spend my money after I win the scholarship?

\$1,000 is a lot of money. You may choose to spend it all in the arcade. Or use it to pay rent."

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

\$1,500 MarvelOptics.com National Scholarship Contest, D: Aug 15, 2018 for fall semester; Jan 5, 2019 for spring 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: Sept 10, 2018 for Fall 2018; D: Jan 7, 2019 for Winter 2019

Description taken from 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/>)

Selected criteria from website above:

"Who Can Apply?

Any student who will be enrolled in a college or University at the time of the next deadline. This scholarship is limited to students attending school in the 50 U.S. states."

See full essay requirements at link Jonestshirts.com link above.

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

\$3,000 Coupons Plus Deals Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2018

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."

Scholarships that Require No Writing

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

There are more scholarships at DoSomething.org, such as the **\$3,000 Grab the Mic Scholarship**, **\$2,000 We Are Able Scholarship**, **\$2,500 #SavetheMascots Art Contest**, **\$2,000 Mirror Messages Scholarship**, **\$5,000 Feeding Better Futures Scholarship**, **\$2,000 Shower Songs Scholarship**, and **\$2,500 Team Up, Dream Up 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.gallerycollection.com/greeting-cards-scholarship.htm>

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

<https://www.diplomaframe.com/contests/frame-my-future-scholarship.aspx>

\$5,000, \$1,000 and \$500 Frame My Future Scholarship, D: Mar 1, 2018

Description taken from JLV College Counseling: "Contest is open to legal U.S. residents who will be a full-time student at a U.S. college or university in the 2018-2019 academic year. Applicant must share how they envision their future. Student can choose to share through poetry, photography, ink, collage, painting, mixed media, or graphic design – as long as it is an original creation." (<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships/march-scholarships/5/>)

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.

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 February to see scholarships with **February 2018 deadlines**, including those with deadlines for today.

Click NEXT to see the next page of scholarships.

I would then explore March and April and May for scholarships with **March 2018, April 2018, and May 2018 deadlines**.

Some of these are easy, requiring very little work; some require more 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 over 600 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/

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."

More Scholarships Can be Found at the Bottom of this handout!!!!

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. You would put "scholarship coaching" for the session.

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.

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 as much as I can.

Other Finds

<https://www.shawncartersf.com/scholarship-fund/>

Shawn Carter/Jay Z Foundation Scholarship

Opens April 1, 2017

Deadline: April 30, 2017

"All high school seniors, students with GED diplomas, undergraduate (2yr or 4yr) college students, and students at vocational or trade schools who meet the requirements below are eligible.

Requirements:

US citizen or Permanent Resident

25 years old or younger

Minimum 2.0 GPA"

"The Shawn Carter Foundation (SCF) was founded on the belief that any motivated individual in need should have the opportunity to further his or her education. By removing some of the financial burdens associated with going to, surviving in, and graduating from college, the SCF plays a vital role in increasing college access and success for many motivated yet underserved youth and young adults."

Under Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's),

"How can I maximize my chances of receiving this scholarship?"

Here are some steps you can take:

1-Start your application early and complete it on time. The earlier you start the application, the better chance you have to submit the application before the deadline. You also have more time to ask us questions in case any part of the process needs clarification.

2-Tell us about yourself and use specific details when sharing your extracurricular activities. We do not know anything about you until you share it with us. Specific details can help us understand how great you are. The same can be said about your essay. We don't expect the essay to run too long but make sure your essay helps us learn more about you and your perspectives.

3-Review your application for grammar and spelling errors"

<https://www.afsascholarship.org/>

American Fire Sprinklers Association Scholarships

Five \$1,000 Second Chance College Scholarships Contest, will most likely open in April 2018 and close in August 2018

Win 1 of 10 \$2,000 High School Senior College Scholarship Contest, closed April 1, 2018—“Open to 2017-2018 High School Seniors who want to pursue a college degree or trade school education. Enter for the chance to win 1 of 10 \$2,000 College Scholarships”

<https://www.aspirehigherscholarships.com/>

Up to \$10,000 Aspire Higher Ortho Dermatologics Scholarship, D: April 28, 2018

applied to tuition expenses only, 9 awards

Selected criteria from webpage:

“9 College Scholarships up to \$10,000 each for 2018-2019 tuition costs

Categories

3 Undergraduate Scholar Awards—for students pursuing undergraduate degrees

3 Graduate Scholar Awards—for students pursuing graduate degrees

3 Today’s Woman Scholar Awards—for students who are mothers pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees

Determine the scholarship category that fits your academic status. You may only apply within one category. Students pursuing technical/vocational degrees or certificates may be eligible. See Rules & Regulations.

You may be eligible if you:

- Are a United States citizen living in the United States
- At the time of application, have applied to, have been accepted to, or are currently attending an accredited, nonprofit, two- or four-year

college, university, or advanced (post-high school) vocational or technical school for academic year 2018-2019

- Have been diagnosed with and treated for a dermatologic condition
- Have been treated by a dermatologist, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner working in a dermatology practice
- Used a prescription medicine to treat your dermatologic condition*

*Applicants need not have used an Ortho Dermatologics prescription medicine. Use of an Ortho Dermatologics product will not increase an applicant's chance of being awarded a scholarship"

<http://staff.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm>

Grants for Individuals page, updated and maintained by Jon Harrison, contains a breakdown of "funding opportunities for individuals, such as financial aid or scholarships for students."

Funding is broken down by subject, by population group, and by academic level (precollege, undergraduate, graduate, and postdoctorate).

Also, consider multiple categories you can explore. For example, if you are sociology major but also play an instrument or sing, you might check under Music.

If you are pre-law, besides Law, you might check under Writing for writing competitions you can enter. Be creative. Do not limit yourself.

The links on this page are checked regularly and updated.