

## **Scholarship Seminar-- Is \$5,000 Worth Three Hours? Is \$1,000 Worth 30 Minutes? and more Opportunities**

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Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2-3 pm Central time, Zoom

Learn how a little bit of time can lead to possible thousands. More Money, Less College Debt.

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On Zoom:

Email name and Tnumber for password and invite to [mjturner@tnstate.edu](mailto:mjturner@tnstate.edu)

Seminar only open to students at Tennessee State University

At the end of this handout, I will explain how to make appointments in the Writing Center at Tennessee State University.

### **Is \$5,000 Worth Three Hours?**

Now, here is a powerful idea.

Make a commitment towards working for \$5,000 in two-three hours.

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

**\$5,000 Optimal Scholarships, D: Dec 31, 2020**

There are five different scholarships here: undergraduate, graduate, military, community college, and online degree.

<https://www.optimal.com/scholarships/undergraduate-scholarship>

We will explore the **\$5,000 Undergraduate Scholarship** in more detail during the presentation.

Look over the two questions involved in this scholarship.

Question 1: “How will you apply your degree in the future? What do you anticipate for your first five years after college? Your answer should be 300-500 words”

Question 2: “State any special personal or family circumstances affecting your need for financial assistance. Your answer should be 300-500 words.”

Brainstorm some answers.

If you can't find time to sit down, make an appointment with a tutor in the Writing Center and then talk over and brainstorm your answers.

Then, go write the answers.

Make another appointment in the Writing Center (I would advise an hour) to go over your mini essays (answers), to shape them into something where you could earn a \$5,000 scholarship.

***One English 1011 student in the Fall semester worked on scholarships during English 1011, and she won \$5,000 in scholarships.***

If you can't find time to write, then make an appointment in the Writing Center, talk to a tutor for 10 minutes or so to bat around a few ideas, and then spend 45 minutes writing.

**Schedule your success!**

### **Is \$1,000 Worth 30 Minutes?**

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

**\$1,000 Active Life Scholarship to Tackle Your Weakness, D: Oct 31, 2020**

This scholarship is open to current high school or college students age 15 or older.

Don't be in a hurry to enter this scholarship.

Read the guidelines. Understand what the scholarship givers are trying to get you to see:

“This scholarship encourages students to identify and take action to improve a weakness and begin to transform it into a strength.” (from webpage)

Now, try to answer one of the scholarship questions in 3-5 sentences:

What do you consider one of your greatest weaknesses? -OR-

Why is it important to try to improve a weakness?

A few clues: in my opinion, if your answer includes the word *you*, you are on the wrong track.

***Instead of dashing off an answer and entering this scholarship right now, pause.***

*Write up a few sentences and bring them to the Writing Center. Bring along the webpage link and question also.*

It might be helpful to use participle phrases in some of your sentences. What? What is that, you may ask?

<https://www.chompchomp.com/terms/participlephrase.htm>

**The Participle Phrase** brought to you by Chompchomp.com and its developer, Robin L. Simmons, college instructor and web developer

Once you know what a participle phrase is, start looking at what you are reading; you will notice them everywhere--newspapers, books, magazines, and websites--every place people communicate.

*Learning about and using participle phrases will improve your writing in college and after college.*

Make a 30-minute appointment in the Writing Center to go over your 3-5 sentence answer to the scholarship question, where you are identifying a weakness you have and how you will work on remedying that weakness.

### **Other 3-5 Sentence Scholarships Worth \$1,000**

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

**\$1,000 Active Life Financial Literacy Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2020**

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

**\$1,000 Active Life Political Expression Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2020**

Each of these scholarships require 3-5 sentences to answer a prompt about financial literacy or the importance of political expression.

Don't just answer the question. Bring your answer into the Writing Center at TSU and let a writing tutor look over your answer, giving you suggestions on how your sentences could be improved.

### **Other Scholarships**

1. <https://www.drpeppertuition.com/>

**\$125,000 and \$75, 000 Dr. Pepper Tuition Giveaway, D: Oct. 18, 2020**

Between the ages of 18 and 24 on Nov. 3, 2020.

Don't wait. See the above website for further instructions.

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

*DoSomething.Org—No GPA required, only good works*

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, sometimes as much as \$2,500 or \$1,000.

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

**\$2,000 Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship, D: Oct 31, 2020**

Be creative in your answer to this prompt.

By clicking on **See Previous Winners**, you can see that past winners of this scholarship wrote stories, song parodies, or poems to answer what they would do in a zombie apocalypse.

4. <https://www.saplinghr.com/about/scholarship>

**\$1,000 Sapling Hr, Peoples Ops and Onboarding Scholarship, D: Nov. 1, 2020**

Selected criteria:

“Minimum Requirements: All current or soon-to-be undergrads who have a passion for the people operations and HR space.

Students applying must submit an essay where you explain, present, inspire, or otherwise convince us about your great idea for an onboarding program for new employees of a business, and how it would improve their experience.

Please keep submissions to 5 paragraphs and 600 words at the absolute maximum.”

See above for more information.

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

**\$2,000-\$10,000 Unigo Scholarships, Monthly**

Click above to learn about other Unigo scholarships, such as the **\$5,000 Education Matters Scholarship, D: Nov. 30, 2020**; **\$1,500 Top Ten List Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2020**; or the **\$10,000 Unigo Scholarship, D: Dec 31, 2020**.

6. <https://www.scarlettfoundation.org/students/>  
**\$2,500 to \$15,000 Scarlett Family Foundation Scholarship, D: Dec. 15, 2020**

General Criteria:

- Graduating high school senior, an individual who obtained a GED by June 1, or a college freshman, sophomore, or junior
- Demonstrate financial need via 1040 tax return
- GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Enroll full-time in Fall 2021
- Pursue a Business or STEM degree at a 4-year, non-profit college or university (visit the website for a list of majors)
- Graduate from any high school in Middle Tennessee's 40 counties—refer to the FAQ under Application to see a list of eligible counties--  
<https://www.scarlettfoundation.org/students/scholarship-frequently-asked-questions/>

7. <https://www.derricklawfirm.com/library/scholarship.cfm>  
**\$1,000 Dirk Derrick Car and Truck Accident Injury Scholarship, D: Dec. 15, 2020**

Selected criteria:

- open to any current or soon-to-be undergraduate student in the U.S. who “has had his or her life altered due to an injury from a car or truck accident, be it their own injury, that of a loved one, or an influential individual.
- Students applying must submit an essay where you explain, present, inspire, or otherwise convince us as to why you deserve to win this scholarship.
- There are no conditions or outside requirements for this essay.
- Please keep submissions to *5 paragraphs and 600 words* at the absolute maximum.”

Click on the above link for more information.

8. <https://www.certalaw.com/certa-law-personal-injury-wrongful-death-scholarship/>  
**\$1,000 Certa Law Personal Injury and Wrongful Death Scholarship, D: Dec 15, 2020**

Click on the above link for information.

9. <https://marveloptics.com/blog/scholarship-program/>  
**\$1,500 MarvelOptics Scholarship Contest, D: Jan. 5, 2020**

Using 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?” brainstorm ways you would answer this question.

Then, craft a response (short essay of no more than 300 words or a video that must be one minute in length) for a social media post or a blog post that gives your take on the prompt.

More instructions at the link above.

You could make an appointment in the Writing Center to help with your essay or the planning of your video.

10. <https://www.tacobellfoundation.org/live-mas-scholarship/>  
**\$25,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000 Taco Bell Live Mas Scholarship, you can sign up to be reminded of the next application period**

Ages 16 to 24

**Writing Help at the TSU Writing Center for Scholarships  
or Any Writing Concern**

As a Tennessee State University student or faculty/staff member, if you need help with scholarship applications, essays, or any other writing concern, know that the Writing Center at Tennessee State University is here for you!

Fall 2020 hours are Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-6:00 pm, 615.963.5102

For online scheduling: <http://mywco.com/tnstate>

If you already have an account, log in and make an appointment.

If you don't have an account, register for an account by clicking on “Register an Account” next to FIRST VISIT? and schedule your appointment!

For help with any writing concern including resumes, applications, or essays for scholarships or internships, you can sign up for any available writing tutor.

<https://scholarshiptigers.com/>

*Please go to the Scholarship Tigers blog to learn more about scholarship search engines or more scholarships.*

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