FARMHOUSE FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

GIVAGRANT REGISTRATION

- We have transitioned to GivaGrant, scholarship application platform. Applications will open April 1. Before beginning your application, you will need to register with GivaGrant.
- You can start your application at any time and save it as a draft to finish at a later time.
- Once you submit your application, it cannot be reopened. Please make certain all of the criteria have been met and your supporting materials have been uploaded before you submit.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- You only need to complete one application to be considered for all available scholarships.
- Check the boxes on the list for all of the scholarships you are applying for.
- Some scholarships are specific to certain majors, so please review the criteria at bit.ly/FHscholarships26 before selecting the ones you qualify for as an applicant.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- Answer in full all of the application questions.
- The minimum GPA requirement is 3.2 (International Fraternity's average cumulative GPA)
- Your responses should reflect your own thoughts and experiences—please don't rely on AI tools to write your answers.
- Provide detailed descriptions of leadership positions or organizations if they are not self-explanatory. For example, the Agricultural Education Club is recognizable. Alpha Epsilon Society is not. Instead, use Alpha Epsilon Society (Honor Society for Agricultural and Biological Engineering).
- Answer the final question only if you have financial need or extenuating circumstances.
- PRO TIP: Prepare your responses to each essay question in a separate document so you can copy and paste them when you're ready to submit your application.

TRANSCRIPT

- You must upload an official university transcript with your scholarship application.
- Unofficial versions printed from the University website are not acceptable.
- Transcripts including finalized grades from the most recent spring semester are recommended.

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

- Your letters of support should be uploaded with your application on the GivaGrant platform.
- It is recommended the letters be signed (or an electronic signature inserted) and then saved or scanned as a PDF document and uploaded with your application.
- It is not recommended the letter be typed directly in the body of an email.
- REMINDER: You will need 3-5 letters of recommendation from:
    - FarmHouse alumnus
    - Undergraduate FH member
    - A faculty member, employer, advisor, etc.
- PRO TIP: Prioritize recommenders who know you well rather than filling in spots with other FH undergraduate members.

SCORING

- Applications will be evaluated based on the following:
    - Leadership and Service (25 points)
    - Scholarship Record (30 points)
    - Evidence of High Moral Character, Integrity and Ethics (25 points)
    - Recommendation Letters (20 points)
    - Need Statement (up to 10 points)

DEADLINE

- Your application must be submitted through the GivaGrant platform by Monday, June 1.

HELPFUL TIPS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

It's scholarship time! There are so many details to consider when applying for scholarships. Some scholarships require essays, others require a letter of recommendation, some even ask for your transcript or GPA. Please consider the following tips when applying for scholarships, gathering information, or requesting a letter of recommendation.

RECOMMENDATION LETTERS

Begin the Process Early
- Allow 2-3 weeks for recommenders to complete their letter

Ask in Person
- Face to face conversations are the best
- Provide deadline details for them

Provide Required Information
- Resume, brag sheet, etc.
- Email them deadline info after your conversation

Follow Up
- Touch base 1-2 weeks before the deadline
- Ask if they need any additional info for their letter

Thank You Note
- A little "thank you" goes a long way
- Consider handwriting a personal note

Extra Tips and Tricks
- Apply for everything you qualify for
- Know your deadlines!
- Follow directions completely
- Personalize your essays

5 STEPS FOR A PERFECT EMAIL

Subject Line
- Example: SCHOLARSHIP NAME - Your name (Last Name, First Name)

Greeting
- Example:
  - Dear Scholarship Committee
  - To Whom It May Concern

Introduction
- Introduce yourself! You are awesome, so share who you are

Body of the Email
- Thank them for considering your application
- No need to "sell yourself here - your application will do that for you

Signing your Email Properly
- Examples
  - Sincerely,
  - Thank you,
  - Best regards,

Tips and Tricks Continued
- Use a professional email address
- Proofread everything! Find an adult to help with this
- DO NOT wait until the last minute!

DON'T FORGET!

Letters of recommendation offer an opportunity to really highlight your character, work ethic, and general awesomeness. It is important to choose someone who can speak confidently about you and your accomplishments.