October Scholarship Checklist

**Scholar Programs**

**Horatio Alger National Scholarship** ($6,000-$25,000)

Due: October 25th

Minimum GPA: 2.0

<https://application2.horatioalger.org/Security/Login.aspx>

Only for students whose households make $55,000 or less

**Checklist:**

* Make an account
* Fill out the eligibility quiz (you will need to know how much your parents make)
* Fill out the adversity questionnaire
  + Anytime you answer “yes” to one of these questions, additional information will be requested
* Write a 250 word essay on one of the adversities you answered “yes” to in the questionnaire
  + Have someone review your adversity essay before copying into your application
* Complete the Personal Statement
* Have Mrs. Mason, Ms. Herman, or Ms. Young complete the certification form
* Ask an unrelated adult (over 21) to complete your support form
  + This is someone who can verify the validity of your adversity essay
* Ask a parent/guardian for the first page of their 2017 Tax Return (form 1040)
  + Scan and upload into your application
* Have Mrs. Mason review before submitting

**Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation** ($20,000)

Due: October 31st

Minimum GPA: 3.7

Minimum ACT: 22

Minimum SAT: 1100

<https://connect.coca-colascholars.org/scholarships/application-2017/2017-login>

**Checklist:**

* Biological information
  + **School Code: 110271**
  + Be sure to include emails and phone numbers for your counselor and Mr. McKnight
* School Activities
  + Include all extracurriculars you have been involved with from 9th-12th grade
  + Be sure to update this page before the October 31st deadline
* Community Activities
  + Include all community service performed from 9th-12th grade
* Academic information
  + Ask your counselor for a copy of your unofficial transcript
  + Based on your transcript, report your classes and grades
* Employment information if applicable
* Have Mrs. Mason review your application before submitting

**Ron Brown Scholars** ($10,000 renewable for 4 years)

Early Deadline: November 1st

Suggested GPA: 2.8+

Must be Black/African American

Demonstrate financial need

<https://www.ronbrown.org/section/apply/rbsp-application>

**Checklist:**

* Ask Mrs. Mason for a paper copy of the Ron Brown Application or download application online
* On a Google Doc, list your extracurricular, community, employment or other activities in order of their importance to you. Indicate the dates you participated in the activity, positions held and the number of hours per week you spend on each activity. We realize that the way you spend your time outside the classroom may be affected by factors beyond your control, such as the need to work
* List any significant awards or honors you have received during high school for academic or extracurricular achievements.
* Essays (500 words or less)
* Letters of Recommendation
  + 1 from a teacher or school professional
  + 1 from an adult who knows you well
* Have parent/guardian fill out the financial information box
* Ask your counselor for your official transcript and a copy of the school profile
* See Mrs. Mason to put together your application packet and have it mailed out
* All parts of the application must be completed before the packet can be mailed out!

**ELKS Most Valuable Student Scholarship** ($1,000-$12,500)

Due: November 15th

<http://www.elks.org/scholars/scholarships/applyMVS.cfm>

**Checklist:**

* 300 word essay
* See Mrs. Mason to review your application before submitting

**Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship Program** (Up to $40,000 renewable for 4 years)

Due: November 20th

Minimum GPA: 3.5 unweighted

Minimum ACT: 26

Minimum SAT: 1200

<http://www.jkcf.org/scholarship-programs/college-scholarship/>

Only for students who have a family income less than $95,000

**Checklist:**

* Take an eligibility quiz
* Complete the following sections:
  + Profile information: name, address, contact information and current school
  + Complete 5 Short Essays
  + Activities and involvement
  + Honors and awards
  + College Plans
  + Academics: classes taken thus far
  + Test scores
  + Self-assessment: How do you handle certain situations, etc.
  + Conduct
  + Survey
* Parent/Guardian Forms: an online form must be completed by your parent(s)/guardian(s). You will enter your parent(s)/guardian(s) email address in the application and they will be sent an email with a link to access the required form. They will have to upload the following documents:
  + 2017 Federal Tax Return including W-2s, schedules and attachments
  + 2016 Federal Tax Return, 1040 form only
  + 2015 Federal Tax Return, 1040 form only
* 2 Recommendation forms: online forms to be completed by 2 teachers. You will enter your recommenders’ email addresses into the application and they will be sent an email with a link to access the required form
  + A teacher who you had for a core academic class in 11th grade
  + A teacher who can speak to your academic ability, leadership, achievements, and character
* School profile: an online form to be completed by a school official (principal or guidance counselor). Questions asked required the person completing the form to access academic and other school data
* See Mrs. Mason to review your application before submitting

**Greenhouse Scholars** ($20,000)

Due: December 17th \*early submissions highly encouraged

Suggested GPA: 3.5 unweighted

<http://greenhousescholars.org/our-scholars/become-a-scholar/>

Only for students who have an annual household income no greater than $70,000.

**Checklist:**

* Complete 5 Short Essays
* See Mrs. Mason to review your application before submitting

**Local Scholarships**

**Omega Psi Phi Scholarship** ($1,000-$5,000)

Due: October 19th, 2018

<http://www.oppf.org/essay-contest.asp>

**Checklist:**

In 700-750 words, “How has social media impacted today's youth, and what influence does it have on their future?"

**Senator David Shafer Essay Scholarship** ($250-$1,500)

Due: December 1st

<http://www.davidshafer.com/scholarshipessayrules/>

\*\* *This is a local scholarship so there will be fewer applicants\*\**

**Checklist:**

* Short Essay
* See Ms. Mason to review your application before submitting

**Horatio Alger State Scholarship** ($6,000-$25,000)

Due: October 25th

Minimum GPA: 2.0

<https://application2.horatioalger.org/Security/Login.aspx>

Only for students whose households make $55,000 or less

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* Write a 250 word essay on one of the adversities you answered “yes” to in the questionnaire
  + Have someone review your adversity essay before copying into your application
* Have Mrs. Mason, Ms. Herman, or Ms. Young complete the certification form
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**Community Service Scholarships**

**Prudential Spirit of Community Awards** ($1,000-$5,000)

Due: November 6th

<https://spirit.prudential.com/awards/how-to-apply>

*\*\*This is a local scholarship so there will be a smaller applicant pool\*\**

**Checklist:**

* In 200 words: summarize your community service activity, including how you became involved, your role, and the impact of the activity.
* In 750 words or less: please describe your activity. Your description should address ALL of the questions listed on the application.
* Complete Parent/Guardian agreement
* Once you complete the application, go to the “Certification” page to email or print out instructions for your certifier. You must deliver these instructions to your certifier by November 8, 2016. Your certifier can be your school principal or the head of a county 4-H organization, Girl Scout Council, American Red Cross Chapter, YMCA or HandsOn Network affiliate. Your certifier has until November 16th to review applications online and select Local Honoree(s) from the applicants in your school or organization, and nominate them for state-level judging.

**National Scholarships**

**Form Swift Graphic Design Scholarship** ($1,000)

Due: September 15th

<http://formswift.com/startup-scholarship>

**Checklist:**

* Make a business plan infographic on one of the following industries: a startup, a restaurant, a non-profit, a transportation company, or a clothing company.
* Send your entry to [Jamie@formswift.com](mailto:Jamie@formswift.com) by Sept. 15 with the email subject line “FormSwift Scholarship Entry.”
* Make sure to include your full name, state, and school within your submission.

**Olin E. Teague Scholarship** ($4,000)

Due: October 12th

<http://www.spaceclub.org/education/olin-teague.html>

**Checklist:**

* Complete applications including high school extracurricular and community activities
* Write a Statement of Intent that indicates academic plans that would lead to a career in some are of aerospace sciences and/or technology; 500 words minimum, no longer than 2 pages
* Write a 5 page minimum research paper focusing on applications to aerospace (detailed instructions in application)
* One letter of recommendation from a STEM faculty member or mentor
* Official transcript of high school record

**College JumpStart Scholarship** ($1,000)

Due: October 17th

<http://www.jumpstart-scholarship.net/application-us>

**Checklist:**

* In 250 words or less: answer ONE of the online prompts

**Zombie Apocalypse Scholarship** ($2,000)

Due: October 31st

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

**Checklist:**

* Create an Unigo account on the website
* Submit 250 words or less: Imagine that your high school/college has been overrun with zombies. Your math professor, the cafeteria ladies and even your best friend have all joined the walking dead. Use your brain to flesh out a plan to avoid the zombie, including where you would hide and the top five things you would bring with you to stay alive.

**Voice of Democracy Scholarship** ($1,000-$30,000)

Due: October 31st

<https://www.vfw.org/uploadedFiles/VFWorg/MY_VFW/VoiceofDemocracyEntryFormandBrochure.pdf>

**Checklist:**

* Record a 3-5 minute essay on an audio CD or flash drive about “Why My Vote Matters”
* Submit your entry to the local Post:
  + Post 4706 Belvedere Post  
    5362 Covington Highway   
    Decatur, GA 30005
* You will be judged on content, originality, and delivery

**AXA Achievement Scholarship** ($2,500-$25,000)

Due: December 14th or until 10,000 applications are received (whichever comes first)

<https://www.scholarsapply.org/axa-achievement/>

**Checklist:**

* In no more than 500 characters:  Provide a brief overview that clearly conveys the impact of your one outstanding achievement. In three to four sentences, include what you did, who was affected, and what the outcomes were.
* Between 350 and 600 words (No more than 4,000 characters): Describe your outstanding achievement in depth and provide the specific planning, training, goals, and steps taken to make the accomplishment successful. Include details about your role and highlight leadership you provided. Be thorough.
* Special consideration will be given to achievements that empower society to mitigate risk through education and/or action in areas such as financial, environmental, health, safety and/or emergency preparedness.
* An adult applicant appraisal confirming your achievement will also be required at a later date for those whose outstanding achievement warrants further consideration in the competition.

**Monthly Scholarships**

**Courage to Grow Scholarship** ($500)

Due: September 30th

http://www. Couragetogrowscholarship.com

**Checklist:**

* Complete online application
* Essay: explain in 250 words or less why you believe that you should be awarded this scholarship

Other Scholarship Resources:

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

<https://jlvcollegecounseling.com/scholarships>