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## **SCHOLARSHIP PREPARATION TIPS**

- Start Early! There are many scholarship opportunities available throughout high school, especially during your senior year.
- Study hard to raise your GPA. Scholarship committees are interested in proof that a student has worked hard in high school.
- Work on test-taking tips and strategies. Scholarship committees often require high ACT or SAT scores.
- Get involved! Extracurricular activities are important in the eyes of scholarship committees.
- Many scholarships are either based solely on a student's community service record, or community service plays a major role in whether or not a student receives a scholarship.
- Work on your high school resume. Most scholarship committees require that you turn one in with your application.
- Make sure that you have a few teachers you can count on to write letters of recommendation for you. Quite a few scholarships require at least one letter of recommendation.
- If you begin to feel overwhelmed, see if a parent can help you fill out basic information on scholarship applications.
- Work on your writing skills. Many scholarships have an essay requirement. Also, don't think you have to write a unique essay for each scholarship. Many have similar topics, and you can cut and paste essays to fit your needs.