

Scholarship Checklist

Follow this step-by-step guide to take full advantage of the scholarship opportunities available to TCC students. Be sure to read the “TCC Scholarship Guide” for tips on getting the most out your scholarship search.

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Step 1: Apply for Admission to TCC	Before you can begin to apply for any scholarships at TCC, you must first be admitted. Visit tulsacc.edu/admissions-aid to start your application. Wait 2-5 business days for your application to process.
Step 2: Complete the FAFSA	You can complete a FAFSA as early as October 1 st prior to the start of the school year. Many TCC scholarships require a completed FAFSA to determine need. Complete the FAFSA as fafsa.ed.gov
Step 3: Complete the TCC Foundation Scholarship Application	Apply annually for the TCC Foundation Scholarships. Be sure to complete the Scholarship Information Release to allow TCC to send your student profile to the Foundation Scholarship Application. Visit Tulsacc.edu/scholarships to apply.
Step 4: Complete the Tulsa Achieves Agreement Form (for Tulsa county residents and incoming freshman only)	TA is available to Tulsa county residents. Applicants must apply their senior year of high school. Visit tulsacc.edu/admissions-aid/admissions/tulsa-achieves for application.
Step 5: Check for Oklahoma State Scholarships	Search for opportunities offered by the State of Oklahoma to Oklahoma college students. Visit okcollegestart.org
Step 6: Search for Other Scholarship Opportunities	Search for private scholarship through scholarship search engines. You can create profiles to match you to potential scholarship opportunities. Visit petersons.com , fastweb.com , unigo.com/scholarships , among others.
Step 7: Read “TCC Scholarship Guide”	The scholarship contains best practices for applying for scholarships and protecting your data.
Be sure to check your MyTCC email for updates from the college. Log into MyTCC or call 918-595-2000 for questions about your student account.	

Approach Scholarships Like a Job Interview

Present yourself as the right candidate for the scholarship on your applications. Highlight your good qualities and emphasize how well you meet the qualifications of the scholarship. Always read application directions carefully and double check your application for mistakes before submitting it.

Apply! Apply! Apply!

The more you apply the better your chances of success. Carve out time in your schedule to search and apply for scholarships weekly. Don't disregard a scholarship because you may not meet all the qualifications. Don't dismiss a scholarship just because it's for a small amount; after all, every dollar counts. You won't get every scholarship you apply for, but the more you apply the more you increase your chances of receiving a scholarship.

Write an Essay in Advance

Since many scholarship applications require a personal essay, write and save a personal essay to use in advance. Best strategy: Draft 3-5 sentences for each of the following topics: your personal history; your academic and career; your financial need. You can expand or edit your saved essay to suit a specific scholarship. Be sure to have a friend, parent, or teacher proofread your essay for mistakes.

Look for Opportunities in All Kinds Of Places

Don't just rely on TCC's institutional scholarships. Look for scholarships through search engines such as Petersons.com or Fastweb.com. You can search by your major, your future career, and your special talents and hobbies. Many local organizations and churches sponsor scholarships. Additionally, private business will offer scholarships to employees or spouses and dependents of employees. Always educate yourself on the organization who is offering the scholarship so you can eliminate scams or disreputable organizations.

Protect Your Data

Remember to practice good security habits when sharing your personal data. Is the application method secure? Who will view your data? Are they asking for a lot of sensitive data like social security number or your cell phone number? What will they do with your data? Answer these questions before sharing your data.

Never Pay to Apply for Scholarships or the FAFSA

Unfortunately, there are dishonest people who want to take advantage of students and their families by pretending to offer legitimate aid opportunities. Always educate yourself on what kind of organization is offering the scholarship. And never, ever pay someone to apply for a scholarship or complete your FAFSA. The FAFSA is free, and reputable scholarships will never ask for your money.
