

7 tips for a winning scholarship application

Each year, CSU receives more than 8,000 scholarship applications.

We spend a great deal of time assessing each application and know from experience that the students who get through to do the shortlist don't just meet the scholarship criteria; they also write a compelling application.

That's why we've pulled together these seven tips for writing a scholarship application that stands out from the crowd.

Remember
you don't need to be a great essay writer or the world's best student to be awarded a scholarship. But you do need to apply.

Follow these steps and you'll be on your way.

Good luck!

1 Do your research

Carefully read all scholarship criteria and guidelines to ensure that you apply only for those scholarships you're eligible for.

2 Start early

Be aware of the application closing date and manage your time to ensure you get your application in ahead of deadline.

3 Follow directions

Surprisingly, many students fail to answer all sections of the application. The more information you can provide, the more chance you have of being remembered.

4 Provide documents

This is not optional. You must include all required documentation such as current résumé, evidence of ATAR, evidence of financial need to support your application. Failure to do so can see you removed from the 'eligible' pile.

5 Put your best foot forward

Treat your scholarship application like you're applying for a job. Remember to give examples of your achievements, community involvement, volunteering or work experience.

6 Include a personal statement

Tell us a bit about yourself. As well as being a requirement for our scholarship applications, this is a chance for you to give us some insight into your personality, passions and how a scholarship could help you achieve your dreams.

7 Edit it

Make sure you read your application out loud to ensure it makes sense and is clear and concise. If possible, ask a friend, parent, teacher or boss to read it too, to weed out any errors of grammar or punctuation.