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COLLEGE **FOUNDATION**

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION OUTLINE

This is the information requested on our online Scholarship Application. Paper applications are not accepted.

Applicant Information: (Name, address, phone, email, etc.)

College Information: (Major/Program, GPA, expected graduation date, campus)

High School Information: (High School Name, GPA)

Miscellaneous Information

A series of other questions are asked regarding Veteran's status, involvement in specific clubs or activities, ability to speak other languages, employment at specific businesses, work study, etc. These questions are necessary and allow the system to match students to available scholarship opportunities.

Essay Questions:

Students are expected to provide a thoughtful and detailed essay answer for each item listed below. (Two or three sentence answers are not sufficient and may cause your application to be dismissed).

1 COMMITMENT/INTEREST IN PROGRAM

(This essay - 300 words -- should include why you chose your program of study, your short- and long-range education and career goals, projects or activities related to your career goals, etc.)

2 SCHOOL, FAMILY, EMPLOYMENT AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES & AWARDS

(List or describe in detail your involvement in school activities, family responsibilities, work history and community involvement. Be sure to include any leadership roles, awards, recognition and/or any activities related to your program of study. 300 words)

3 LIFE EXPERIENCES WHICH HAVE INFLUENCED PERSONAL GROWTH

(This is where you tell your personal story: Be sure to describe your upbringing, your family, any significant events or people in your life that have influenced you and your personal goals, any obstacles or hardships that you have overcome, why you are a deserving candidate for a scholarship, etc. -- 300 words)

4 FINANCIAL NEED

(Tell us how you are paying for college: Be sure to list any financial aid (grants, loans from FAFSA) that you are receiving, as well as other contributions from parents, your savings, or your employment; include details of any financial hardships you have experienced. 300 words)

5 OTHER FACTORS

(Describe any other factors that you consider relevant to your application.)

Letters of Recommendation

The online application allows students to request up to (2) letters of recommendation via email. Recommenders submit their recommendations electronically; the letters are automatically attached to the student application. Recommendations are encouraged but not required. Students need to know the email address of the person they are requesting to initiate the request for a letter of recommendation.

Signature & Date

Students must sign and date their application before they click "Finish and Submit."