

Scholarship Search Plan

A 3-hour/week sprint + ROI filter + templates + tracker.

3-hour weekly sprint (repeatable)

- ☐ Hour 1: Source 5–8 high-ROI scholarships (local + niche first).
- ☐ Hours 2–3: Apply to 2–3 (reuse core essays; request recommendations early).
- ☐ Weekly finish line: 2 quality submissions + tracker updated.

ROI filter (pick better scholarships)

- ☐ Favor local / niche / affinity awards over national lotteries.
- ☐ Score ROI: amount vs time, eligibility fit, renewability, recommender needs.
- ☐ Skip low-payout scholarships that require brand-new materials.

Templates

Essay opener (adapt):

After [role/impact], I saw [community/need]. This award lets me do [specific next step] and continue [impact].

Sponsor follow-up (post-submit):

Hello [Name], I recently applied to [Scholarship] and wanted to thank you for the opportunity. I'm especially excited about [specific focus]; happy to share any additional materials if helpful.

Tracker (fill this in weekly)

| Scholarship | Amount | Deadline | Eligibility | Materials | Status | Next step |
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Suggested statuses: Not started / In progress / Submitted / Awarded / Declined