

Tips on applying for the Deloitte Scholarship



Carefully read the scholarship criteria

- ✓ Before you apply, check the scholarship criteria and ensure you qualify. Applications from students who do not meet the criteria will not be considered.



Make a strong personal statement/essay

- ✓ Be sure to explain to the scholarship committee why you are the best candidate for the scholarship. Your personal statement is viewed as the equivalent of a face-to-face interview. Take time to make sure your personal statement is as clear, concise and informative as possible.
- ✓ Include your personal and professional goals, and a list of your extracurricular activities, such as clubs, sports, student government, volunteer work, co-op jobs, part-time jobs, etc.
- ✓ Ensure that your personal statement speaks to the question.



Prepare in advance and adhere to all deadlines

- ✓ Make your application a part of your normal homework routine. Work on it a little every day. This will prevent you from being overwhelmed and ensure that you don't submit hastily completed, last-minute applications.
- ✓ Contact your school or college to provide authenticated copies of your grades, and the Cayman Islands Department of Immigration for a letter stating proof of citizenship in advance (if applicable) – these usually take some time.
- ✓ Impose a deadline for yourself that is at least two weeks before the stated deadline. Use this 'buffer time' to proofread your application before you drop it off.
- ✓ Do not wait until the last minute. Give yourself enough time to meet all of the scholarship requirements. Submit your application and all documentation on time. Late applications will not be considered.
- ✓ You are responsible for making sure all parts of the application arrive on time. This includes supporting materials, such as letters of recommendation and transcripts. So make sure everyone who is providing information to support your application has ample lead-time.



Ask for help if you need it

- ✓ If you have challenges with your application, do not hesitate to ask someone for advice. But do not expect anyone to do the work for you. Completing the application is your responsibility.



Choose valuable references

- ✓ Choose your academic and personal references with care. They should be current.
- ✓ Employers, religious leaders, community leaders, teachers and instructors can serve as excellent personal references
- ✓ Use references who have known you for at least six months.
- ✓ Avoid using members of your family, best friends, or roommates – it is best not to ask someone who is the same age or younger than you for a reference.
- ✓ Advise your referee what scholarship you are applying for and provide them with specific criteria of the award so that, they may indicate why you are a suitable candidate. Ask them to address your current attributes and skills.



Be thorough and clear when completing your application

- ✓ Read the application carefully and follow the requirements and directions stated.
- ✓ Proofread your application: ensure there are no spelling or grammatical mistakes and no fields left blank on the application form. Ask a parent or teacher to proofread.
- ✓ Ensure you use a professional/appropriate email address to correspond with the scholarship committee.



Ensure you know what would be expected of you should you be called for an interview

- ✓ Review the [interviewing tips](#) article on the Students Page on our careers site.



Deloitte's scholarships are awarded for a maximum period of five years and up to a monetary value of US\$30,000 per academic year. Applications are due by 30 April each year.

To learn more, visit www.deloitte.com/ky/en/scholarships