

For Scholarship Seekers
Articulating Your Plan of Study and Sources of Support

Answer the following questions before you begin your research.

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| Major Area of Study | | |
| School | | |
| Full-time or Part-time | | |
| Starting Date | | |
| Relation to Long-term Goals | | |
| Projected Costs (Include all costs, e.g. tuition, room and board, books and supplies, and others as appropriate) | | |
| Leads on Support (\$ Anticipated by sources) | School-based scholarships/ fellowships | |
| | Federal grants/loans | |
| | State grants/loans | |
| | Foundation awards | |
| | Other private sources | |
| | Personal/family contributions | |
| | Loans | |

For Scholarship Seekers

Personal Profile

Answer the following questions before you begin your research.

Your answers will help focus your scholarship search by giving you “key words” or index terms to use.

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| <p>Geographic Location (Where do you come from? Where do you live now — city/town, state, country? Where do you plan to study?)</p> | |
| <p>Subject Area or Academic Discipline (What do you plan to study? Will you be attending full-time or part-time? What did you excel in school or the workplace?)</p> | |
| <p>Special Interests, Talents, Hobbies, Athletic Abilities, or Accomplishments (Do you excel at music, dance, film-making, or sports? Do you have other interests, such as student government?)</p> | |
| <p>Nationality, Ethnicity, Race, Marital Status, or Gender (Are you a woman, a minority, single parent, etc.?)</p> | |
| <p>Special Circumstances (There are grants for students with many different physical, emotional or learning disabilities and those with particular diseases. Do any of these apply to you?)</p> | |
| <p>Other Unique Characteristics</p> | |

For Individual Grantseekers and Scholarship Seekers

Affiliations Profile

Answer the following questions before you begin your research.

Your answers will help focus your scholarship or grant search by giving you “key words” or index terms to use.

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| Your School (Where are you studying? Where do you plan to study? From what school did you graduate?) | |
| Your Employer(s) or Union(s) (or that of a parent or a spouse or a close relative that may have a scholarship program for employees) | |
| Your Religious Affiliation(s) (Do you, your spouse or your parents have any religious affiliations?) | |
| Your Professional or Trade Associations (Do you, your spouse, or your parents belong to any professional or trade associations? Do they offer scholarships or other awards?) | |
| Community and Civic Organizations or Clubs (Do you or your family members belong to such groups as Boy Scouts, Elks, fraternities etc. or agencies where you volunteer your time? Do they offer scholarships or awards?) | |
| Military Status (Are you a veteran dependent of a member of the military, or are you interested in a career in the military?) | |
| Other Affiliations | |

For Individual Grantseekers

Funding Profile

Answer the following questions before you begin your research.

Your answers will help focus your grants search by giving you “key words” or index terms to use.

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| Type of Work or Project (What sort of work or project are you seeking support for? If you are a musician, what instrument do you play or perform? If you are a writer, what historical period do you cover? Is there anything else that is unique about you?) | |
| Audience (Is your work directed toward a specific population which might interest a funder? For instance, are children, the elderly, or the disabled among your audiences? Is there historical or cultural significance to the venue or community you serve?) | |
| Credentials (Outline relevant training and experience.) | |
| Professional or Trade Association Affiliation (Do you belong to any professional or trade associations? Do you have any memberships related to your work?) | |
| Geographic Location (Where do you live now—city/town, state, country? Where is your project going to take place? What locale will benefit from your project?) | |
| Nationality, Ethnicity, Race, or Gender (Are you a woman, a minority, single parent, etc. Does race and/or ethnicity play a role in your collaborators, audience, or other participants?) | |
| Work Samples (What sample of your work can you show?) | |
| Other Unique Characteristics | |