



Scholarships



Facts to Know:

- Scholarships are privately funded awards of money given to students that apply and qualify based on academics, achievement and financial need.
- Repayment of these funds is not required.
- Some scholarships are awarded on a first come, first served basis.
- Meeting the minimum qualifications for a scholarship does not guarantee any award.

Eligibility:

- Scholarships have more specific qualifications that you must meet at the time of application. Qualifiers usually consist of:
 - ◇ Minimum GPA
 - ◇ Good academic standing
 - ◇ Number of credits completed
 - ◇ Number of credits enrolled in
 - ◇ Major

How to Apply:

- MSU Denver's Financial Aid Office has a yearly application that any student can submit online provided they have completed a FAFSA application for that year, are considered a Colorado resident, and meet other requirements.
 - ◇ The application is online at: www.msudenver.edu/financialaid/scholarships.
 - ◇ **March 1** is the scholarship priority deadline for the following academic year.
- Students may also check with their major department for scholarship opportunities.
- Students can also find a comprehensive list of scholarships offered on the Institute for Women's Studies and Services webpage: <http://msudenver.edu/women/scholarships>.



Tips:

- When writing your essay, treat it like one for a class, forming a short introductory thesis at the beginning and expanding upon it in the body before wrapping up with a conclusion.
- If you are stuck, here are some questions to think about answering in your essay:
 - ◇ Why do you qualify for the scholarship?
 - ◇ What makes you unique?
 - ◇ What makes you a good investment?
 - ◇ What obstacles have you overcome in life?
 - ◇ What is your family history?
 - ◇ Are you a first generation college student?
 - ◇ What are your educational and career goals?
 - ◇ How will the scholarship help you achieve those goals?
- Be mindful of scholarship application deadlines! Plan ahead if you need to collect materials to submit with your application or write your essay.
- The MSU Denver Writing Center in King Center 415 is a great FREE resource for students writing any sort of essay, including scholarship application essays. The Writing Center phone number is 303-615-1888, or you can learn more from their webpage: <http://www.msudenver.edu/writectr>.

