



## SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH


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scholarships

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- Incoming freshmen
- Returning students and incoming transfer students

# SCHOLARSHIP STRATEGIES

RESOURCES, TIPS  
and DEADLINES

 The easiest  
way to be  
eliminated is by  
not applying  
at all!

## KENT STATE STARK SCHOLARSHIPS

### NEW FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS - DEADLINE MARCH 1

Incoming freshman scholarships are awarded on the basis of high school academic performance. These full and partial-tuition scholarships are often renewable for one additional year if academic expectations are met.

Students must apply and be accepted for admission by March 1 to be considered. No additional scholarship application is required.

### CURRENT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS - DEADLINE MARCH 1

Kent State Stark offers a host of scholarships to its currently enrolled students. These scholarships are funded through generous gifts and donations by family foundations and the Kent State Stark campus community.

Current students apply online when the scholarship application becomes available in early January. Each scholarship requires an essay.

View all Kent State Stark scholarships and resources:  
[www.kent.edu/stark/scholarships](http://www.kent.edu/stark/scholarships)

## KNOW YOUR DEADLINES

- Deadlines vary so research them.
- Use a calendar and checklist to keep deadlines organized.
- Apply on time.
- Late applications will not be considered by the selection committee.



## TIMELINE

**October - December**  
Research available scholarships and note their deadlines

**December - January**  
Winter break is a great time to compose essays and gather application materials.

**January - March**  
Apply for scholarships - know your scholarship deadlines!

**March 1**  
Deadline for Kent State Stark scholarships.

## CREATE A SCHOLARSHIP PORTFOLIO

Start a file of all your noteworthy academic and extracurricular achievements.

### - GPA and Academic Awards

Not always the most important factor!

### - School Activities

List only the ones you have time to do well.

### - Family and Community Service

If you're raising a family, communicate it! Also, community service shows commitment and responsibility.

### - Work Experience

Stress responsibilities like supervising, training employees and customer service.

### - Letters of Recommendation

Have letters on hand in case they're required. Utilize people who can address your talents, skills and abilities.

## ULTIMATE GOAL

Set yourself apart from everyone else and demonstrate why you are the best candidate.

## FINAL THOUGHTS

- Don't get discouraged.
- Seek out feedback from parents, teachers and friends.
- The process gets easier with each application.

## CRITICAL



## ESSAYS - DON'T OVERLOOK THEIR IMPORTANCE

Essays allow the scholarship committee to get to know you beyond your grades, test scores and activities.

If there is an assigned essay question, make sure you understand what is being asked and that you address all topics. Don't use a "canned" response. It must be relevant to the essay asked.

### With all essays, be sure you:

- Use clear, concise and simple language throughout.
- Put forth effort. Committees know when you don't!
- State your accomplishments without coming across as though you're bragging.
- Check and recheck your spelling and grammar.
- Have someone else proofread it for you.
- Sell yourself! This is your opportunity to let the committee know why you are the best candidate.

Try to avoid being overly creative. Yes, creative writing can set you apart, but if you go too far, it won't work in your favor. It's best to use everyday language and avoid "big words." When in doubt, ask someone else's opinion.



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