

Scholarships for Post-Secondary Options

Course	Rationale
<p><i>Practicum in Health Science</i></p> <p>Unit VII <i>Career Preparation and employability</i></p> <p>Essential Question <i>Where are the best places to find scholarships?</i></p> <p>TEKS 130.205(c) 3DE 7AB</p> <p>Prior Student Learning none</p> <p>Estimated time 5-10 hours</p>	<p>It is important to take the necessary steps to plan for post-secondary education. Scholarships are a great way to pay for post-secondary education, especially because it is money that does not have to be paid back.</p> <p>Objectives</p> <p>Upon completion of this lesson, the student will be able to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locate five scholarships that they meet the requirements for • Create an organized file system for the documents required by the scholarship • Write three essays appropriate to submit with scholarship applications • Request and collect at least three references to be submitted with scholarship applications • Write thank you letters to anyone who writes references • Create a calendar to track the due dates of the scholarships <p>Engage</p> <p>Discuss the following question with the class: What do you think scholarship committees are looking for when they review resumes, essays, and letters of recommendations?</p> <p>Key Points</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> I. Explain different types of funding <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Apply for Financial Aid B. Scholarships C. National Grants D. Pell Grants E. Service Commitment: AmeriCorps, Peace Corps, ROTC, Military F. Local schools / living at home II. What Kinds of Scholarships? <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. University / College B. National C. State D. Organizational E. Local III. Scholarship Searches & Strategies <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. Search sites & aggregators B. Professional organizations

- C. Local organizations
- D. School counselors
- E. Lists
- F. Emails
- IV. Scholarship Process
 - A. Key components
 - B. Personal information
 - C. Resume
 - D. Academic information
 - E. Community information
 - F. Essay
 - G. References
 - H. Transcripts
 - I. Due dates
- V. Organization
 - A. File types
 - B. USB flash drives or collaboration drives
- VI. Keeping Track of Time
 - A. Start early
 - B. December due dates
 - C. Documentation of enrollment / grades
- VII. Resume
 - A. Content types
 - B. Writing tips
 - C. Example
 - D. Content Ideas
- VIII. Reference letters
 - A. Reference process
 - B. Get more letters than you need
 - C. Write thank you notes
- IX. Scholarship Essays
 - A. Good writing
 - B. Flow / structure
 - C. Memorable
 - D. Tell your story
 - E. Share your heart
 - F. Stand out from other students
 - G. Essay ideas
- X. Transcripts
 - A. Ordering and organizing
- XI. Finalize Project
 - A. Self-review
 - B. Finalize project pieces
 - C. Submit

Activity

- I. Complete the Scholarship Project

Assessment

Scholarship Planning Rubric

Materials

Scholarship Resources Handout
Peer Review for Essay
USB flash drives or collaborative drives
Computers (for students to complete project)
Projector (for digital presentation)
Scanner to scan recommendation letters

Accommodations for Learning Differences

For reinforcement, the student will define key terms.

For enrichment, the student will create a display to share the successes of each scholarship received.

National and State Education Standards

HLCO2 Communications

Health Care Workers will know the various methods of giving and obtaining information. They will communicate effectively both orally and in writing.

TEKS

130.205(c)(3)(D) develop new problem-solving strategies based on previous knowledge and skills;

130.205(c)(3)(E) evaluate performance for continuous improvement and advancement in health science.

130.205(c)(7)(A) interpret knowledge and skills that are transferable among health science professions;

130.205(c)(7)(B) plan academic achievement for advancement in the health science industry;

Texas College and Career Readiness Standards

Cross- Disciplinary Standards

Research across the curriculum 1. Understand which topics or questions are to be investigated.

2. Explore a research topic

6. Design and present an effective product

Scholarship Resources Handout

You can search for scholarship listings and find many sites that include listings of scholarships. Here are a few to get you started.

- **Every Chance Every Texan**
 - <http://www.everychanceeverytexan.org/funding/aid/faidalpha.php>
- **My College Options (Texas)**
 - <https://www.mycollegeoptions.org/TX/0/Texas/search-results-scholarship-search-by-location.aspx>
- **College Scholarships (Texas)**
 - <http://www.collegescholarships.org/states/texas.htm>
- **College Scholarships (Subjects)**
 - <http://www.collegescholarships.org/scholarships/subject-specific.htm>
- **Big Future by the College Board**
 - <https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search>
- **Student Scholarships**
 - <http://www.studentscholarships.org/>

Some school districts have great scholarship listings too:

- **Austin ISD**
 - <https://www.austinisd.org/scholarships>
- **Arlington ISD**
 - <http://www.aisd.net/AISD/Default.aspx?alias=www.aisd.net/aisd/scholarships>
- **Mesquite ISD**
 - <http://www.mesquiteisd.org/college-scholarships/>
- **Fort Worth ISD**
 - http://www.fwisd.org/files/FFAsx/a22733bd372513063745a49013852ec4/scholarship_senior.pdf
- **Houston ISD**
 - <http://www.houstonisd.org/site/default.aspx?PageID=110473>
- **Waxahachie ISD**
 - <http://schools.wisd.org/default.aspx?name=whs.scholarships>

Scholarship Aggregators

There are many sites that help you find scholarships. You can use them to help find the scholarships, but we recommend that you use it only as a directory and submit *directly to the organization* instead of through the aggregator site. There are many scams where you have to pay to get scholarships. You should never have to pay anything to receive a scholarship.

Scholarship Project

For this project, you will be setting up your own plan to apply for scholarships that you meet the requirements for. You will collect files and documents to do this.

There are two options for completing this task.

- A) **Collaborative Drives** – This option is valuable if you want to be able to work with your teachers and parents. You can share documents and get help with reviewing documents very easily.
- B) **A USB flash drive** – If your school limits the access to a collaborative drive or file sharing, then a USB flash drive is a good way to bring the documents back and forth to school and home.

Requirements

1. Identify at least five scholarships for which you meet the requirements.
2. For each scholarship, create a folder in either a USB flash drive or virtual drive. Name that folder to correspond to the name of the scholarship.
 - a. In each folder, create a document named **REQUIREMENTS** that lists with each of those requirements.
3. Create a folder called **ESSAYS**.
 - a. In this folder, you will put any essay that you have written as a scholarship essay or for a class that could be used as content in a scholarship essay.
 - b. Review the current essays in “Apply Texas” if you are planning on attending school in Texas.
 - c. Include at least three different essays in your folder.
4. Create a folder called **RECOMMENDATIONS**.
 - a. In this folder, you will file any letters of recommendations that you have been able to collect. These are best if they have been signed, scanned, and can be reprinted or sent digitally if needed.
 - b. Include at least three letters of recommendation.
 - i. A teacher
 - ii. An administrator
 - iii. A member of the community
5. Create a folder called **RESUMES**.
 - a. In this folder, you will file a copy of your resume. Some scholarships will require different lengths. Therefore, if you create a new version, keep any copies in this folder and save with the name of the file relevant to the type of resume that it is (For example, “One-Paged Resume” or “Two-Paged Resume”).
 - b. Include at least one resume in this folder.
6. Create a **CALENDAR** to document the due date of each scholarship.
 - a. If you are using a collaborative drive with a calendar app, you can make this in a shared Calendar that you can share with your family.

- b. If you are using digital file share site or a USB flash drive, you can make a calendar in a table in a document, spreadsheet, or a calendar template for a slide.

Scholarship Planning Rubric

	0 Poor/Not Evident	1 Needs Improvement	2 Exemplary
Scholarship Identification	Scholarships were identified, however, they were not an appropriate match for the qualifications of the student.	Four scholarships were identified that match the qualifications of the student.	Five scholarships were identified that match the qualifications of the student.
Folders Created	The drive is not organized.	The drive includes a folder for each scholarship.	The drive includes a well-organized structure with a folder for each scholarship.
Requirements	The requirement listing is not included.	Some requirements for scholarships are missing in the folder structure.	Requirements for each scholarship are listed in each folder.
Essay 1	The first essay is missing or is too short to be considered for a scholarship.	The first essay does not align well to the prompt or may not be appropriate yet without revision for scholarship consideration.	The first essay aligns well with the prompt and would be an appropriate essay to submit for scholarship consideration.
Essay 2	The second essay is missing or is too short to be considered for a scholarship.	The second essay does not align well to the prompt or may not be appropriate yet without revision for scholarship consideration.	The second essay aligns well to the prompt and would be an appropriate essay to submit for scholarship consideration.
Essay 3	The third essay is missing or is too short to be considered for a scholarship.	The third essay does not align well to the prompt or may not be appropriate yet without revision for scholarship consideration.	The third essay aligns well to the prompt and would be an appropriate essay to submit for scholarship consideration.
Recommendations	Zero to one recommendation letters are included.	Two recommendation letters are included.	Three recommendation letters are included.
Resumes	A resume is not included in a folder.	A resume is included in a folder that needs revisions to be able to appropriately highlight the student's academic career for scholarship consideration.	A resume is included in a folder that appropriately highlights the student's academic career for scholarship consideration.
Calendar	A calendar is not included.	A calendar is created to document due dates for each of the scholarships identified, but the formatting is not clean and professional.	A professional, well-formatted calendar is created to document due dates for each of the scholarships identified.
Writing	The writing needs significant revisions with many errors in grammar or mechanics.	The writing needs revisions with some errors in grammar or mechanics.	The writing is exemplary with no errors in grammar or mechanics.

Peer Review for Essay

Writer: _____

Peer Reviewer: _____

Essay Prompt: _____

Scholarship Organization: _____

	Yes/No	Notes
Does the essay meet the prompt?		
Does the essay meet the goals of the scholarship organization?		
Does the essay convey a personal tone and voice?		
Does the essay maintain good organization, structure, and flow?		
Does the essay maintain correct writing grammar and mechanics?		
Is the essay unique and memorable?		