

## **Scholarship Application & Essay Tips**

### **Application and Essay Tips**

- All application materials should be typed if possible
- Be thorough and answer all questions, leaving just one blank could cost you the scholarship
- Be sure to include all extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, or organizations you have been a part of
- Be sure to include all honors, awards, or special recognitions you have received
- Be sure to include any community service work you have done
- Be sure to clearly define your goals and future plans
- Be sure you proofread your application and essay and have a teacher or parent proofread it as well
- Be sure to include any requested documents such as transcripts and letters of recommendations

### **Samples of extracurricular activities, sports, clubs, and organizations**

- Sports teams
- Student Council
- Class Officers
- National Honor Society
- Future Educators of America (FEA)
- Future Farmers of American (FFA)
- Boys/Girls Scouts

### **Examples of honors, awards, and special recognitions**

- Valedictorian
- Salutatorian
- Top 10% of class
- FFA Officer
- National Honor Society Officer
- HOBY Ambassador
- Buckeye Boys/Girls State Delegate
- WestPoint Leaders Award
- U.S. Army Reserve National Scholar Athlete
- Sports team special recognition such as MVP, 1<sup>st</sup> team, Bulldog Award, etc.
- Homecoming court

### **Examples of Community Service & Community Involvement**

- Volunteer time at animal shelter
- Volunteer at the library
- Serve food at homeless shelter
- Helped pick up trash in the community
- Involvement in fundraiser
- Mowed lawn or raked leaves for elderly neighbor