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A Scouting America Guide to Effectively Complete  
Scholarship Applications

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- Takhone Lodge
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# Learning Objectives

1. Learn tips and best practices for applying for scholarships
2. Learn tips and best practices for writing scholarship essays



# Background About NESA

<https://nesa.org>



# Background About NESAs Scholarships

- Annual process, available from senior year of high school to junior year of college
- Open for submissions December 1-January 31
- Must be a NESAs member to apply
- In 2024, NESAs received 4,300+ applications and awarded 69 scholarships ranging from \$3,500 to \$48,000, totaling \$516,000
- Approximately 3,437 scholarships worth \$13,098,500 awarded since 1984



# Tips and Best Practices

- Follow Directions
- Don't Procrastinate
- Write Great Essays and Proofread





# Writing a Scholarship Essay

- Research the organization awarding the scholarship
- Answer the essay prompt being asked
- Structure your essay using STAR
  - S: Situation
  - T: Tasks
  - A: Actions
  - R: Results



# Past Essay Examples

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- Essay for character
- Essay for community service





# Practice/Sharing/Feedback

- Pick one point of the Scout Law. Describe how this point has guided your life and provide a recent/standout example of when you exemplified that point of the Scout Law.
- Think, Pair, Share
- Remember STAR
  - S: Situation
  - T: Task
  - A: Actions
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# Potential Alternative Scholarship Opportunities

- Alpha Phi Omega, Leaders of Service Scholarship
- Inquire about institution-specific scholarships
- Local community foundations and civic groups





# Questions



# Takeaway Challenge

