



# Applying for Scholarships: Tips & Tricks

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

#### Do you have questions about a KU Scholarship?

Contact [Financial Aid & Scholarships](#) for more information. Ask your [financial aid counselor](#) for assistance.

#### What is the Institutional Student Need Analysis Worksheet (ISNAW)?

The [ISNAW](#) is a financial aid form for international students or undocumented students who are unable to complete the FAFSA. Students can submit this form to determine eligibility for need-based financial awards.

#### What are outside/private scholarships?

Any scholarship that is not awarded from KU is considered an outside/private scholarship.

#### What is Glacier?

[Glacier](#) is a nonresident alien tax compliance software system. It determines tax residency and identifies eligibility for tax treaty benefits. Glacier is required of all international students receiving scholarships, grants and fellowships. Student Accounts & Receivables (SAR) may be required to withhold part of a scholarship for federal and state taxes. If any money is withheld for tax purposes, a charge will appear on a student account in Enroll & Pay as NRA Tax Withholding. Contact [SAR](#) with any questions.

### TIPS AND TRICKS:

#### Apply for as many scholarships as you can

There are no guarantees when you apply for a scholarship. Applying for many scholarships may increase your chances of success. Don't skip applying for scholarships with smaller award amounts. Several small awards can add up to a large amount.

#### Do your research

As an international student, there may be limits to the scholarship applications that are available to you. Verify that the scholarship you wish to apply for is offered to international students before you submit the application.

#### Submit early

Scholarship application deadlines vary. Understand the deadlines and don't wait until the due date to submit your application.

#### Stick to the word limit

If you are asked to write an essay or explanation, follow all directions provided regarding the word limit for the submission. Get as close to the word limit as you can, but don't go over.





## Proofread

Ensure that your application materials do not contain spelling or grammar mistakes. Proofread your essay and ask a friend or classmate to review it too. If you are applying for a competitive scholarship, you want to submit an application free of errors.

## Satisfy all the requirements

Make sure you answer every question and accurately meet every requirement. Remember, the application materials are the only thing that a scholarship review committee may know about you. This is your chance to demonstrate your need, qualification or expertise that you hope will result in someone granting you funds. Make the best of this opportunity!

## Don't get discouraged

If you are not selected to receive a scholarship, don't get discouraged. In many cases, scholarships have limited funds that may be distributed. Apply again next year or apply for other scholarship opportunities.

## Watch out for scams

- Use the [KU Scholarship Search](#) to find scholarships for which you may be eligible. Verify that any third party scholarship site you access is reputable.
- Never pay money to receive a scholarship. If an organization asks you to send them funds for scholarship consideration or to receive your scholarship, it is likely a scam.
- If a scholarship is advertised as a guaranteed free money for everyone, be cautious. This may be an indication of a scam.
- If you receive notification that you have been selected for a scholarship for which you did not apply, it is probably a scam.



### Questions?

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