Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities

Introduction to Scholarships

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MSU Scholarships - [https://scholarships.msu.edu/](https://scholarships.msu.edu/)
RCPD Scholarships - https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs/scholarships-and-awards
Opportunities Include:

- Undergraduate scholarships (open to sophomores, juniors, or seniors)
- Graduate scholarships (graduate students, including medical students)
- A Fellowship (open to students with learning disabilities)
- Study Abroad Scholarships
- Partnered Scholarships
- Internship Endowment
Applying for a Scholarship:

- Read the Application and Directions
- Pay Attention to Application Deadlines (Due Dates)
- Meet the Eligibility Criteria (GPA, Income, Class Level, etc.)
- Schedule Time to Gather & Create Materials
  - Completing the application
  - Writing a personal statement or essay
  - Obtain letters of recommendation
  - Copy of transcripts
  - Financial verification of need
Tips from Successful Scholarship Applicants:

- Be detail-oriented
- Provide a positive perspective on “self” in personal statement or essay
- Emphasize community service and leadership experience
- Do not assume people know you or know about you
- Know the interest of the foundation or donor
- Make sure how you will use the funds match the expectations of the donor or foundation
Facts:

- A limited number of students apply
- Half of the applications are started, but never completed
  - Missed Deadline for Submission
  - Not have the letter of recommendation
- Half of the completed applications, are not comprehensive or have a poor perspective on “self”
RCPD Scholarships

See: PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

https://www.rcpd.msu.edu/programs

Scholarships & Awards

If you have questions about scholarships, be sure to contact your RCPD Specialist!

THANK YOU!