

# TIPS FOR MAKING A SCHOLARSHIP PLAN

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1. Find and open files with lists of aviation scholarships  
[www.sfv99s.org/education.php](http://www.sfv99s.org/education.php) or [www.flightscholarship.info](http://www.flightscholarship.info) or any other list.
2. Know what you want based on your goals and financial need (e.g. scholarships for academic funding, private pilot training, advanced ratings/certificates, aerobatic training, etc.).
3. Create a list/spreadsheet of eligible scholarships that apply to your short term goals. (You may have to search within the organization or application to determine requirements for each scholarship.)
4. Sort your list by the date when applications are due.
5. Set target dates to start & finish the various applications.
6. So you can customize your essay for each scholarship, identify what is unique about each scholarship. Determine why YOU should win the particular scholarship you are applying for.
7. Request recommendation letters targeted to each scholarship.
8. Complete applications. Review for completeness. Check spelling grammar, etc.
9. Have coach/mentor provide feedback.
10. Send applications on time. Don't forget to keep a copy for yourself and update your list with submission dates and results for each scholarship applied for.

***Apply, customize, apply, customize, apply.....***

