



Top tips for a successful scholarship application:

Tip 1: Apply only if you are eligible

Read all the scholarship eligibility requirements & directions carefully and make sure that you are eligible before you begin to work on your application.

Tip 2: Complete the application in full

Be sure to complete the entire application. If a question does not apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave it blank.

Tip 3: Follow directions

Provide everything that is required and ensure this is done well before the end of the scholarship application period. Do not leave it to the last minute!

Tip 4: Letters of Recommendation

Provide fresh, updated versions not copies from previous years. Ask your supervisor, boss, or lecturer to write these well ahead of time.

Tip 5: Make sure your essay makes an impression

The key to writing a strong supporting statement essay is to be personal, specific and clear. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: provide a clear link between what you are doing now, what you want to study and how you will contribute to development outcomes in Timor-Leste. Make sure you write it as well and as accurate as you can.

Tip 6: Watch all deadlines

To help keep you on track, impose a deadline for yourself that is at least two weeks prior to the stated deadline. Use this "buffer time" to proofread your application before you send it off or deliver it. Don't send the materials in late; the SAS team will refuse late applications or extensions.

Tip 7: Take steps to make sure your application includes all documents required to be uploaded

Before sending your application, make a copy of it and keep it on file. Upload all documents listed as required on the website at this link.

Tip 8: Give it a final proofread

Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.

Tip 9: Ask for help if you need it

If you don't understand the application process, visit the Australia Awards Office, or email scholarships@australiaawardstl.org or call the landline 3322603.

Tip 10: Remember: your scholarship application represents you!

Your ability to submit a well written, timely, complete application reflects on you. Take pride in yourself by submitting the best application you can. This means beginning to draft your application and organise the documents needed to attach, well before the end of the scholarship period.