Applying to Scholarships

Setting Goals
Merit based scholarships are generally awarded based on past achievements. Prepare by aiming high and setting goals. Making these plans to help reach your goals is a critical component to successfully apply for scholarships.

Planning
Before applying to any scholarships, make sure to fill out a FAFSA in January. This step is crucial because it determines the eligibility for federal, state, and institutional aid, including grants and scholarships.

Training Up
Committees look for students that are:
- Engaging in and out of the classroom
- Building leadership
- Involved in their communities
- Committed to their goals. Consider how you can deepen your involvement and build up your experience.

Preparing
Stay organized. Use a spreadsheet to help collect scholarship information. Keep information such as web address, deadline date, and number of letter of recommendations needed in a memorable space.

Follow your Guides
Don’t struggle on your own. Schedule appointments at different steps of the application process with OMSFA Advisors.

Check out the View
Scholarships can help you financially with working towards your goals, but the application process can also allow you to reflect on past experiences, practice articulating ideas, and strategically plan for the next steps.

Approaching the Top
Have all necessary materials prepared, applications filled out, and start preparing for interview.

Finishing
Once everything is completed, look back at all you were able to accomplish. After your celebration, start thinking about your next scholarships and keep building upon your possible opportunities.