



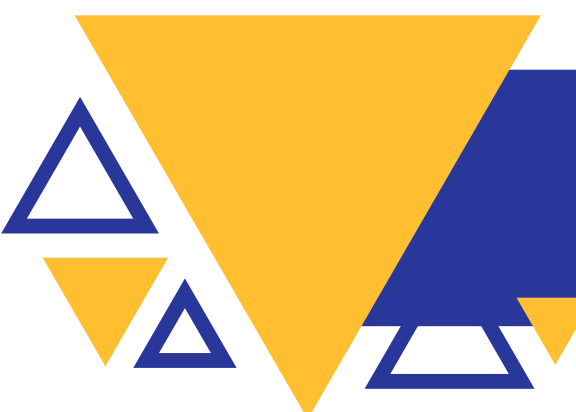
Golden Secondary School

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025/2026



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How to sell yourself to the scholarship committee

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SELECTION PROCESS

How scholarships are awarded

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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

How, where, and when to apply for local scholarships

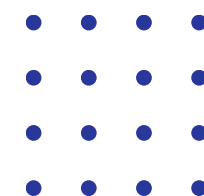
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Q&A PERIOD

A chance for you to ask your questions

SCHOLARSHIP VS. BURSARY

Scholarships and bursaries are both types of non-repayable financial aid, but scholarships are based on academic merit, while bursaries are based on financial need.

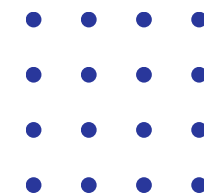


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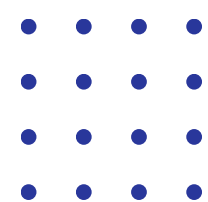
A chance for you to tell the scholarship committee about yourself

Complete the handout with as much detail as you can provide

Information is confidential and will only be seen by a members of the scholarship committee



DEFERMENT



What if I'm not going to school in the fall of 2026?

You should still apply - most scholarships and bursaries can be deferred for up to one year.

You graduate in 2026 but you can hold off using the money until September 2027.

All awards **MUST** be used within 24 months of receiving it. Notification in writing must be submitted to GSS outlining your intention to defer.

FINANCIAL NEED – OPTIONAL

✓ **Some bursaries give preference to students with financial need**

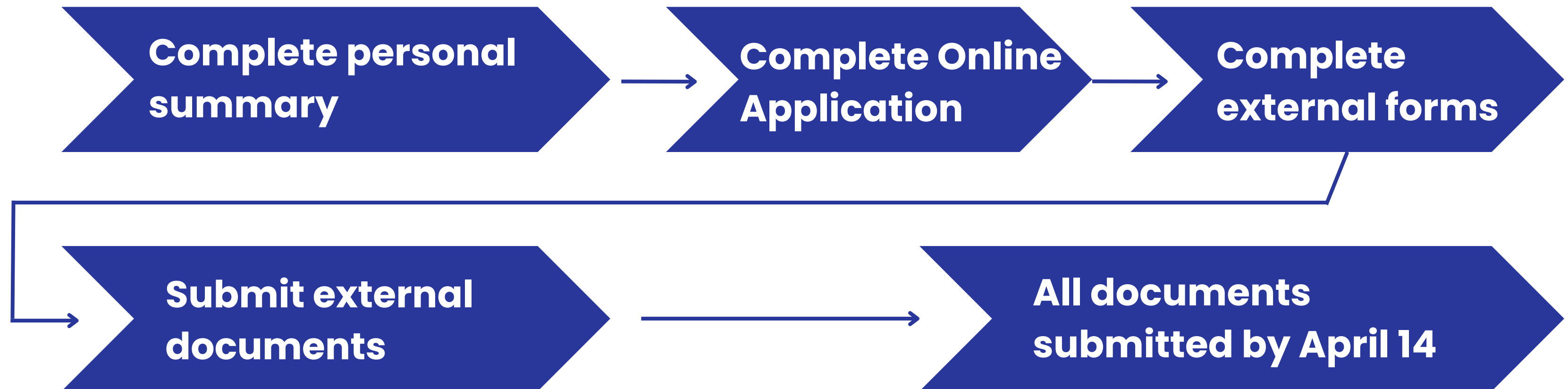
Complete the attached form in your with your personal summary if you feel you qualify. This information is kept highly confidential and is only seen by Mr. Archibald

✓ **Am I excluded if I don't share this information?**

No. This information is for assisting the scholarship committee but does not exclude you from applying if you choose not to complete the financial assistance form.



HOW TO APPLY



WHERE TO APPLY

2026 GSS Scholarships and Bursaries

Scholarships & Bursaries

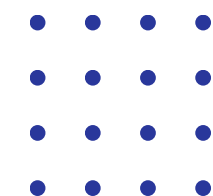
Many scholarships and bursaries are not based solely on academics, but on community service and extra-curricular activities. Over the years, GSS students have earned many of these awards. Students are encouraged to attend information meetings about scholarships in the spring. As well, students should check post-secondary school websites for scholarship information.

["How to apply" Scholarship Seminar Presentation](#)

CLICK [HERE](#) TO APPLY FOR 2026 SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES (Form opens Feb. 24 at 4 pm)

CLICK [HERE](#) TO ACCESS ADDITIONAL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

GRAP ZONE

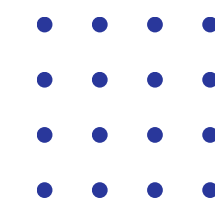


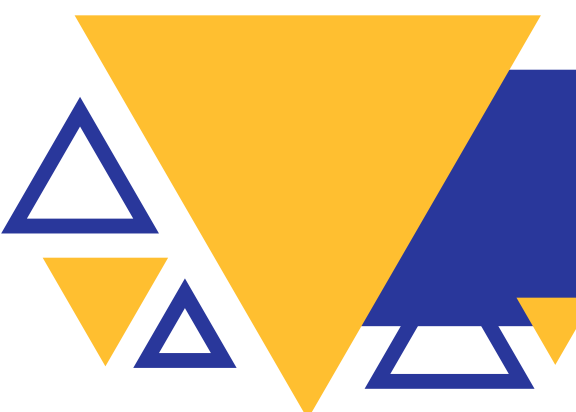
DONOR SELECTIONS

Some awards are selected by the donors. If there's an external email you can send the application to them, but send me a copy as well

(Just cc: mike.archibald@sd6.bc.ca) so I can double check that all applications are received.

Or print/email to me (Mr. Archibald) and I'll send them to the donor.





TIPS FOR APPLYING

1

DO NOT PROCRASTINATE!!

This process takes more time than you may anticipate. Get started early!!

3

REFERENCE LETTERS

Choose someone who knows you well and ask for the letter in person.

2

WHEN IN DOUBT, FILL IT OUT

Let the scholarship committee decide who is best suited for each award. Apply even if it's not a perfect fit.

4

PUT IN THE EFFORT

Every year, only a few people apply for those bursaries requiring "essays". Don't be lazy!!

HOW TO WRITE A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

First Paragraph (1-2 sentences is enough)

- The first paragraph of your “essay” should include information on why you are writing (e.g. bursary name).

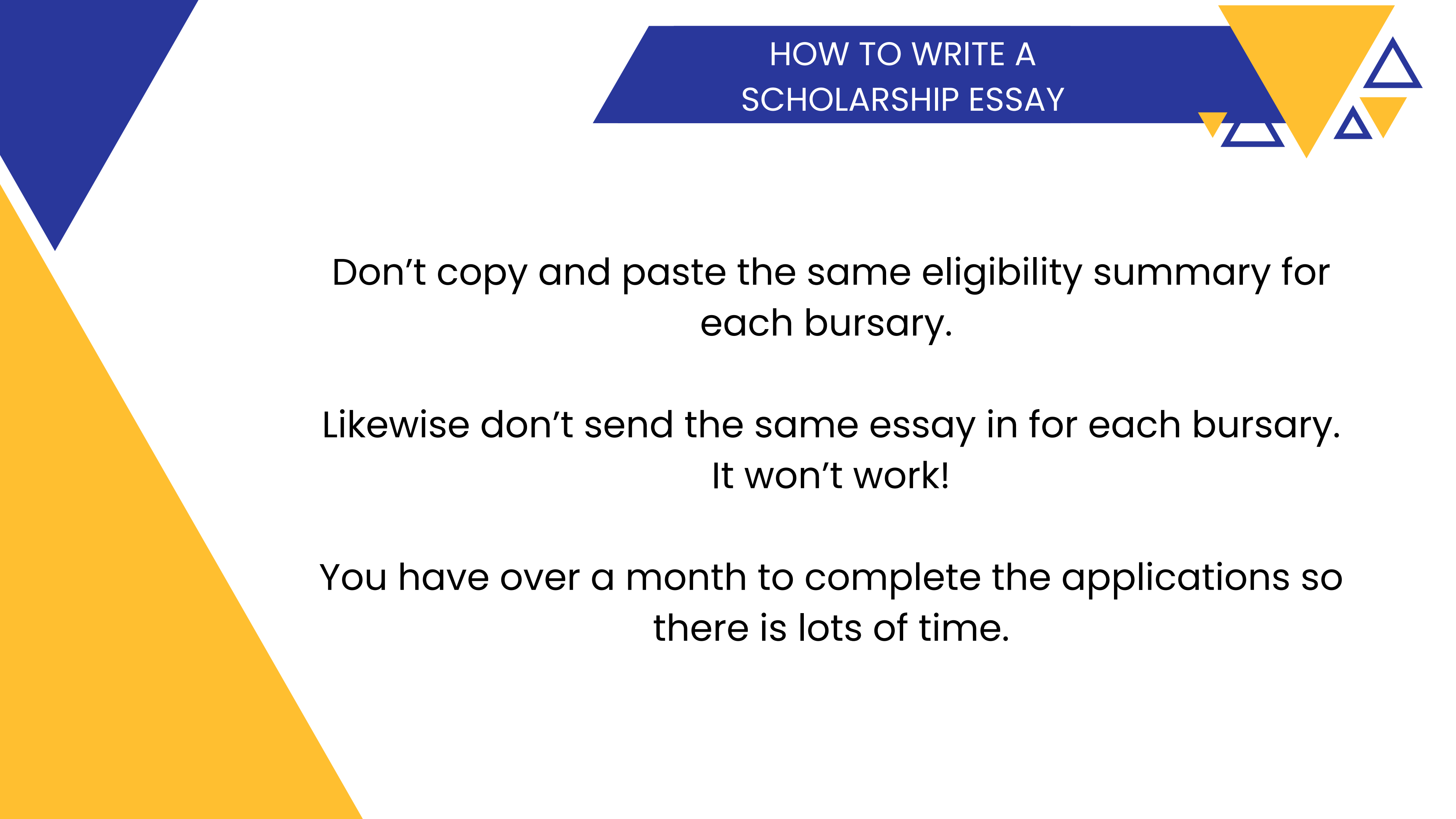
Middle Paragraph(s) (1-2 paragraphs is enough)

- This section of your “essay” should
 - o answer the questions from the scholarship/bursary sponsor
 - o describe how you meet the criteria

Final Paragraph (1-2 sentences is enough)

- Conclude your “essay” by thanking the sponsor for their consideration.

Respectfully yours,
Signature

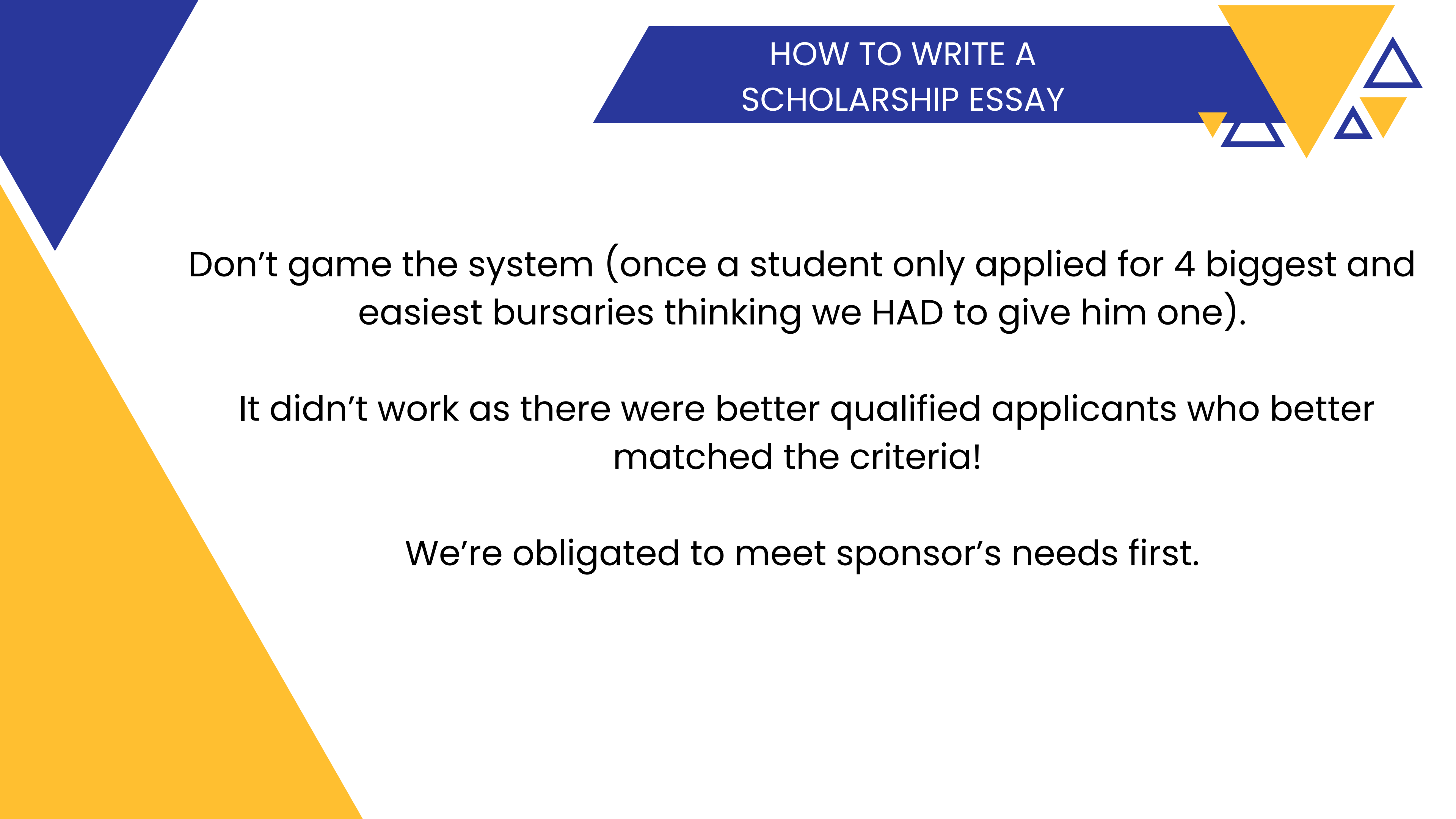


HOW TO WRITE A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Don't copy and paste the same eligibility summary for each bursary.

Likewise don't send the same essay in for each bursary.
It won't work!

You have over a month to complete the applications so there is lots of time.



HOW TO WRITE A SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Don't game the system (once a student only applied for 4 biggest and easiest bursaries thinking we HAD to give him one).

It didn't work as there were better qualified applicants who better matched the criteria!

We're obligated to meet sponsor's needs first.

BE THANKFUL

Be positive. This isn't an assignment. It's people, who don't know you, providing money so you can pursue your education.

Be grateful and don't complain about "essays", especially if you're a future university student!!



This is a competition

Competitive Process

- a. Awards are not equally distributed. They reflect that some students have done more and/or applied more.
- b. I will not edit or correct your work, application forms or essays.
- c. Remember, this is your responsibility. Parents are a great resource for input, but they should not be completing your application.

If you have any questions please see Mr. Archibald.



EXTERNAL DOCUMENTS

2026 GSS Scholarship Additional Application Forms

Some of the 2026 Scholarships require additional information. Please use the links below to download the form that is required to complete your application. Once completed, please email to Mr. Archibald or drop off a copy at the office.

All submissions MUST be received no later than Monday, April 13, 2026..

1. [DISTRICT AUTHORITY SCHOLARSHIP FORM](#)

1a. [DISTRICT AUTHORITY REFERENCE FORM](#)



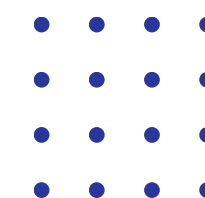
SELECTION PROCESS

1. Selection Process

- a. I gather the personal information of all applicants for use by the committee
- b. I list the applicants for each scholarship under the descriptions, and the committee spends 2-3 hours deciding on winners in a way that respects donors' wishes and is fair
- c. Two bursaries are given to every applicant WHO APPLIES. While there are no guarantees you will receive more than these two, there is a better chance if you apply for several and take the time to write letters/essays
- d. Sometimes the sponsor requests different recipients than those chosen so we make alterations as needed
- e. You find out on Grad Night!



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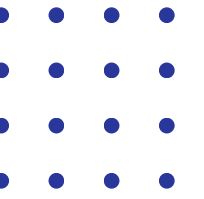
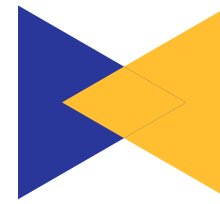
Getting your money

You will not receive a CHEQUE upon graduation. You WILL receive an envelope(s) at the grad ceremony with a letter revealing the details of your award(s).

Instead, you will be reimbursed AFTER you have paid your tuition and attended school in the fall.

Once you provide proof of payment/attendance to GSS we will notify the sponsor who then mails you a cheque. Don't expect the money until mid to end of October.





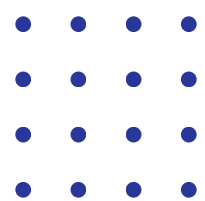
SAYING THANK YOU

If you receive any award, take a few minutes out of your summer schedule to send a thank-you card or brief letter.

Those who are thankful for gifts and “pay it forward” tend to have happier, more fulfilling lives. It’s also just good manners.

You can give these to the GSS office and we’ll make sure the sponsors receive your letter/card.

For more information, please contact us at the office.





QUESTIONS?