



## HOW TO FIND AND APPLY FOR GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Some practical advice from our senior consultants that have evaluated submissions from High School through to multinational Team Grants in the US, UK, EU and Canada.

### Start Early:

Most opportunities have a ~12-month lead time for application, review and funding. You will also need to contact people to request recommendations, get copies of transcripts *etc.* Use an app or spreadsheet to track application deadlines, letters of recommendation, and transcripts to avoid a last-minute rush.

### Finding the Right Opportunity:

Targeted grants and scholarships may be less competitive and/or offer restricted eligibility that not everyone fits. If **you** fit these it's an advantage. Local or Regional bodies, Professional Associations and Societies often have these opportunities e.g. research on specific diseases, types of creative pursuits, or community sectors they wish to support (women owned businesses, minorities in STEM, and so on).

### Tell YOUR Story:

Be compelling: include achievements you've already made, demonstrate your ongoing passion, and mention the future impact of you as an individual, and that of your proposed project or work. Use concrete examples to show your successes and experience. Increase your engagement with the reviewer by keeping sentence structure short and using strong verbs and adjectives. If you think you're missing something, think again... e.g. leadership may be shown by captaining a sports team; management by organizing a club, professional or social event; mentorship by interactions with junior colleagues or students demonstrating how to do things.

### Make Every Application Specific:

In addition to researching an organization's mission and values, you should know what they've done lately. Clearly explain how your goals align with theirs and how what you've done, or are proposing to do, fits in with both broader vision and mission, as well as ongoing activities and programs.

### Edit and Proofread:

Typos and grammatical errors irritate reviewers and (true or not) are interpreted as lack of care and attention. Have another non-expert person read it, non-expert reviewers often pick up errors experts read over due to familiarity.

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