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Scholarship Application Checklist

Have as many of the checklist items as you can before you start to make applying fast and easy!

Apply at: www.berriencommunity.org/scholar

Application Due Date: February 1, 2027

✓ Laptop

- You'll use this to complete and submit your application

Fully charged = bonus points!

✓ High School Transcript

- Your most recent transcript from your high school
- See your high school counselor

✓ FAFSA Results or Estimate

- An estimate is fine if that's what you have
- Just make sure it's ready before you apply

✓ Extracurricular Activities

- Sports, clubs, volunteering,leadership roles, church activities, and hobbies all count

✓ Family Info

- Parent or guardian's occupation
- Did either parent graduate?
- How many siblings attending college?

✓ Job Info (Only if you've worked)

- Job title or position
- Dates of employment
- Pay stub or employer letter

✓ Recommendation Letters

- Two people willing to write letters for you
- Have their first and last name
- Have their email address
- Teachers, counselors, coaches, or mentors are great picks

✓ Scholarship Essay (250 words or less) — Totally Manageable!

- Discuss your educational and career goals
- Explain how receiving a scholarship would help you achieve them
- Share your intended major and why you chose it
- If undecided, describe your interests

Hot Tip *: 250 words ≈ 4 short paragraphs*

Paragraph 1: Who you are & your goals
Paragraph 2: Your major or interests
Paragraph 3: Your career plans
Paragraph 4: How the scholarship helps

That's it - no novel required!

You don't have to do everything at once. Just start checking boxes-each one gets you closer to free money for college!

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