

If you need any assistance with applying or writing or proofreading your personal letter, please feel free to contact E.P. Noonan (see contact information below).

Make sure you fill out your FAFSA or Alternative Need Determination Form each year. First come first served!

**The first twenty slides of the powerpoint are geared for Ph.D. students and Professors that are looking for funding for research, fellowships, and equipment. The rest of the slides apply to all funding seekers more broadly.**

Apply for all of your departmental, college, and university scholarships first, then look at discipline-specific and/or professional association/organization-based funding, then look more broadly (i.e., start local, go global).

As is relevant for you, look for socioeconomic status-based (or “need-based), gender-based, race-based, or other specific status-based scholarships, such as single parent, athlete, or active duty military.

In your personal letter, make sure to note how each scholarship will help you.

In your personal letter, make sure to note professional affiliations/memberships, your community involvement, awards received, etc.

Most funders will want a copy of your unofficial transcripts (but some will want official copies) and at least three letters of recommendation, (typically one from an employer, one from a non-academic source (i.e., a religious and/or other community leader), and one to two academic ones (i.e., from professors, etc.); the letters of recommendation will take the longest to get, plan on at least two weeks. Letters of recommendation are good for a year, so plan to get new ones every year.

Most funders will want a professional “headshot” photo of you; wear the uniform of your discipline/profession if yours have one, otherwise wear general “professional” attire.

Gather everything together and keep them in a file on your computer so you have them handy when you start applying.

Funding Expert!

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