

# THE EAGLES SOAR NEWSLETTER



COLLEGE NOW

## SCHOLARSHIP TIPS

### This week: Tips on Writing College Essays and Scholarships!

#### ESSAY TIPS

- Tell a good story.
- Keep the story focused on a specific moment in time.
- Revise often and early.
- Be genuine and authentic.
- Answer the question(s) being asked.
- Write about something that is important to you.
- Take a break and re-read your essay later.
- Pay attention to the essay length and word count. Make sure you do not go over the word limit, if there is one.
- Have a strong opening paragraph to capture the readers attention.
- Do not feel pressure to share every detail of challenging experiences, but also do not feel that you need to have a happy ending or a solution.

- Start applying early!
- Apply for many scholarships, big and small.
- Apply for scholarships that have more requirements since those have fewer applicants, which increases your chances of winning.
- Request letter of recommendations early!
- Don't avoid applications that require an essays.
- Stay organized and keep deadlines in mind.
- Use scholarship matching tools like Scholly, Cappex, Unigo, Fastweb, Chegg, and Scholarships.com to help find credible/real scholarships.
- Practice your interview skills because some scholarships have an interview process.
- Don't be discouraged if you do not win right away.
- Beware of scholarship and financial aid scams! Never pay a fee for applying for a scholarship. Never give out personal information like social security number and bank information, scholarships do not ask for that!

**\*\*\*Schedule a Zoom meeting with Ms. Rivera or Mr. Garcia by clicking their names!\*\*\***