

# TOP TEN SCHOLARSHIP MISTAKES TO AVOID



10. Waiting until late into your senior year to worry about your GPA.
9. Failing to take the most challenging courses offered.
8. Thinking that you can't qualify for any scholarships.
7. Not getting involved in extracurricular activities.
6. Waiting too long to begin your scholarship search.
5. Not following the application directions exactly.
4. Not choosing your references wisely.
3. Turning in a sloppy, mistake-filled application.
2. Missing the application deadline.
1. Not being committed to the time and energy needed for success in the scholarship process!!!

- Lack of commitment to the scholarship process is the biggest mistake a student can make. No one is going to hand you scholarship money unless you are one of the "chosen."
- The "chosen" are those whose academic or athletic abilities will bring prestige and/or money to the college.
- The vast majority of students will have to pound the pavements looking for scholarships. Although there are people who can help you in your search, it boils down to your commitment.

- Are YOU willing to do what it takes to make yourself marketable?
- Are YOU willing to take the challenging courses offered?
- Are YOU willing to commit yourself to outside activities?
- Are YOU willing to do research for essay questions?
- Are YOU willing to prepare yourself for interviews?
- Are YOU willing to spend time each week to locate scholarship applications?
- Are YOU ?