

How to Increase My Odds of Getting A USAWOA Scholarship?

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In preparation for the 2012 USAWOA Scholarship program, I want to take this time to share some tips learned from the 2011 applicants. I encourage USAWOA members to share this with dependents who want to submit the best application possible! The USAWOA Scholarship Foundation was established in 2003 and is a 501 (C) (3) organization. We are excited to be a part of the Combined Federal Campaign. Although there is a tremendous amount of paperwork and documentation, it benefits our foundation in a very positive way to be part of the CFC. Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships were awarded in 2011, most because of CFC contributions. I encourage you to follow these tips to better your chances of being awarded a \$1,000 scholarship:

1. Do not wait until the last minute to submit your application.
2. Become familiar with the application process. If you do not understand something, call or email for answers to your questions.
3. Check your application for completeness. Be sure to recheck the following:
 - a. Eliminate blank spaces
 - b. Type or block print your application
 - c. Include your USAWOA sponsor's rank and member number (NOTE: Your sponsor must have been a USAWOA member for the most recent six months.
 - d. Include your USAWOA sponsor's social security number
 - e. Include your USAWOA sponsor or applicant's telephone number
 - f. Include a word count on your essay
 - g. Be sure to stick to the subject on your written essay
 - h. Be sure to sign the bottom of your essay
 - i. Be sure to include a 4x6 head and shoulder photo of you! Although, we know friends, pets, and cars are important, we want a photo of you. We recommend the photo be on glossy or semi-gloss photo paper.

Please know the USAWOA Scholarship Program is very competitive. We wish we could award each applicant a scholarship! You are a winner already by making the choice to further your education! Good luck!