Scholarship Search Questionnaire

First Name _____ **Grad Date** _____ **GPA** _____

Last Name _____ ☐ **Financial Need?**

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

What are your educational and career goals?

Do you belong to any groups, clubs, or organizations?

What are your extracurricular activities?

What sort of research have you done?

What are your talents and interests outside of school?

How to use the Scholarship Search Questionnaire

Searching and applying for applications can be time intensive because there are thousands of scholarships and lots of money waiting to be awarded. Often being awarded a scholarship is a matter of matching up the applicant to the scholarship(s) for which he or she is best qualified. The attached Scholarship Search Questionnaire is meant to help focus your scholarship search. Once your questionnaire is complete, you can use the information to direct your search and determine the scholarships for which you are most competitive. The Office of Prestigious Scholarships and Fellowships will be happy to help advice you after you have completed the questionnaire.

Scholarships are generally awarded based on the following criteria:

- **Academic Excellence**
  - **Many scholarships look for academic excellence. This is often based on GPA, but specific requirement vary widely. The most competitive scholarships will expect GPA's of approxiamately 3.8 to 4.0. along with leadership, service, community invovlement, and other enhancing experiences.**
- **Area of Study//Career Plans**
  - **Many scholarships are awarded according to area of study. This can be as general as "math or science" or as specific as "photography."**
- **Financial Need**
  - **Some scholarships take financial need into consideration. Sometimes this includes assessing not only your financial situation but that of your parents as well.**
- **Organizations**
  - **Many organizations offer scholarships. Look at clubs and organizations that you and your parents belong to and see if any of them offer scholarships.**
- **Talents/Interests**
  - **Some scholarships are awarded to those with particular activities or interests. For example, many competitions are available for those in musical performance.**
- **Area of Residency**
  - **States and countries often have scholarships for students residing in their areas.**
- **Ethnicity**
  - **Many scholarships are offered along lines of ethnicity. This includes minority scholarships as well as specific countries of origin.**