# Scholarship Application Tips

## Plan
- The [CUNY-SLU website](#) and [Scholarship Manager](#) have the most current information about when our applications open and close. It is also a good idea to check your SLU3 e-mail for any marketing material.
- Don’t forget to check out [Scholarship Search](#). You never know what new opportunities will arise.

- Some scholarships require transcripts and/or letters of reference. Allow time to assemble all required information. It is never recommended to wait until the deadline date to complete an application.
- If asked to write an essay, use accurate grammar, spelling, and punctuation. It might be a good idea to have someone proofread your work.
- Carefully follow the instructions on the scholarship application and review your responses before submitting.

## FAFSA
- Even if you don’t think you will qualify for federal or state aid, a [FAFSA](#) is **required** for need-based scholarships. We recommend doing this early each academic year. For assistance with the FAFSA, please contact [FinancialAid@slu.cuny.edu](mailto:FinancialAid@slu.cuny.edu).

## Applicant Portal
- Log in to [Scholarship Manager](#) and apply to all opportunities listed in your applicant portal.
- Scholarship applications can only be submitted once each academic year, even if there is more than one award season.
- Pay careful attention to the scholarship requirements. If you do not see a particular opportunity, it is likely you are not eligible to apply.