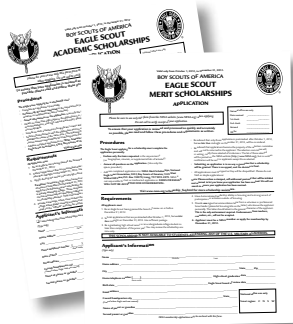
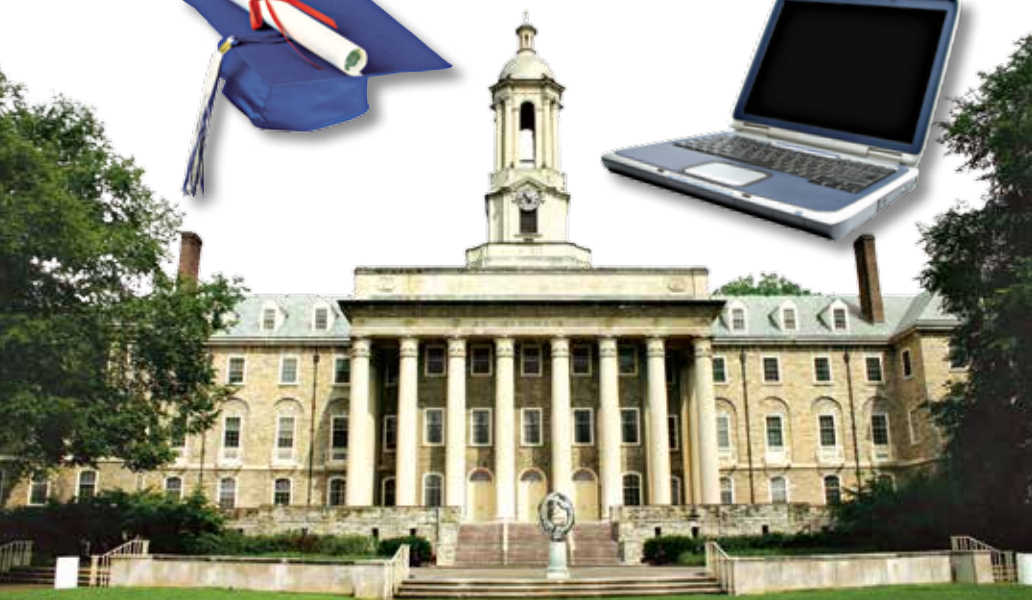


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Requirements

1. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Show that you have had an average grade of B or higher (80 percent or higher) for one term or semester.
 - b. Show that for one term or semester you have improved your school grades over the previous period.
2. Do TWO of the following:
 - a. Make a list of educational places located where you live (other than schools). Visit one, and report on how you used the place for self-education.
 - b. With your counselor's and your parent's approval, interview two professionals (other than teachers or other professionals at your school) with established careers. Find out where they were educated, what training they received, and how their education and training have helped prepare them for the career they have chosen. Find out how they continue to educate themselves. Discuss what you find out with your counselor.
 - c. Using a daily planner, show your counselor how you keep track of assignments and activities, and discuss how you manage your time.
 - d. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the different methods of research available to you for school assignments, such as the library, books and periodicals, and the Internet.

3. Get a note from the principal* of your school (or another school official named by the principal) that states that during the past year your behavior, leadership, and service have been satisfactory.
4. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Show that you have taken part in an extracurricular school activity, and discuss with your counselor the benefits of participation and what you learned about the importance of teamwork.
 - b. Discuss your participation in a school project during the past semester where you were a part of a team. Tell about the positive contributions you made to the team and the project.
5. Do ONE of the following:
 - a. Write a report of 250 to 300 words about how the education you receive in school will be of value to you in the future and how you will continue to educate yourself in the future.
 - b. Write a report of 250 to 300 words about two careers that interest you and how specific classes and good scholarship in general will help you achieve your career goals.



*If you are home-schooled or your school environment does not include a principal, you may obtain a note from a counterpart such as your parent.

Scholarship Resources

Scouting Resources

Boy Scout Journal; Communication, Personal Management, Public Speaking, and Reading merit badge pamphlets; also see merit badge pamphlets on particular careers or vocations.

Visit the Boy Scouts of America's official retail website at <http://www.scoutstuff.org> for a complete listing of all merit badge pamphlets and other helpful Scouting materials and supplies.

Books

Bauer, Susan Wise, and Jessie Wise. *The Well-Trained Mind: A Guide to Classical Education at Home*, 3rd ed. W.W. Norton & Co., 2009.

College Board. *Get It Together for College: A Planner to Help You Get Organized and Get In*, 2nd ed. College Board, 2011.

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Gelb, Alan. *Conquering the College Admissions Essay in 10 Steps: Crafting a Winning Personal Statement*, 2nd ed. College Board, 2013.

Muchnick, Cynthia Clumeck. *Straight-A Study Skills*. Adams Media, 2013.

Springer, Sally P., Jon Reider, and Joyce Vining Morgan. *Admission Matters: What Students and Parents Need to Know About Getting Into College*, 3rd ed. Jossey-Bass, 2013.

Staff of the Harvard Crimson. *50 Successful Harvard Application Essays*, 3rd ed. St. Martin's Griffin, 2010.

Tanabe, Gen, and Kelly Tanabe. *The Ultimate Scholarship Book 2014*, 6th ed. SuperCollege, LLC, 2013.

Weisman, Stefanie. *The Secrets of Top Students: Tips, Tools, and Techniques for Acing High School and College*. Sourcebooks, 2013.

Organizations and Websites

Boy Scouts of America

Website:

<http://www.scouting.org/About/FactSheets/scholarships.aspx>

The BSA has a multitude of scholarship opportunities for Scouts.

CareerOneStop

Website: <http://www.careeronestop.org/>

This website has information about careers, education requirements, resumes, interview skills, and more.

Gale

Website: <http://www.gale.cengage.com>

This website combines online study materials, an online reference library, and research tools to take learning beyond the classroom.

EBSCOhost.com

Website: <http://ebSCOhost.com>

This website's research databases make available ebooks and periodicals, simplifying the research process.

Federal Student Aid

U.S. Department of Education

Website: <http://studentaid.ed.gov>

This government website provides complete information on FSA programs, including how to apply for grants, scholarships, and low-cost loans, how to prepare for and choose schools, and how to repay student loans.

Google

Website: <http://www.google.com>

Use this search engine to comb the Internet on any subject using key words and phrases.

National Endowment for Financial Education

Website: <http://www.nefe.org>

This organization is “dedicated to improving the financial well-being of all Americans.” Its website is a tremendous resource for college-bound students and anyone seeking information about funding higher education.

SuperCollege.com

Website: <http://supercollege.com>

This helpful online resource for college applicants contains strategies and tips for exploring colleges, completing the application process, and finding and applying for scholarships.

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