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## Scholarships

Free \$\$\$

Don't have to pay it back

West Valley offers a yearly scholarship for

## Scholassia

#### Introduction

Grab the reader's attention.

I am the first in my family to go to college.

Introduce yourself to the committee/provide basic background information about yourself.

 My family moved from Mexico to the United States when I was 4 years old.

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#### Challenges/Obstacles

Share examples of obstacles you have overcome or challenges you are currently facing.

Provide specific information:

- In addition to being enrolled as a full time student, I also work 20 hours a week.
- I struggled in high school and didn't do well academically because...

What did you learn from those experiences?

How have those experiences affected or changed your life?

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#### Meaningful Volunteer, Leadership, Work Experience

If you prefer, you can write about any volunteer, leadership, or work experience that has been significant in your life.

#### Provide specific information:

- I volunteer at Pacific Care Clinic, a clinic that offers free medical services for children, every Saturday morning.
- As the president of the Black Student Union Club at West Valley College, I have discovered I have a passion for public service.

What did you learn from those experiences?

How have those experiences affected or changed your life?

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#### Career Goals

What is your career goal?

I want to be a high school History teacher.

Include detailed information about what you want to do (and why).

If you are debating between 2 careers, let them know

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#### Educational Goals

What is your educational goal?

 I want to earn a bachelor's degree in communications and then obtain a master's degree in social work.

Include detailed information about what you want to do (and why).

Include what schools you are considering transferring to in the future.

Did any volunteer/leadership experiences help you discover your interest in this major?

If you find it's more convenient, you can combine your career and educational goals into one paragraph.

## Scholassia

#### Conclusion

- Answer Scholarship Question(s)
- Summarize the main points of your essay.
- Why are you such a great candidate for this scholarship?
- Remind them why it's so important for you to go to college.
- Why do you feel it is so important for you to get a degree?
- How will you give back to the community?
- Explain why you need the money.
- How would this scholarship help you?

## Brainstorm

Take a moment to fill out some of the bullets on the back side of your handout

Paragraph 1:

## **First Lines**

# <u>Let Me Introduce Myself:</u> <u>First Lines From the</u> <u>Application Essays of Stanford's Newest Class.</u>

