Academic Enhancement in the Student Success Center

Tip of the week

“You miss 100% of the shots you never take.”
- Wayne Gretzky

APPLYING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships look good on your resume, can open up opportunities for networking, and (bonus!) can help you pay for school! There are scholarships (even random ones) that go unallocated, because NO ONE applied for them!

Two main TYPES of scholarships:

- Merit based awards: awarded for individual achievement, ability, or potential.
- Need based awards: given based on financial need.

Top MYTHS about scholarships:

1. Only high school seniors can apply for scholarships.
   Students can apply and receive scholarships at any time during college.

2. Only straight A students win scholarships.
   Merit scholarships are awarded for all kinds of talents and interests, not just grades. There may be a minimum GPA, but many other factors are important.

3. I’m not an athlete, so I won’t win any money.
   Although there are many scholarships for athletes, there are even more offered for other reasons. Check with churches, workplaces, clubs, etc. to see what may be available.

4. Searching/applying for scholarships is too much work.
   The Student Success Center can help you! Staff can answer questions and get you connected to the right resources—on campus and beyond. One great resource is FastWeb.com. You can create a profile, and it will match you with opportunities specific to your criteria.

Financial Aid Reminder

The priority deadline to have your FAFSA completed for next year is February 15th!

Other Financial Aid Resources:

- ODU’s Financial Aid Office
- U.S. Department of Labor’s FREE scholarship search tool
- State and Federal agencies
- Library reference resources

Don’t forget...

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