

Hagan Scholarship

Tips on How to Prepare a Successful Application

Being awarded a Hagan Scholarship can be life changing. The scholarship provides each recipient with the opportunity to graduate college debt-free and learn essential Life Skills not typically covered in the school curriculum. Preparing a high-quality application is essential to be considered for a scholarship. The Guidelines below are intended to help you prepare a good application.

1. Read the entirety of the HSF website. Familiarize yourself with the scholarship criteria, benefits, features, responsibilities.
2. Start preparing your application ASAP. Do not delay. Some of the documents such as the FAFSA Summary showing the SAI, Transcript, and Letter of Recommendation, may take a couple of weeks to obtain. Incomplete submittals will not be processed. NO Exceptions.
3. Complete ALL Forms using a computer. Third party Forms not completed by the applicant can be completed by hand. Follow Instructions when completing the Forms and when preparing and assembling your Application Submittal PDF.
4. The Personal Essay and Four-Year Plan are important documents. These documents will provide you with an opportunity to distinguish yourself from other applicants. A good Four-Year Plan will provide a road map to achieve YOUR goals. If you need assistance, consult with your high school counselor.
5. Provide a high-quality Submittal. ALL pages must be portrait style, easy to read, without resizing or reorienting the document.
6. Provide a good color photo of your head and shoulders only.
7. **Provide your Personal Email Address.** Do not provide a school email address or parent email address. We communicate with applicants only, to avoid miscommunication. If you are awarded a scholarship, your email address will not be updated until after the Fall 2026 semester submittals have been processed, typically mid-semester, long after a school email address has expired. Set your Spam settings to receive HSF emails. Do Not forward HSF emails. If you forward an email from HSF and the recipient of the email “unsubscribes” from receiving HSF emails you will also be “unsubscribed” and will not receive HSF emails.
8. Double-check ALL information prior to submitting your scholarship application. Confirm that the correct Submittal PDF has been uploaded to the Online Form, and that the PDF can be opened.

To be fair to all applicants we will not make exceptions to the Scholarship Criteria or Deadlines.

The Application Submittal Deadline is March 15, 2026. The Submittal Link will be removed after that date.

Sincerely,



Dan Hagan, Trustee
Hagan Scholarship Foundation