

How to Increase My Odds of Getting a Scholarship from the USAWOA Scholarship Foundation

In preparation for the 2026 USAWOA Scholarship Program, I want to share tips learned from previous applicants. I encourage USAWOA members to share this information with dependents who want to submit the best application possible. There is a tremendous amount of paperwork and documentation. It benefits each applicant to provide ALL documentation identified on the checklist. I encourage you to follow these tips to better your chances of being awarded a scholarship:

- Do not wait until the last minute to submit your application.
- Become familiar with the application process. If you do not understand something, call, or email me for answers to your questions.
- Check your application for completeness. Recheck the following:
 - Type your application (**ARIAL font 12**) **double spaced**.
 - Include your USAWOA sponsor's name, rank, member number, phone number, and email address.
 - Include word count on the last page of your essay and sign your name.
 - Stick to the subject of your essay.
 - Include a "**high resolution**" **head and shoulder 4 X 6 photo** portrait mode on glossy paper.