



YISD CLASS OF 2024 Scholarship Application Checklist

Use the checklist below to help you prepare to submit your applications to the YEF Scholarships.

- Prepare a list of possible recommenders – two will be requested, but you should have at least three (3) ready to submit just in case
- Ask them, ahead of time, if they are willing to submit a recommendation on your behalf. This application does not require a letter but will ask the recommender questions about you.
 - If yes, email them your resume/activities list and say Thank You!
 - If no, go to the next person on your list
- Prepare Essay drafts to include in the applications
 - Essays must be a minimum of 250 words, not to exceed 1,000 words
 - Have teacher/counselor/parent review it for you
 - See the essay questions below, and be sure you addressed the prompts in your response

Academic Scholarship

Please tell us about your academic achievements and how they have shaped your dreams and aspirations. Include how you plan to apply your degree towards your future.

Community Service Scholarship

Please tell us about your community service and why it's important to you. Include how you plan to apply your degree towards your future.

Overcoming Life Challenges Scholarship

Please tell us about any personal challenges you have experienced and how you overcame the situation. Include how this experience has made a difference in your life and how you plan to apply your degree towards your future.

- Create and update your resume, including a list of activities, volunteer service, awards, and employment (if applicable)

Checklist (continued)

To start your application, go to <https://bit.ly/yefapp>

- Enter demographic student information
 - Enter potential colleges you are looking at attending
 - REMEMBER – you must plan to attend a 4-year university to qualify
- A list of applications you are eligible for will appear on the dashboard
 - NOTE: you can apply for **ALL** of the applications!
- Start filling out each application
- Copy and paste your draft essay(s)
- Enter the recommenders name and email address as soon as possible to give them enough time to submit your recommendation (be sure the email is **CORRECT**)
- Check your application often to see if the recommenders submitted their recommendation
 - If they are not submitted – follow up
 - If they are not able to submit – replace them with another recommender
 - If they did submit a recommendation for you – write them a Thank You Note
- Answer all questions on the application and ensure they are accurate and complete
- Update your final list of activities/volunteer hours/ awards/ employment
- Don't forget to **SUBMIT** once the application is complete!

Questions:

- Contact your School Counselor or Go Center
- Call the YEF Office at (915) 434-0505 or email yef@yisd.net

DEADLINE: January 12th

Good Luck!