



## *Applying for Scholarships*

Most scholarship money is awarded by the colleges directly. In many cases the student does not need to submit anything extra to be considered for merit based aid (need based aid is a separate procedure that requires filing a FAFSA form. Sometimes there is a special form, deadline, or other procedure. Many colleges have special deadlines for scholarship consideration that may be substantially earlier than the standard application deadline. Many clubs, corporations, and other organizations award scholarships as well.

Apply. Fill out the forms and write any applicable essays. The forms are usually self-explanatory, but if you run in to trouble, ask your counselor. If you need help with an essay, ask your English teacher and/or counselor for help.

Students and parents are often seeking a secret to getting scholarships, but there really isn't one. Students should make themselves a good candidate, use the resources provided to locate opportunities, apply, and hope for the best. Beware of anyone asking for money to help you with scholarships. This is often the sign of a scam or of someone charging money for what you could do yourself for free.

There are several local scholarships available to BA students or BA students from particular counties. These applications are usually sent to the school and/or available on websites. These can change from year to year. Some are:

Watson-Brown

[www.watson-brown.org](http://www.watson-brown.org)

McDuffie Scholarship and Loan

Counselor will distribute apps when they arrive at BA

Robert Warren Scholarship

Nomination/application if more than one-for aspiring teachers

Catherine Pinson

Nomination by literary faculty

Jud P. Wilhoit

Nomination by faculty

Brandon Norman Memorial Scholarship

Nomination by faculty

Kiwanis Club of Warrenton

Applications will be distributed or picked up from Kiwanis member

National Wild Turkey Federation

Apps will be distributed

Georgia Mining

Availability determined by Mining Association

HOPE

Determined by GPA calculated by Georgia Student Finance Commission

Zell Miller

Determined by GPA calculated by GSFC (3.75) and ACT (26) and GPA (1200)

All of these are subject to change year by year. Some are made through gracious gifts of families and some are determined by clubs sponsoring the scholarships.

Briarwood Academy would gladly welcome any information on local/family scholarships so we can inform the students. If you know of a family who would like to establish a scholarship, please contact Mrs. Kathy Chalker.