

## 2018 VANTAGE WEST SCHOLARSHIP What to Expect; At-A-Glance

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**Gathering your documents and preparing responses in advance can help reduce the time it takes to apply.**  
Here is a snapshot of the items and information you'll be asked for during your application:

- *General Identifying Information* -- If under 18, we'll ask for a parent or legal guardian's info/signature
- *Vantage West Membership Status* -- You, or a parent or legal guardian are required to be a member before submitting your application
- *Educational Achievements To-Date* -- Schools attended, degrees earned, fields of study, current enrollment status
- *Academic Performance To-Date* -- Latest transcripts, test scores, GPAs, etc.
- *Future Education Plans* -- Your enrollment plans and acceptance status for the Fall of 2018
- *Philanthropic Activities/Volunteerism* -- List up to 5 of your most impactful philanthropic activities or accomplishments
- *Awards/Recognitions/Honors* -- List up to 3 of your most "brag-worthy" achievements
- *Sports/Extracurricular Activities/Clubs* -- List up to 3 activities of which you are most proud
- *Work History* -- List up to 3 paid positions you have held
- *Financial Success Essay* -- Answer 3 specific questions regarding your vision of financial success (see questions below)
- *Personal Statement* -- Tell us what you believe sets you apart from other applicants and why you believe you deserve a Vantage West scholarship
- *Financial Need Statement* -- Describe any compelling financially-related factors you believe we should consider regarding your ability to fund your education
- *Personal References* -- Let us hear what others have to say about you; may provide up to 2 letters from mentors, teachers, coaches, school administrators-anyone who is NOT related to you
- *Documents* -- Upload requested documents such as reference letters, transcripts, etc.

### Financial Success Essay Questions

Your essay (500-1,000 words) should answer all three of these important questions:

1. What is your vision of financial success?
2. Do you believe you are on track to achieve that vision?  
You might consider factors such as the anticipated cost of, and your means to pay for your college education, your career choice (i.e. - future income potential), and your current financial habits (such as saving, spending, budgeting, and general financial knowledge).
3. If you don't believe you're already on-track to meet your financial success vision, what changes might help you get there?  
-OR-  
If you do believe you're already on-track, are there any actions/changes you plan to make to help you stay on-track?