Personal Inventory

A personal inventory helps you to start creating an individual profile. As you identify specific areas from your background, you can personalize your scholarship search for better results.

To create a personal inventory, follow these steps:

1. Take a blank piece of paper or create a new document
2. Write down everything about you

What can you include in your personal inventory? Here are some ideas, but include anything that you feel might lead you to a scholarship.

- Family background
- Heritage/ethnicity
- Military affiliation
- Medical and/or physical conditions
- Religion
- Work experience
- Professional association memberships
- Career path
- Degree program
- Academic achievements
- Grade point average (GPA)
- Organization memberships
- Volunteer work/community involvement
- Unique life experiences/hardships
- Hobbies

Once you have your list, use it to personalize your search. Fill out scholarship search site profiles. Check out organizations with which you’re already affiliated. Look for new organizations that support your specific interests, needs or goals. Ask people around you. As you do, you’ll find potential scholarships.

Not everything you put on your personal inventory will lead you to a scholarship. This list is just to help you generate ideas of places to search.

Keep your personal inventory up to date as your information changes so you’re always ready to look for scholarships.

Good luck in your search!