



# Tip Sheet: Unified Scholarship Application (USA)

*for VSAC-assisted scholarships*

The information provided here will assist students with completing a paper Unified Scholarship Application (USA).

## Citizenship

- If you were born in the United States, enter “yes.” If you weren’t born in the United States and you’re not a United States citizen, read the information below to determine if you’re an eligible non-citizen. Generally, you’re an eligible non-citizen if you are:
  - A permanent U.S. resident with a Permanent Resident Card (I-551); or
  - A conditional permanent resident with a Conditional Green Card (I-551 C); or
  - The holder of an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the Department of Homeland Security, showing any one of the following designations: “Refugee,” “Asylum Granted,” “Parolee” (I-94 confirms paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired), T-Visa holder (T-1, T-2, T-3, etc.) or “Cuban-Haitian Entrant;” or
  - The holder of a valid certification or eligibility letter from the Department of Health and Human Services showing a designation of “victim of human trafficking.”

## Residency

- If you were born in Vermont and have never lived elsewhere, enter your birthday.
- Choose your town from the list of official Vermont towns provided on the reference sheets for Unified Scholarship Application (USA). If you can’t locate your town, make sure you aren’t looking for a village.

## High school

- Write your high school name; do not list a vocational-technical center you may also attend.

## College/university

- Do not write “Unknown” or leave blank. Doing so will eliminate you from consideration for most scholarships.

## Major/field of study

- If you write “undecided” or “unknown,” you’ll eliminate yourself from consideration for scholarships requiring specific majors or fields of study.

## Program/degree

- Select the degree you’re currently pursuing (or will most likely pursue), not the degree you ultimately expect to earn.

## Enrollment

- Some scholarships are based on the number of credits you expect to take during the next academic year. These are minimum requirements; for instance, if you choose “half-time,” you’ll eliminate yourself from consideration for any scholarship that requires you to be enrolled three-quarter time” or “full time.”

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