



Scholarship

Scouts BSA · Citizenship

Name

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Scholarship is about doing your best in school and finding ways to learn better. You will look at your study habits, use learning resources, and think about how education opens doors. Improving counts just as much as being at the top.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/merit-badges/scholarship/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

1 School grades: Choose 1 of 2

Tips for this section: Gather your recent report cards. If your grades have gone up, that progress is something to be proud of and share.

Example for this section: If your average is already a B, bring your report card. If not, pick one or two classes, set a goal like raising a C to a B, and bring both report cards to show the improvement and what you did differently.

- ☐ **1a** Show a B average or better (80% or higher) over one school term or semester

- ☐ **1b** Show that your grades for one term or semester went up compared with the term before

2 Learning beyond the classroom: Choose 2 of 4

Tips for this section: Visit your public library, a museum, or a nature center and see what you can teach yourself there, or try a daily planner for a few weeks to track homework and activities.

Example for this section: Two you could pick: visit your public library or a nature center and use it to teach yourself something new, and interview two adults with established careers, like an electrician and a nurse (not teachers or staff at your school), about the training they needed and how they keep learning.

- ☐ **2a** List places near home, other than schools, where you can learn. Visit one and report how you used it to teach yourself

- ☐ **2b** With your counselor's and a parent's or guardian's OK, interview two people with established careers (not teachers or staff at your school) about their education, training, how it prepared them, and how they keep learning. Discuss it with your counselor

- ☐ **2c** Show your counselor how you use a daily planner to track assignments and activities, and talk about how you manage your time

- ☐ **2d** Discuss the pros and cons of the research options you have for school work, such as libraries, books and magazines, and online sources

- ☐ **3** Get a note from your principal, or a school official the principal names, saying your behavior, leadership, and service were satisfactory over the past year. Home-schooled Scouts or those without a principal may get it from a parent or guardian

Tip: Ask your principal, or the school official they name, politely for the note, and give them plenty of time to write it. Home-schooled Scouts can ask a parent or guardian.

4 Teamwork at school: Choose 1 of 2

Tips for this section: List the clubs, teams, or groups you're part of, or talk about a school project you worked hard on.

Example for this section: Talk about a club, team, or group you're part of, like band, robotics, or student council: what you do, what you've learned, and how it's helped you in school. Or walk your counselor through a school project you're proud of.

- ☐ **4a** Show that you joined an after-school or extracurricular activity, and talk with your counselor about how it helped you and what it taught you about teamwork

- ☐ **4b** Talk about a team project you worked on at school during the past semester and the good things you added that helped the team and its work

5 Write about education: Choose 1 of 2

Tips for this section: Talk with a few adults about how school helped them, then write about it or compare two careers you like.

Example for this section: For 5b, pick two careers you're curious about, like electrician and nurse, look up the classes and training each needs, and write how your current classes and study habits will help you get there. Keep it between 250 and 300 words.

- ☐ **5a** Write a 250–300 word report on how your schooling will help you later in life and how you'll keep learning on your own

- ☐ **5b** Write a 250–300 word report on two careers you're interested in and how certain classes and good study habits overall will help you reach those goals