Steps for Getting Scholarships

1. Start working on your resume NOW. Start by writing down everything you've done. This is your chance to brag about yourself. You don't want to lie, but you also want to make yourself sound good. When you feel that you have all your information down, write up your resume. Have someone check it over for typos, spelling, and other errors.
2. Now that you've written your resume, ask yourself if you feel that it will impress people. If you feel that it's a little short, do something about it. Join a club, volunteer, PARTICIPATE in something. You still have time to add to your resume.
3. Ask at least two teachers who know you well to write you a general letter of recommendation. Tell them that you want something that you can use for scholarship applications. Give them a copy of your resume and ask them to include several of your accomplishments to your letter. Give your teachers a couple of weeks to work on the letter. This gives your teachers time to really think about what they want to say and to write good letters. Return to your teacher after a couple of weeks to pick up your letter of recommendation.
4. Fill out your FAFSA form on or after October 1st of your senior year. Please complete the FAFSA even if you don't feel that you qualify for aide. It will make you eligible for other scholarships and grants that require its completion.
5. Fill out the questionnaire on an online scholarship search like FastWeb.com, or BigFuture.org. Be sure to check back every couple of weeks as they are always adding more scholarships. DO NOT pay for a search! There are plenty of *free* scholarship search sites.
6. Once you have a list of scholarships that you can apply for, start applying. Read the requirements carefully, and follow all the directions. Have someone else look over each application before you send it. The easiest way for scholarship organizations to narrow down their choices is to throw out all the incomplete applications and those with errors on them.