# HonorsGradU Scholarship Application Checklist

We offer five \$10,000 scholarships because we believe in students' capacity to shape & influence their communities.

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#### **PROJECT PHASES**

- **Look, listen, & learn**: Become aware of your community's story and a current issue, considering how you can open dialogue with people to find out their needs.
- Ask tons of questions: Dig deeper by starting with what you know & building on what you have.
- Understand the problem or process: Research by conducting interviews, reading articles, watching videos, or analyzing data. As you look for sources, consider how you might be profoundly inclusive. You will be asked for 5 sources with specific links where possible.
- Navigate ideas: Synthesize what you have learned by producing a strategy plan, keeping the community at the center of the work. Link to strategy plan form: <a href="http://www.honorsgradu.com/scholarship">www.honorsgradu.com/scholarship</a>
- Create a prototype: Define whether it is a tangible object, digital work, piece of art, or an action, event, or system (if it is an action, event, or system, prepare a short < 1-minute video that shows how it works).
- Highlight & fix: What is working about your project so far and what are areas that have or still need fixing?
- Launch to an audience: Share a video reflection (see the "Multimedia Required" section for details).

### MULTIMEDIA REQUIRED

 5-10 pictures of publish-able quality from any or all phases to showcase your process.
Video Reflection as part of your "launch to an audience" phase.

#### Video requirements:

- 2-5 minutes
- Include examples of your work in action (photos, video clips, etc.)
- Include a few words directly from you regarding your project (can be voice-over)
- Include 1-3 brief interviews with people you are working with
- Address the following questions:
- What would you improve with more time?
- What new skills or concepts have you acquired?
- What have you learned about yourself based on the experience?

## DEADLINES & OTHER

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- Optional: Submit any of our three brainstorming forms for feedback by their individual deadlines.
- Final application due date: May 28, 2023
- If chosen as a finalist, be prepared to answer the following to help us make our final decision:
  - How you would apply the \$5,000 toward your project if selected as the top scholarship recipient
  - How you might obtain additional funding to maximize your project's impact
  - Details on how your project is achieving its goal to increase connections, build capacity, and/or take community-led action
  - What steps you've taken to ensure the project continues even after you leave the community