

## Common Mistakes and FAQ's on the Century College AwardSpring Application

### Common Mistakes:

- Only choose the counties you currently live in and have lived in (verified by committee)
- Choose your correct situation for academic status. For example, if you are currently taking classes even if you transferred in a few semesters ago- you are considered a current student for scholarships.
- Veteran status. Make sure you are correctly responding to if you have been in the United States Military or not. If you have not been in the United States Military, make sure you are correctly responding to that.
- Make sure to select every major that applies to your educational path. If you are in biology, you can also put STEM.
- Your Century College ID can be found on eServices or your student ID card – this is NOT your starID
- The more, the better on your essay questions. Do not put three sentences, we do not know what your experiences have been if you do not put it.
- No letter of recommendation – you should have at least one! You will not be considered for a scholarship if you do not have a letter of recommendation.
- Read questions about transferring thoroughly
- Financial
  - If there isn't a FAFSA completed, we can't verify financial need.
  - MN Dream Act counts as your FAFSA if not eligible to complete a FAFSA & can be verified
  - Only select the programs you qualify for (verified by committee)
  - Can use previous year or current year awards

### FAQ's

- Can I edit my application after it is submitted?
  - Yes, you can edit it as many times as you need before the deadline
- If it is my first semester, what do I put as my GPA?
  - You can either put a 4.0 if you are brand new, or if you are in your first semester- you can estimate what grades you will get. If you are unsure please reach out to [Sonja.lafoy@century.edu](mailto:Sonja.lafoy@century.edu)
- If I did not or will not complete a FAFSA, can I still apply?
  - Yes, you will just not be eligible for financial need based scholarships
- Do I need a letter of recommendation?
  - Yes, you need at least one. You will not be considered for a scholarship without one
- If I win a scholarship, how do I receive it?
  - It will be manually applied to your account after you have accepted it and written a thank you note. It will be disbursed to your account balance with other financial aid the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester.
- Why was I not applied/ have the option to apply to many scholarships?
  - It depends. It could be your GPA is below a 2.0 (most scholarships require a 2.0), you might be enrolled in less than 6 credits for the next semester (most scholarships require 6+

credits a semester), or there are not a lot of scholarships you are eligible for a certain round. If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to [Sonja.lafey@century.edu](mailto:Sonja.lafey@century.edu)