

2026 Iron County Scholarship Fair Portfolio Guidelines

How to Apply for Scholarships

- PORTFOLIO: You will need **one for each scholarship** that you apply for.
- PORTFOLIO REQUIRED MATERIALS: Clear front, 3-ring fastener report cover, 4 sheet protectors and high quality paper.
- **ATTEND SCHOLARSHIP FAIR ON FEBRUARY 9, 2026:** Must be in business dress and interview. Interviews will be held from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm at Southwest Technical College (757 W 800 S, Cedar City).

Portfolio Requirements

Portfolios should contain only the following and, in the order, listed:

1. **Cover Page** that contains only a picture, name and educational goal. Only the cover page can be in color.
2. **Educational Resume** must be kept to one page only. You are welcome to change the formatting, font, etc., however, the template includes the needed resume information.
3. **Essay** (1 page, double spaced, size 12 font, 1-inch margins, 300 words maximum) following the prompt below.

"Knowledge is power. Information is liberating. Education is the premise of progress, in every society, in every family"

From this quote, Kofi Annan teaches that education is the premise of progress. Write a brief essay about the premise or the foundation of your progress through education. The essay should include a small paragraph about yourself (your life views and how you are unique), your financial need (your preparation and plan to pay for your education) and your career goal (how will this progress help you achieve your career goal and how does this career benefit society and family?).

4. **Transcript:** does not need to be official
5. **Two Letters of Recommendation.** One of the letters must be from someone not associated with your school (i.e. teacher, counselor, coach, etc...)
6. **Financial Need & Digital Footprint Form**