



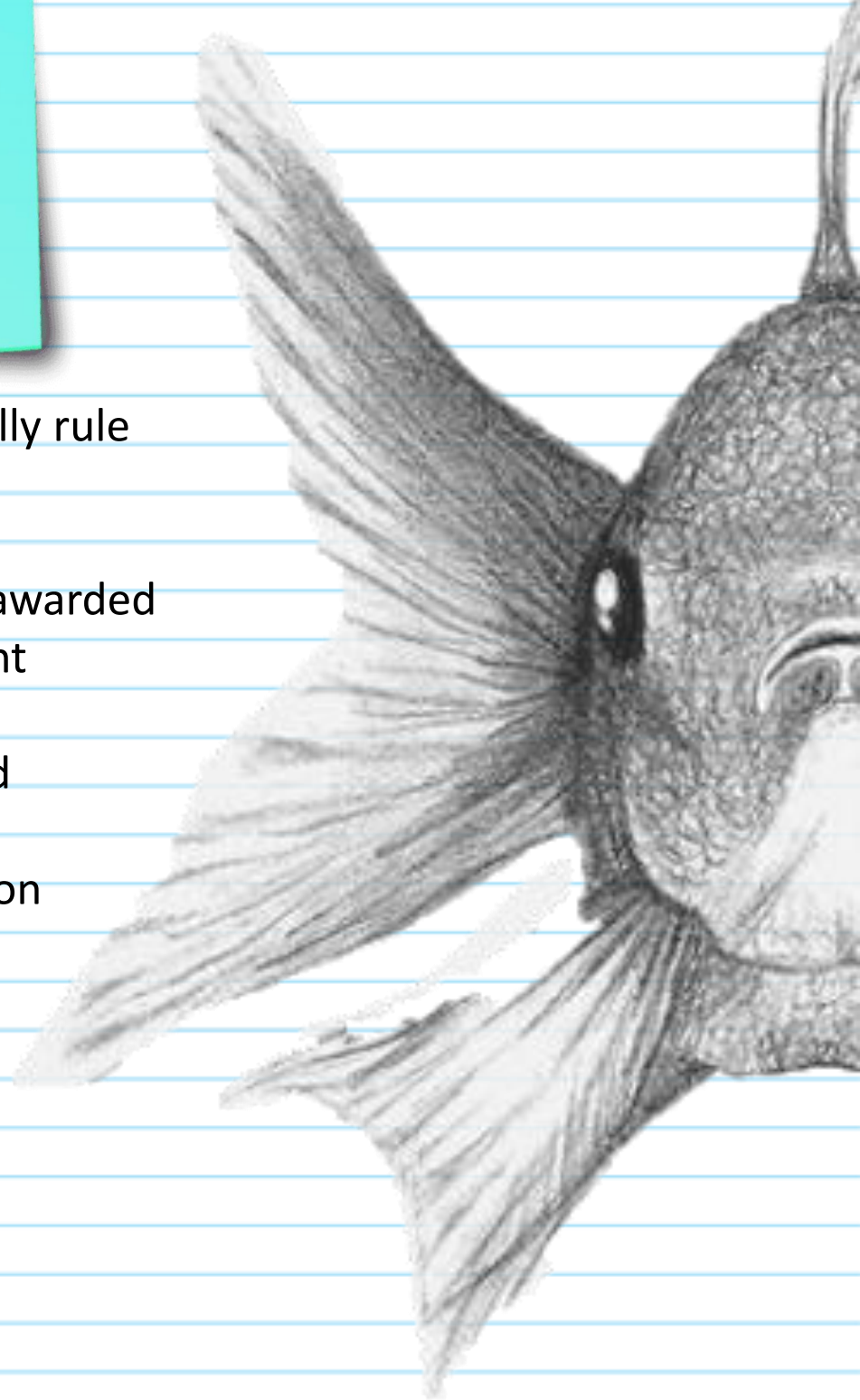
Scholarship Application Tips

Good grades help, but they aren't everything.

Don't automatically rule yourself out!

Scholarships are awarded for lots of different reasons, such as:

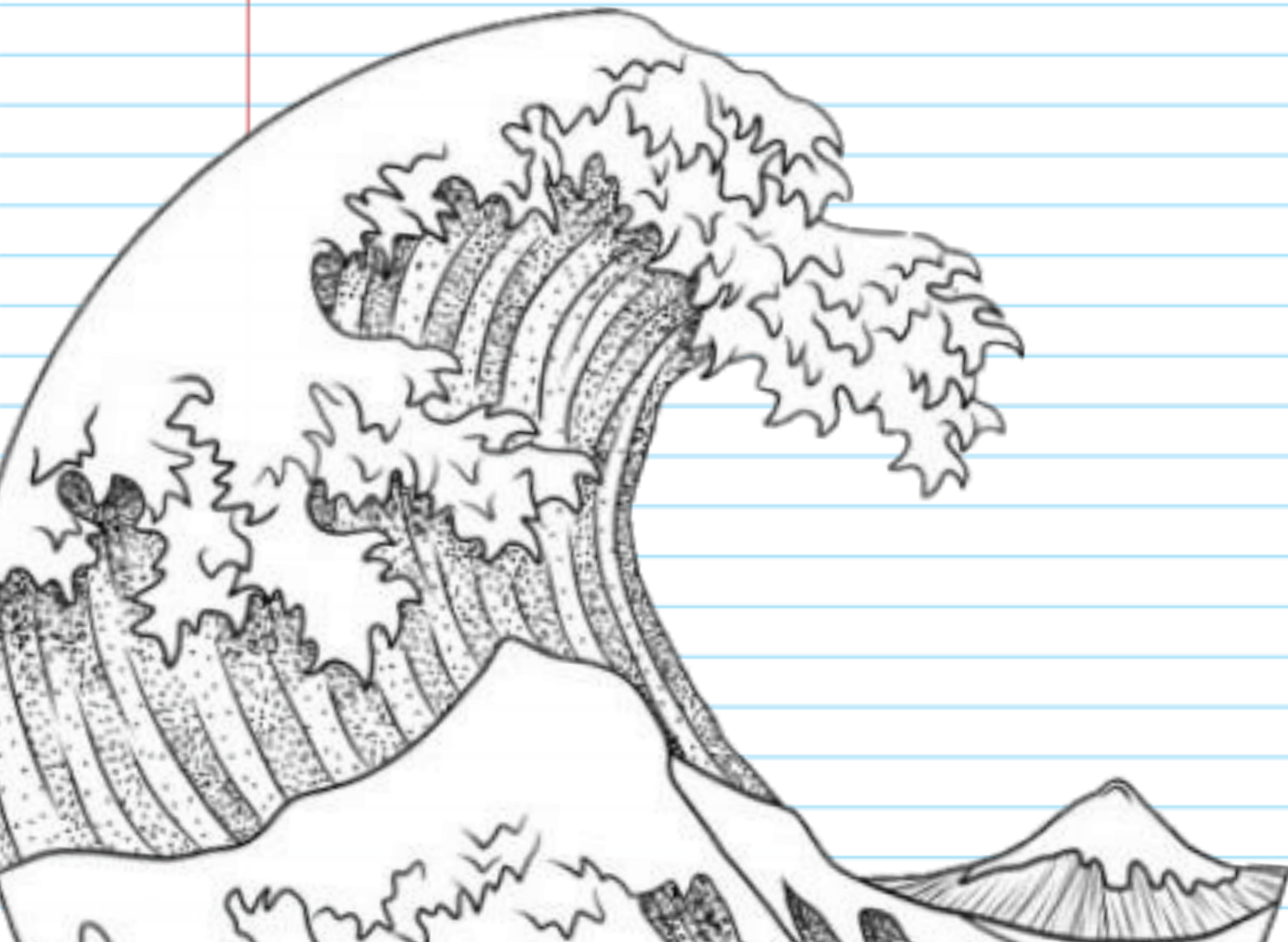
- Financial Need
- Major
- Location/Region
- Projects
- Essays
- Talent



**A little more
work = a lot less
competition!**

When there is less work involved in applying to a scholarship, there will be more people that apply.

Scholarships with an essay component are typically worth more as well.



A scholarship is not “free money”

It's a reward for the hard work and time you've put in towards reaching your career and academic goals.

People want to help people that have a track record of pursuing their goals, even if those goals change.



**Don't wait
until the last
minute to
write your
essay!**

Don't try to write it all out in one sitting.

Break it up into smaller tasks, like making an outline, writing one paragraph a day etc.

After you complete each task, take a quick break and reward yourself.

When you are done writing, step away from your essay and let it breathe. Read it again a day or two later and you won't be as emotionally attached to it,

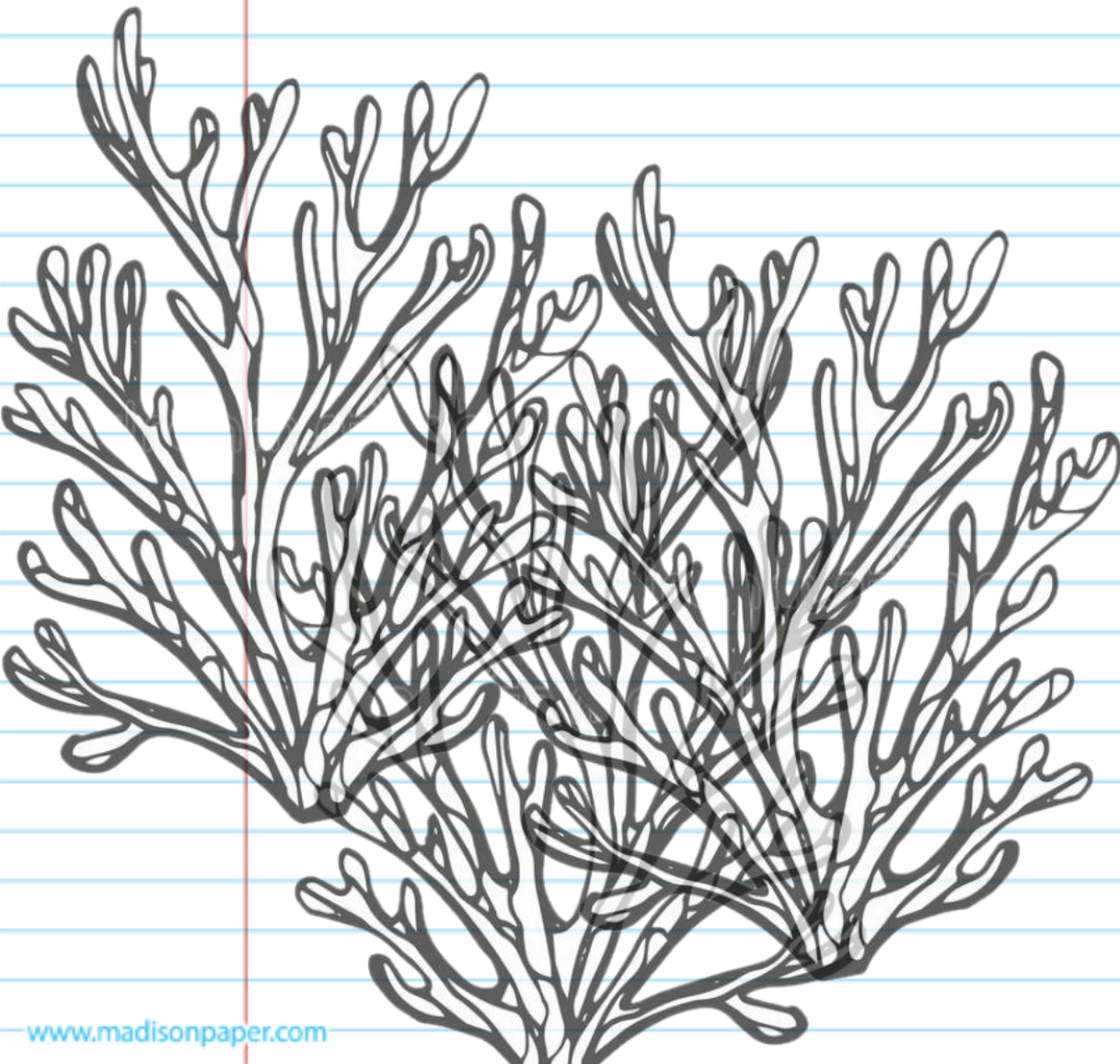
Show it to a friend that will be honest with you and bring it to the Writing Center.



**If a scholarship
deadline already
passed, don't
worry!**

Most scholarships recur on a yearly basis.

Make a calendar appointment for yourself so you remember to apply by the deadline for next year.



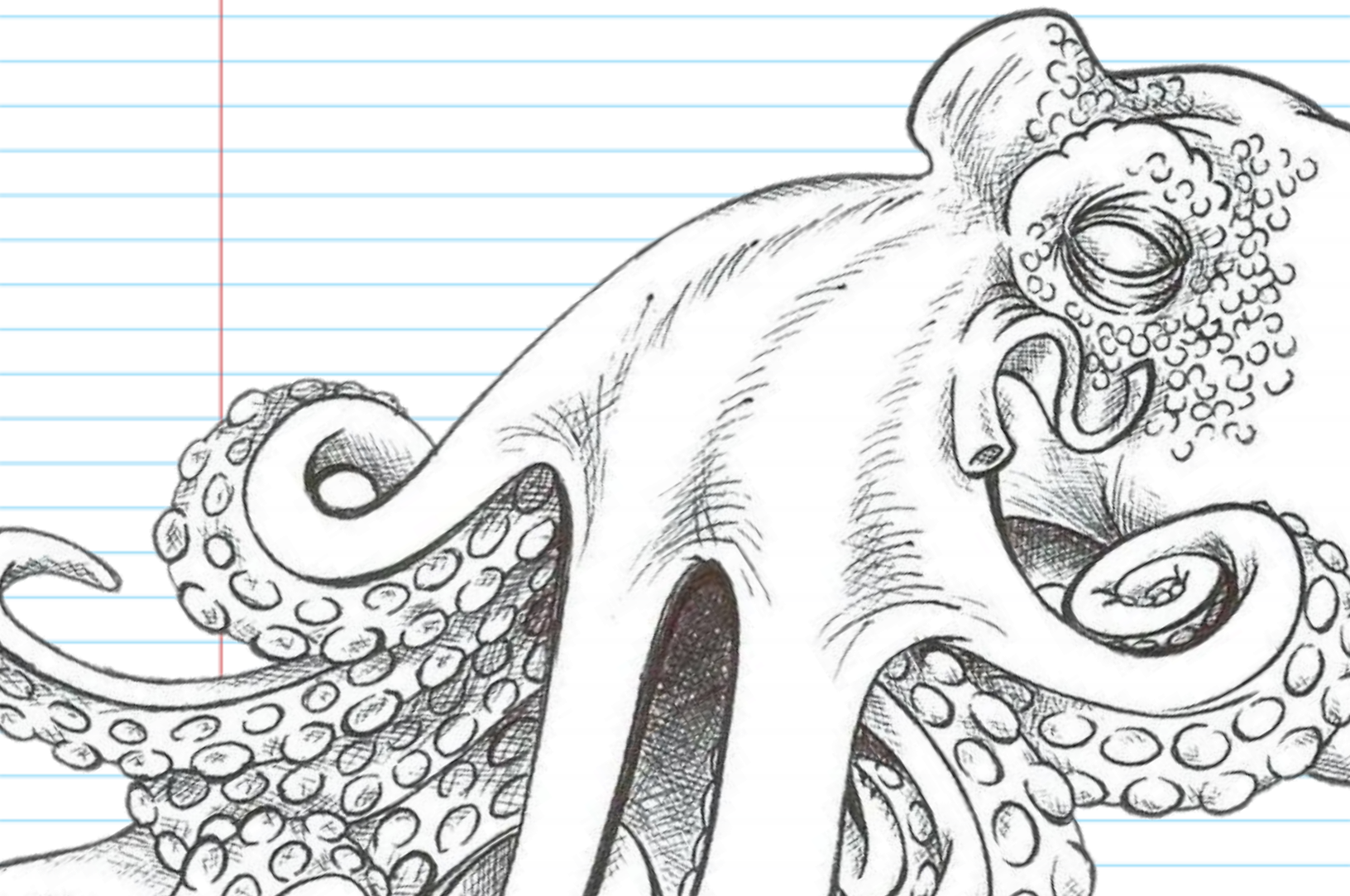
Read over the application instructions carefully!

What are the requirements?

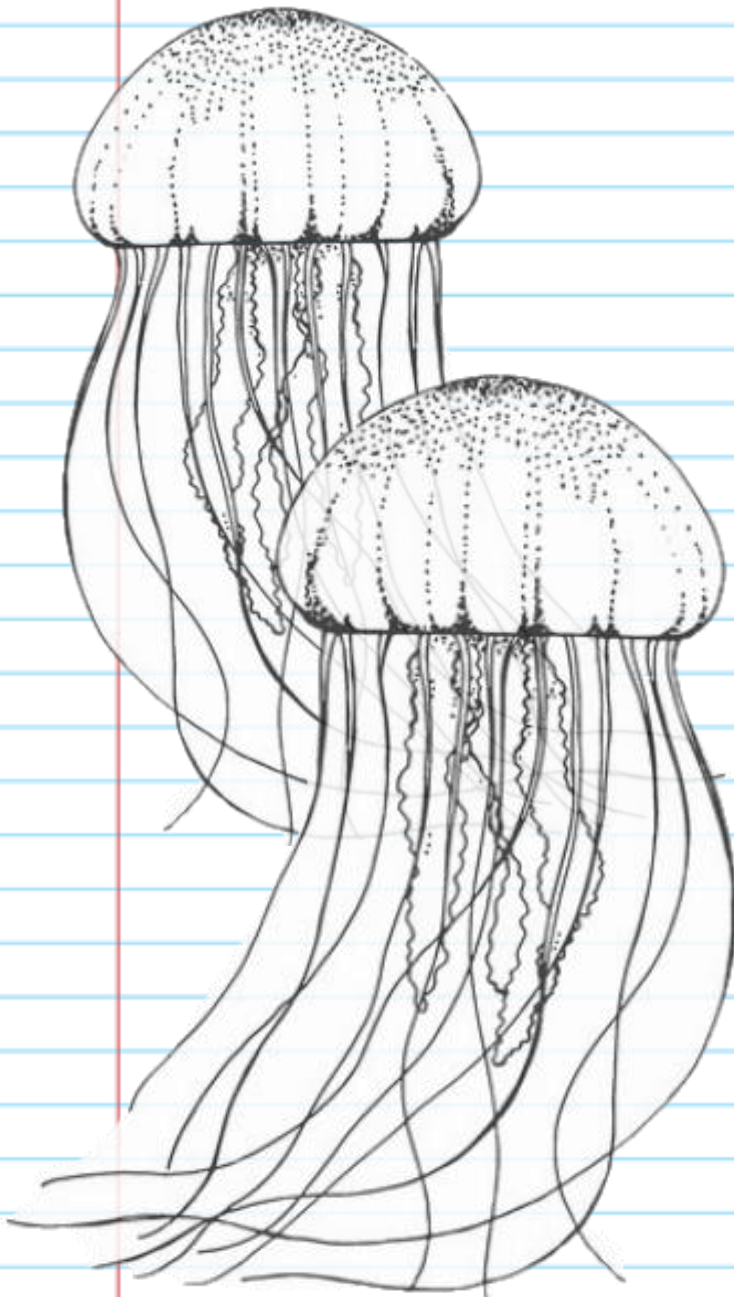
What other documents do you need to include?

Are there different submission deadlines for students/advisors?

Allow for some extra time to have your professors, advisors, etc., review your application/essay.



**A lot of the time
the “perfect
candidate” does
not apply.**



Make yourself an easy exception to say yes to by taking the time to write a compelling and thorough essay.

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