

SCHOLARSHIPS FAQS FOR APPLICANTS

Answers to common questions about applying for scholarships with The Community Foundation.



How do I apply for a scholarship with the Community Foundation?

Every scholarship applicant must first create an online account and then submit an online application.

[Apply here](#)

When is the Community Foundation's scholarship application available?

The 2026-2027 scholarship application will open on December 1, 2026.

What is the deadline for submitting 2026-2027 scholarship applications?

The 2026-2027 scholarship application must be submitted by February 15, 2027, before 11:59 p.m. EST. This includes all supplemental information such as recommendations. Applications will not be accepted after this deadline. **We recommend that you submit your application early so that any issues with submission can be addressed before the deadline.**

Why do I see multiple scholarship applications on my dashboard?

The Community Foundation supports 57 individual scholarship funds and you may be eligible to apply for more than one based on your responses in the Universal Application. Your applicant dashboard will list those scholarships available to you.

Do I need to obtain letters of reference?

Yes. The Universal Application requires information from your school counselor, including a copy of your transcript, as well as a recommendation from one teacher who knows you well. Individual scholarships may ask for other recommendations, such as from a coach or a faith leader. These will all be completed through the online application portal.

Can I submit a paper application?

No. Only applications submitted through our online portal will be considered.

Can I receive more than one scholarship?

Yes, you may receive more than one scholarship.

Why is my email address so important to my application?

The email address that you use to create your account is essentially your "username." If you change your email address, be sure to update your online scholarship account with your new email address. We communicate with applicants and awardees exclusively through email, including notifications of scholarships awarded, necessary documentation, and invitations to scholarship events.

What do I do if I forget my password?

If you have forgotten your password, please click on the "Forgot your password?" link on the sign in page to reset your password. Contact us at scholarships@cfrrr.org for assistance.

Can I make changes to my application?

Prior to submitting the application, you may make edits/changes/updates as often as you like. If you have already submitted your application and it is before the deadline, reach out to us for assistance.

How will I know my completed application was received?

The online system will send you an automatic email acknowledging the receipt of your scholarship application (check your Junk or SPAM folder if you don't receive an email upon submission).

How will I know if I have been awarded a scholarship?

The Community Foundation will notify all applicants of their award status via email in mid-April.

How will I receive my scholarship?

Scholarships are paid directly to your school or university. Checks will be sent to schools by the end of June. Please let The Community Foundation know right away if you choose to attend another school so that our records are accurate.