

2026 Student & Parent Scholarship Information

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Submit Early For Best Results

Submitting your scholarship application is just the first step. The second step is after submission, additional opportunities may appear that require extra essays or reference letters. If you wait until close to the March 1 deadline, there may not be enough time to complete these requirements.

We encourage you to apply early so you can take full advantage of every available scholarship opportunity!

IMPORTANT DATES

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| January 1st | Applications Open |
| March 1st | Closes at midnight |
| March 15th | Reviews Begin |
| April 15th | Reviews Closed |

March 1st is a HARD deadline for the general application!

Trade/Tech application open All year

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

In 2026 we will be launching our year-round Trade & Technical School Application. This is going to provide greater access and flexibility for students pursuing skilled careers.

On behalf of the Community Foundation, I thank you for interest in our scholarship program. We currently offer more than 280 scholarship opportunities. Thanks to the generosity of our donors, over 1 Million in scholarships were awarded in 2025. I am excited about the upcoming 2026 scholarship season and look forward to the opportunity to assist you and your students.

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\$1,000,000
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A REMINDER FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

While our automated system helps manage many of the details, applicants are still responsible for ensuring their letters of reference are submitted. Please remind your reference providers to complete and send their letters on time.

Without a submitted reference, students may miss out on scholarship opportunities for which they are otherwise fully qualified. A quick follow-up can make all the difference!




SCHOLARSHIP COMMUNICATION TIPS

Staying connected is key to every step of our scholarship program. To make sure you don't miss important updates:

- Please check their email regularly throughout the process.
- Remember to use a personal email address (not a school-issued one), so communication isn't interrupted after graduation.

These simple steps will help ensure you receive every opportunity for funding and support.

 New this year: You can also text us at 724-734-2250 for quick updates and questions!

A LITTLE PREP GOES A LONG WAY

Senior year can be busy, but a little preparation now can make scholarship season much easier. Before January 1st, we encourage you to put together a Student Resume that includes:

- Community service, employment, and extracurriculars
- Leadership roles and out-of-school organizations
- Contact info for transcripts and references

This preparation will save time and reduce stress when filling out applications. And don't forget—our general application requires an essay. Here are the 2 essay prompts you will be able to choose from:

1. Describe a time you made a difference in your school, family, or community.
2. Share an experience that influenced who you are today, and how it's shaping your plans for the future.

Starting early means you will be ready to take advantage of every opportunity available!

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