

Description:	<p>High School seniors displaying outstanding academic achievement along with a balance of community involvement and/or extra-curricular activities are encouraged to apply to the 2026 Heritage Classic Foundation Scholarship. Consideration is given to all who meet the below criteria, but emphasis of consideration is given to such factors as: academic success, community service, demonstrated proficiencies of leadership and communication skills, and financial need.</p> <p>Students must meet the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be a high school senior. • Have a 3.5 or greater UNWEIGHTED GPA on the SC Uniform Grading Scale. • Be a legal U.S. citizen. • Be a legal resident of Beaufort or Jasper County. • Parents'/guardian's combined adjusted annual gross income must be less than \$150,000. • Enter college or university within one year of high school graduation. • Attend high school in Beaufort or Jasper County, be homeschooled, or attend a South Carolina Governor's School but maintain permanent residency in either county.
Award:	<p>Eleven scholarship grants are awarded each year. The maximum scholarship amounts vary from \$16,000-\$20,000 total, payable over a four-year period. This scholarship is for undergraduate studies only and may not be transferred to graduate school if the student graduates in less than four years. The HCF reserves the right to review the Scholar's continuing eligibility annually based upon academic performance, attendance, or conduct.</p>
To Study:	Any field of study.
Schooling:	Any accredited 4-year college or university.
Deadline:	<p>Applications will open on November 15, 2025 and close on January 15, 2026. Interviews will be conducted in February 2026 and the scholarships will be awarded in March 2026.</p>
Procedure:	<p>Students to complete all parts of the application by the deadline. All work on the application must be the student's own work, and the student applying must list their own contact information and not the contact information of a parent or guardian. Applications will be reviewed by the Heritage Classic Foundation Scholars Committee through the deadline period. Semi-finalists selected from the applicant pool will have an in-person interview with the Committee prior to making final scholarship award selections.</p>
Additional Requirements:	<p>If selected, students would be expected to participate in the following events as a high school senior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 Heritage Classic Foundation Scholars Luncheon – March, date TBD • 2026 Opening Ceremonies Parade at the RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing - Tuesday, April 14 • 2026 Tartan Club Reception - Thursday, April 16 <p>If selected, students would also be required to re-apply each year of their eligible undergraduate studies. Scholars should expect to upload college/university transcripts and an update letter yearly by May 15 into the scholarship application portal for review to remain in good standing and receive funding.</p>
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