

Beaufort Jasper Water & Sewer Authority Scholarship 2026-27 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) generously established the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority Scholarship Program in 2024 to provide post-secondary educational support for students in Beaufort and Jasper Counties in South Carolina.

The mission of the Beaufort Jasper Water and Sewer Authority (BJWSA) is to provide quality water and wastewater services to our current and future customers in the Lowcountry. The Authority works to be a leading water and wastewater provider recognized by our customers for reliable service and dedication to our employees, community and environment.

Our core values include safety, integrity, collaboration, inclusion, and stewardship.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Applicants must be a high school senior graduating from a public, private or charter high school in Beaufort or Jasper Counties in South Carolina.
- 2. Applicants plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in one of the following areas of study: Civil, Environmental, Chemical or Mechanical Engineering or a related field; Finance and Accounting; Construction Management; Water Resources, Operations, and Management; Geographic Information Systems (GIS); and Information Technology (IT) or related courses of study.
- 3. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on the SCUGP scale.
- 4. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Family financial information is required in addition to the FAFSA Summary Report.

Application Requirements

- A completed <u>online scholarship application</u>. This scholarship considers financial need in addition to other criteria. Be certain to fill out the online application questions pertaining to financial need.
- 2. Typed essay (approximately 500 words) explaining the applicant's career plans and how this scholarship will assist the applicant in achieving these career goals.
- 3. Typed essay (approximately 100 words) describing the role that BJWSA plays in your community.
- 4. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, sent via third party email from a school counselor or teacher.
- 5. Two letters of recommendation completed by an adult non-family member, sent via third party email from the references.
- 6. A copy of the Submission Summary from the FAFSA showing Student Aid Index as additional information for further consideration by the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	<u>Click Here</u>
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	Deadline	March 2, 2026

Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.