



Marc Chary Scholarship Program 2026-2027 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Marc Chary Scholarship Program was generously established in 2025 by Mr. Marc Chary and supported by the Marc Chary Scholarship Endowment. The purpose and focus of this scholarship fund is to provide scholarship support for qualified African American students, with demonstrated financial need, who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be an African American high school senior graduating from a high school in Southern Beaufort County or Jasper County.
2. Applicant must be a legal resident of Southern Beaufort County or Jasper County, in South Carolina. A preference may be given to applicants who are residents of Hilton Head Island.
3. Applicant must show evidence of acceptance and plans to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school with a plan to complete a 2-year, 4- year or certificate program.
4. Applicant must demonstrate strong financial need.
5. Applicant must show evidence of outstanding academic and personal achievements.
6. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale.

Application Requirements

1. A completed online scholarship application. 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 (500 words) about your educational and career goals, and how this scholarship could be of benefit to you in accomplishing these goals.
3. 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.
4. Two letters of recommendation completed by adult non-family members, sent via third party email from the references.
5. Submission Summary from the FAFSA - showing Student Aid Index or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.
6. Selected finalists may be required to a personal interview with the Marc Chary Scholarship Advisory Committee.

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