



## David W. McCoy Scholarship 2026-27 Guidelines

### Scholarship Information

The David W. McCoy Scholarship was generously established in 2021 by David W. McCoy to provide support for qualified students at Troy Buchanan High School pursuing an undergraduate degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM). The scholarship is administered by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, South Carolina.

### Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are those who meet the following application requirements:

1. Applicant must be graduating senior of Troy Buchanan High School, Troy, Missouri.
2. Applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics (STEM).
3. Applicant must show evidence of acceptance and plans to attend an accredited college or university.
4. Applicant must be ranked in the top 20% of their graduating class.
5. Applicant must show evidence of outstanding academic and personal achievements, including demonstrated leadership potential (through community participation, extra-curricular activities, awards, etc.).
6. Applicant must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) prior to applying and provide the 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. <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

### Application Requirements

1. A completed online David W. McCoy 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 with responses to the following topics and questions **(up to 100 words for each response):**
  - a. Tell us about yourself.
  - b. What is a meaningful experience or class you have had in school?
  - c. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
  - d. How will receiving this scholarship award assist you in achieving your educational 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. A letter of recommendation completed by a teacher, counselor, coach or community leader.
5. Student Aid Report from the FAFSA - showing Expected Family Contribution or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.
6. Selected finalists may be asked to interview with the David W. McCoy Scholarship Advisory Committee.

<b>Scholarship Type</b>	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	<b>How to Apply</b>	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
<b>Award</b>	Up to \$8,000 Annually	<b>Deadline</b>	March 18, 2026
<b>Renewal</b> Renewable up to three additional consecutive years or until undergraduate degree requirements are completed – whichever comes first. In addition, renewal is contingent on meeting a minimum 2.5 GPA (cumulative GPA annually) and continuing progress toward the degree (full-time student status).			

#### **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.