



Delesky-Wetmore Scholarship 2026-27 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Delesky-Wetmore Scholarship was generously established in October 2025 by Cathy Delesky and Doug Wetmore. The purpose and focus of this scholarship fund is to provide scholarship support for qualified students with demonstrated financial need who are pursuing a 4-year post-secondary education at an accredited college or university.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be a high school senior graduating from a public or private high school in Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton or Colleton Counties in South Carolina. Students may also be a legal resident of Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton or Colleton Counties in South Carolina, graduating from the South Carolina Governor's School of Science and Mathematics or a qualified home school program.
2. Applicant plans to pursue a degree in a STEM related, finance or economics major.
3. Applicants must demonstrate outstanding academic accomplishments.
4. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.
5. Applicants must score above average on the ACT or SAT achievement test
6. Applicants must demonstrate financial need. Family financial information is required in addition to the FAFSA Summary Report.

Application Requirements

1. A completed [online scholarship application](#).
2. Typed essay (approximately 600 words) addressing the following two questions typed into the online application as required, with a video companion:
 - a. In your essay, choose from one of the following subjects:
 - i. Describe a time when your determination or initiative helped you overcome a significant obstacle or achieve a meaningful goal. How did that experience shape your outlook on education, personal growth, or future success?
 - ii. Describe an event or experience from your life that has shaped you or influenced who you are today and how it may impact you in the future.
 - iii. Describe where you envision yourself, ten years after graduation from college/university. Describe your goals and how you believe the college education will enable you to achieve them.
 - b. In your video, tell us about something that motivates you to work hard or a person who inspires you to keep moving forward. How does this motivation influence your goals and the kind of impact you hope to make in the future?
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, uploaded into application via 3rd party email from the student's counselor or teacher.
4. A complete copy of the FAFSA Summary Report, uploaded into the application.
5. A copy of the applicant's ACT and/or SAT Score Report, uploaded into the application.
6. Selected finalists may be asked to attend a personal interview with the Delesky-Wetmore Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Varies, up-to \$20,000	Deadline	March 2, 2026

Note: This scholarship is typically awarded to one recipient per year. Recipients may be eligible to reapply for continued support in subsequent years, provided they remain in good academic standing and continue to demonstrate financial need. The application will generally reopen only when no prior recipient is in the funding pipeline.

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.