



Grimes Family Scholarship 2026-2027 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Grimes Family Scholarship was established at Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in 2025 by Barbara E. and G. Marshall Grimes to provide financial support for students attending post-secondary schools who have demonstrated extraordinary determination in achieving their goals.

Eligibility Criteria

High School senior graduating from a public high school in Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton or Colleton County, who is a legal resident, demonstrating financial need, who endeavors to improve their life through academic success. Preference may be given to applicants who demonstrate strong potential, motivation, and resilience, particularly those whose academic record may reflect limited access to guidance, resources, or opportunities during high school. *Academic achievement will be considered within the context of each applicant's educational opportunities and access to support resources.* Recipient will attend an accredited public college, university, or technical school. Must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale. Must demonstrate evidence of academic and personal achievement through hard work, determination, and perseverance. *Preference may be given to applicants who have not been selected as recipients of any other scholarship awards.*

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. Essay (approximately 500 words) explaining how you have made efforts to improve your life, and how this scholarship will enable you to pursue your educational goals, entered into the online application.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, **uploaded into the online application via 3rd party email from a school counselor or teacher.**
4. Information from the applicant's and the applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) most recent federal tax returns, uploaded into the online application.
5. A completed financial need form for applicant, available to download from the online application.
6. **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.
7. One letter of recommendation from an adult non-family member, uploaded into the online application via 3rd party email.

Selected finalists may be required to attend a personal interview with the Grimes Family Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
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.