



Ira P. Berman Gulfstream Scholarship 2026-27 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Ira P. Berman Gulfstream Scholarship was generously established through the combined philanthropy of Ira P. Berman, Helen A. Borrello, and Gulfstream Aerospace to support the educational aspirations of Gulfstream employees' children and dependents.

Mr. Berman served Gulfstream Aerospace with distinction as Senior Vice President of Administration and General Counsel, and as a Corporate Vice President of General Dynamics, Gulfstream's parent company, for more than 25 years. In recognition of his outstanding leadership, dedication, and lasting contributions to the company, Gulfstream joined Mr. Berman and Ms. Borrello in supporting the creation of this scholarship.

The annual scholarship program is administered by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, with recipient selection conducted by an independent advisory committee. Awards are based on financial need, with consideration given to academic achievement, and are intended to help students pursue post-secondary education at accredited colleges, universities, or technical schools.

Eligibility Criteria

1. **Enrollment Requirement:** Applicants must be high school seniors scheduled to graduate from a public or private high school, or full-time college students, who will be enrolled in an accredited college, university, or technical school no later than the beginning of the next academic year.
2. **Employment Requirement:** Applicants must be the child or dependent for tax purposes of a full-time Gulfstream employee. The employee must have completed at least one year of full-time employment with Gulfstream by the application deadline and remain employed at the time the scholarship is awarded.
3. **Academic Achievement & Activities:** Applicants must demonstrate a strong academic record and active participation in extracurricular activities.
4. **Financial Need:** Applicants must provide documentation indicating financial need.

Application Requirements

1. **Completed Online Application:** Submission of the official online scholarship application form.
2. **Transcript(s):** An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s), showing at least two years of grades, must be uploaded by a school counselor or teacher via third-party email into the online application system.
3. **Personal Essay:** A typed essay (maximum 1,000 words) explaining how this scholarship will support your academic and career aspirations.
4. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation are required—one from a high school counselor or teacher, and one from another non-family adult. Each must be uploaded via third-party email into the online application.

5. **Student Aid Report (SAR):** A copy of the Student Aid Report from the FAFSA, indicating the Student Aid Index (SAI), must be uploaded. If the FAFSA was not completed, a written explanation is required.
6. **Financial Need Form:** A completed financial need form (available for download within the application) must be uploaded.
7. **Standardized Test Scores (Optional):** Applicants may include ACT or SAT test scores as additional evidence of academic achievement. Student copies are acceptable.
8. **Résumé or CV:** A résumé or curriculum vitae summarizing academic accomplishments, extracurricular involvement, community service, and/or work experience.

Selected finalist may be asked to attend a personal interview with the Ira P. Berman Gulfstream Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	Deadline	February 27, 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, national origin, sexual preference or gender identification.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. 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 for which they have been selected. 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 scholarship recipient's college/school. Checks will be mailed to the college/school and notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.