

Jack Ward Endowed Scholarship Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Jack Ward Endowed Scholarship was established in 2018 by the family of Jack Ward to recognize his desire to make a difference in the lives of young people striving to achieve their educational goals. The fund will provide scholarships to eligible graduating high school seniors who are pursuing a post-secondary education and who have shown evidence of determination toward achieving their educational and personal goals.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating senior of a Hilton Head Island public or private high school who is a legal resident of Beaufort County. Consideration *may also be given* to a high school senior scheduled to graduate from a high school in Bluffton, with a parent(s) currently working on Hilton Head Island for the past 12-month period who has been accepted and will be attending an accredited college or university.

Evidence of financial need is considered and preference will be given to low income families/guardians. The student must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate. Must show evidence of academic success and involvement in extra-curricular activities and/or employment. ***Preference may be given, but not limited to, applicants who are the first in their family to be accepted and planning to attend an accredited college or university.***

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 (approximately 500 words *describing what obstacles or challenges that you have had to overcome and what you learned from them.*
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 reference letters from adult non-family members, ***sent via third party email*** from each reference may be requested.
5. Information from the parent's income tax return for the last two years may be requested.
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. A completed financial need form for applicants may be requested.
8. Selected finalists must attend a personal interview with the Jack Ward Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Amounts may vary, not to exceed \$2,000	Deadline	Not Accepting Applications in 2026
Miscellaneous	May be renewable		

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.