



## The Oak Advisors, LLC Scholarship of Excellence 2026-27 Guidelines

### Scholarship Information

The Oak Advisors, LLC Scholarship of excellence was established at the Community Foundation in 2007 by the principals of Oak Advisors, LLC to provide annual post-secondary educational scholarships for qualified students.

### Eligibility Criteria

High school senior scheduled to graduate from a Southern Beaufort County high school or John Paul II high school (Ridgeland, SC) who is a U.S. citizen and/legal resident of Beaufort County, who has shown outstanding academic and community achievements and who plans to successfully complete a course of study in business or economics at an accredited public or private college or university. You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale. You must demonstrate outstanding academic accomplishments along with involvement in community and/or extra-curricular activities and plan to complete a course of study in business or economics.

### Application Requirements

1. A completed [online scholarship application](#).
2. Typed essay (approximately 500-750 words) explaining why you have chosen to pursue Business or Economics as an educational and career field, and how your experiences and achievements have led you to this decision, OR an essay topic of your choice (500-750 words), typed 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 application via 3<sup>rd</sup> party email from the student's counselor or teacher.
4. **Three recommendation letters completed by adult non-family members, uploaded into the online application via 3<sup>rd</sup> party email from each reference.**
5. A resume or CV.
6. Selected finalists must attend a personal interview with the Oak Advisors, LLC Scholarship Advisory Committee.

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| <b>Scholarship Type</b> | Undergraduate/Post-Secondary         | <b>How to Apply</b> | <a href="#">Click Here</a> |
| <b>Award</b>            | Varied, may have multiple recipients | <b>Deadline</b>     | 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.