



Porter Family Impact Scholarship 2026-27 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Porter Family Impact Scholarship was generously established in 2023 by Mr. and Mrs. Timothy P. Porter. The purpose and focus of this merit-based scholarship fund is to provide scholarship support for qualified students pursuing a post-secondary education in the field of Engineering or a related field at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech).

The scholarship hopes to support students pursuing a degree in Engineering with an interest in fields such as, but not limited to: carbon reduction, clean energy engineering production engineering (e.g. solar, wind, battery, fusion, hydrogen, water, etc.), clean water production, electrification, environmental management, marine/ocean clean-up, mechanical engineering, nuclear engineering, transportation or sustainability.

Eligibility Criteria: Eligible applicants are those who meet the following application requirements:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior graduating from a public or private high school in the Lowcountry area of South Carolina or an undergraduate student currently enrolled at Georgia Tech who previously graduated from a public or private high school in the Lowcountry area of South Carolina.
2. Applicant must show evidence they have been accepted and are planning to attend Georgia Tech or are currently enrolled at Georgia Tech in Engineering or a related field.
3. Applicant plans or is presently pursuing an undergraduate degree program in Engineering or a related field. **Preference may be given to those applicants with a focus on carbon reduction, clean energy engineering, clean water production, electrification, environmental management, marine/ocean clean up, mechanical engineering, nuclear engineering, or sustainability.**
4. Applicant must show evidence of outstanding academic and personal achievements.
5. Applicants must have a minimum high school cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale or a current minimum college cumulative GPA of 3.0.
6. **Applicant must show evidence of financial need.**

Application Requirements and Process:

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 (1,000-2,500 words) entered into the online application explaining the applicant's interests and plans to pursue a career in Engineering or a related field post-graduation.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, uploaded into the application via a 3rd party email from the applicants counselor or teacher if in high school or an official transcript from Georgia Tech.
4. Two recommendation letters or evaluations including at least one from a Counselor, Teacher or Professor, uploaded into the online application portal by the deadline date.
5. **Student Aid Report from the FAFSA** - showing Student Aid Index, uploaded into the online application.
6. Selected finalists may be requested to attend a personal interview with the Porter Family Impact Scholarship Advisory

Committee or provide a brief video for consideration.

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Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post Secondary/Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Varies	Deadline	March 2, 2026
Reapplications	May be renewable, reapplication required for consideration.		

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 any demographic changes or change in eligibility.