



Promise of the Lowcountry Scholarship 2026-27 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Promise of the Lowcountry Scholarship Fund will provide post-secondary scholarship opportunities for qualified students scheduled to graduate from a high school located in Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton or Colleton counties in South Carolina. The scholarship will focus on providing support for applicants with a high degree of demonstrated financial need and with plans to pursue a post-secondary education through an accredited technical, trade, or vocational school, college or university.

Eligibility Criteria

High School senior graduating from a public high school in Community Foundation of the Lowcountry's service area, limited to Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton and/or Jasper Counties, demonstrating strong financial need. The applicant must have been accepted to, and will be attending an accredited South Carolina public accredited technical, trade, vocational school, college or university. Applicant must plan to pursue a degree or certificate program. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on the SCUGP scale.

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) explaining the applicant's career plans and how this scholarship will assist the applicant in achieving these career goals.
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. One letter of recommendation completed by an adult non-family member, sent via third party email from the references.
5. A copy of the Submission Summary from the FAFSA - showing Student Aid Index as additional information for further consideration by the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

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| 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.