



## Joan and Wade Webster Scholarship 2026-2027 Guidelines

### Scholarship Information

The Joan and Wade Webster Scholarship was established at the Community Foundation in 1995 by Joan and Wade Webster to provide annual post-secondary educational scholarships for qualified students. The purpose of the Joan and Wade Webster Scholarship Program is to assist qualified students in pursuit of a post-secondary education who demonstrate a willingness to learn about and practice sound personal financial habits in an effort toward becoming financially self-sufficient.

### Eligibility Criteria

Graduating Southern Beaufort County high school senior who is a U.S. citizen and legal resident of Beaufort County, demonstrating financial need, who has demonstrated a willingness to learn about and practice sound personal financial habits in an effort toward becoming financially self-sufficient, and who has been accepted and will be attending a four-year undergraduate degree program at an accredited college or university. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale. Applicants should have a score equivalent to or better than the state average on tests designed to measure aptitude for college (e.g., SAT, ACT) and should rank in the top 20% of the graduating class.

### 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 (1,000-2,000 words) demonstrating a solid understanding of sound personal financial principles, including an explanation of how the applicant will make financial decisions throughout his or her lifetime entered 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 the online application via 3<sup>rd</sup> party email from a school counselor or teacher.**
4. Information from the applicant's and the applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) federal tax returns for the last two years, uploaded into the online application.
5. **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.
6. Extended Financial Need Form must be submitted. (Contact Community Foundation of the Lowcountry if you have questions.)
7. A completed Parent/Guardian Personal Financial Need Form signed by applicant's parent(s) or guardian, uploaded as part of the online application.
8. Selected finalists must attend a personal interview with the Joan and Wade Webster Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	<a href="#">Click Here</a>
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.