Allendale community foundation℠

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

Get complete information at
www.allendale-cf.org/scholarships.
Fill out one application for all scholarships!

OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH

Application is now open at **www.allendale-cf.org.**

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – If you are graduating from high school in 2019, or even if you are currently in college, you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 1, 2019 to be considered for federal student financial aid and to be considered for a Foundation Scholarship.

Scholarship deadline is Friday, March 1, 2019 at 5pm.

Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted online by 5pm on Friday, March 1, 2019.

Any applicant that submits by February 15, 2019 will be entered into a drawing to win a $250 gift card.

APRIL

Application processing and selection committees convene. Selection committees meet during the month of April.

MAY THROUGH JUNE

Notification letters are sent to college students and scholarship awards are presented to local high school students at the High School Award Night. Check with your high school for the date and time of that event.

JULY THROUGH AUGUST

Scholarship awards are mailed to educational institutions.

**Please note that our website has the most updated information regarding our Scholarship Application process. You will also find the descriptions of our scholarships online.*

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS

Do I have to re-apply if I received a Grand Haven Area Community Foundation Scholarship last year?
Yes, the majority of scholarships are one time awards. If you have received a renewable scholarship, you will be notified by the Foundation in December and instructed to re-apply using the online application process.

Is an unofficial transcript of my grades okay?
For high school seniors, your complete transcript including your most recent senior-year grades, cumulative grade point average, ACT or SAT score and class rank is required. For college students, an unofficial transcript or internet printout of your transcript is acceptable as long as it is a complete transcript of your college work to date, is clearly labeled with your name, current academic year, your cumulative grade point average, and the name of the college or university.

Which scholarships are available to current college students?
Please see the list of scholarships in the description of available scholarship offered by the Foundation on our website at **www.ghacf.org.**

Why are most Grand Haven Area Community Foundation scholarships limited to Tri-Cities residents?
Donors select criteria that are important to them and supporting local students remains a top priority with many of our donors. If you reside in another area, you should check with your nearest community foundation.

When will I find out if I have been awarded a scholarship?
High school recipients are notified at the individual high school awards ceremonies in May and June. College students are notified by mail by the end of May. While we make every effort to get the scholarship gift to the College before tuition is due, keep in mind that in order to avoid late fees, it is your responsibility to pay for the tuition by the due date.

Are all Foundation scholarships need-based and why do I need to complete the FAFSA?
No, not all of our scholarships have a financial need component. However, we feel that FASFA completion is an important part of the college application process. We require that the FASFA be completed and the SAR report submitted with your application before you will be considered for any of our scholarships. We have free resources that are available to you if you need help filling out this form – just call us for more information. If you have unusual circumstances that will make it impossible to complete your FASFA, please call our office and ask for Lauren Grevel.

If I am awarded a scholarship, how is it paid?
Checks are made payable to and mailed directly to, the college after you have returned the signed scholarship award, thank you note and photo-usually by late July.

How is financial need determined?
Students seeking financial assistance should begin the process by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Through detailed information provided on the application, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is issued.

May I receive scholarships from more than one fund?
Occasionally a student may be selected to receive a scholarship from more than one Foundation scholarship fund however; it is the exception rather than the rule.

Are these scholarships taxable?
These awards are to apply to direct college expenses at the institution, such as tuition, fees, and books. The recipients of scholarships are responsible for any tax liability incurred as a result of these awards. Recipients should consult a tax professional for additional reporting responsibilities.

If I receive an award, is it important to send the donor a thank you note?
Absolutely! These awards are generous gifts from donors and should be acknowledged as such. All thank you cards are gathered at the Foundation office and given to the individual donors who read and cherish them.