

CCF-Administered Scholarships

- Managed by Community Foundation
- Apply through Collier Scholars Common Application
- Complete **ONE** application to be considered for multiple opportunities
- Opened Nov. 1 and **closes Feb. 5**
- <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfccscholarship>

Outside Scholarships

- Managed by other organizations in the community
- Processes, applications, and deadlines vary
- Local, regional, and national scholarships available to local students
- Refer to scholarship listing pages for contact info and questions

www.swflscholarships.org

Click on
“Find Scholarships”



Contact Us



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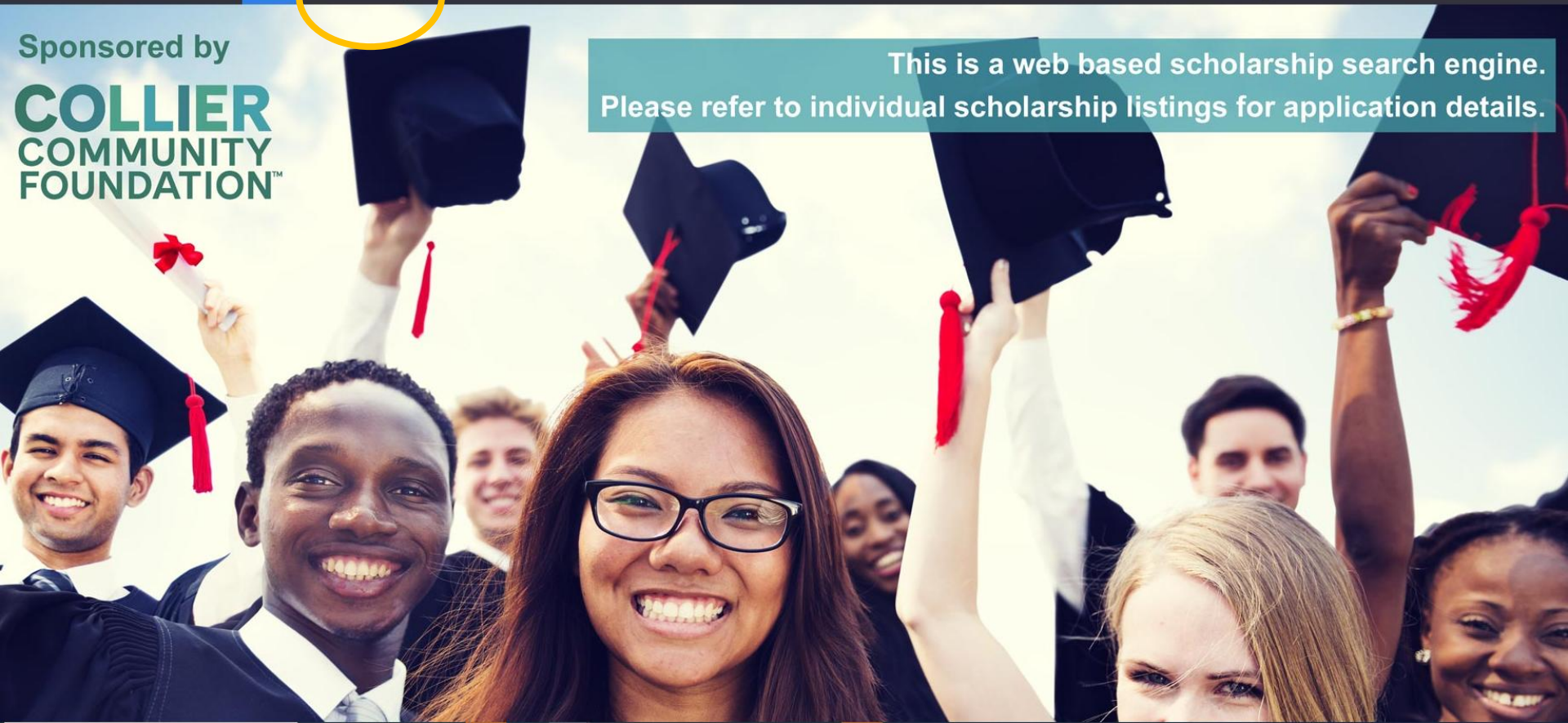
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This is a web based scholarship search engine.
Please refer to individual scholarship listings for application details.



Scholarship Finder

1. Intro

2. Start search

3. Review & refine search

4. Save search or apply

Introduction

The Collier County Scholarship Connector allows you to search, learn about scholarship opportunities, and initiate the application process for scholarships that match your background, interests & educational plans.

TIPS: Students should fill out each area of the form. **DO NOT LEAVE ANY SECTION BLANK.**

If you choose to skip a section, you may see scholarships that do not apply to you & your background.

Each scholarship opportunity has their own reason for starting a scholarship and application directions. Make sure you use the search function, the basket function, and research the scholarship provider by linking to them directly from your search. All students are encouraged to follow all directions provided by each of the scholarship providers that are listed on the connector.

Use of the Collier County Scholarship Connector is subject to the following Privacy Terms & Conditions.

Start Your Search for Scholarships

No login is needed. Four simple steps:

1. Complete short online form about your background and plans, click find matching scholarships. **So we can hide scholarships that do not apply to you, fill out / check every section.**
2. Review details of matching scholarships. Make sure to read all directions for each scholarship opportunity.
3. Add scholarships that interest you to your "basket".
4. Within the basket, "Package & Go" to download application & other documents for the application process, or "Save for Later."

If you want to see a specific scholarship opportunity, in the "Other Options" box and press on "View all scholarships." Use the Find Feature in your web browser. Press "CTRL-F" to search for a specific scholarship by name.

Note: Updates are Ongoing

As scholarship programs give us their information for the current school year, application criteria & deadlines will be updated. Please check back frequently for the latest information.

Start Your Search

#1

Other Options

1. View [all scholarships](#)

2. Find by Name

\$1,000 Study Abroad Scholarsh ▾

Go

#2



No Login Required

No login is required to search for scholarships. In addition, there is no need to identify yourself during the search process

Additional Student Resources

Please consider reviewing the following sites for additional scholarships that may be available:

- [Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Florida Department of Education](#)
- [Future Ready Collier](#)
- [FutureMakers Coalition](#)
- [Champions For Learning Student & Family Resources](#)
- [Specific Florida Institution Information](#)
- [Goodcall](#) is dedicated to keeping information accessible. It is a national scholarship database.

Need Volunteer Hours?

Visit [Volunteer Collier](#), an internet based program of the United Way of Collier



Review scholarship details:

- Criteria
- Award Amount
- Deadline
- Requirements
- Renewability Info
- Application Details
- Granting Organization
- Contact Information

Application closes 2/8/2023 at 11:59pm

The Jilk Family Scholarship Fund was established to assist High School Seniors in Collier County reach their educational goals.

This scholarship is managed by the Community Foundation of Collier County and applicants can apply by completing the CFCC Scholars Common Application.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a Collier County resident
- Be a high school senior
- Must have a GPA of 3.5 or higher
- No one may receive funds in excess of the actual expenses of attending school

Note that scholarships are granted on a yearly basis. This scholarship is not renewable.

Complete the CFCC Scholars Common Application at: [CLICK HERE](#)

Scholarship awards for the 2023-2024 school year will be up to \$5000.

Scholarships will only be awarded for eligible tuition, books and fees. Scholarship funds will be mailed directly to the scholarship recipient's educational institution after the Community Foundation has received the completed/required Student Acceptance Form.

For a complete list of the items that you will need to complete this application [PLEASE VISIT HERE](#)

Scholarship Details

Award amount: \$5,000
Awarded: varies
Years renewable: 0
Granted by: [Community Foundation of Collier County](#)
Contact: Laura Bidireanu: 239-849-5000
Application due: 02/08/23
Award date:
Additional details: <https://www.cfcollier.org/community-foundation-scholarships/scholarships/>

Restrictions

Available to: High School Senior 12th Grade
Graduate of: Barron Collier High School
Rhodora J. Donahue Academy High School
Everglades City School
Golden Gate High School
Gulf Coast High School
Immokalee High School
Lely High School
Lorenzo Walker Technical High School
Marco Island Academy
Mason Classical Academy
Naples High School
Palmetto Ridge High School

Min. GPA: 3.50
Resident of counties: Collier
School type: 4 Year College or University
Attendance: Full-time
Financial need considered



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Logon Page

Email Address*

Password*

[Log On](#) [Create New Account](#)

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Welcome to the Collier Community Foundation's Online Portal.

New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.

Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.

Not Sure? If you think that you or someone at your organization has already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please contact our Grant Administrator to receive your username.

First Time Accessing Portal:

- Click on "Create New Account" button to fill out contact information and set up password

PLEASE NOTE: Create only ONE login for portal

- If you have any issues with your account or accessing application, please contact the Community Foundation Scholarship team



Documents Needed for Collier Scholars Common App 2025:

Required

- Current unofficial transcript (MUST include fall semester grades)
- One (1) letter of recommendation
 - Upload yourself or send request to recommender from application
 - Must be from the current academic year
- First two (2) pages of most recent 1040 Tax Form (from 2023)
 - **Dependent applicants:** provide parent/guardian's information
 - **Independent applicants:** provide your own information

Additional

- Optional letters of recommendation (may include up to 2 optional)
- Additional letter of recommendation (required for some opportunities, if unweighted GPA is below 3.0)
- Supplemental information
 - Required to be considered for certain scholarships
 - Scholarship-specific essay(s)
 - Original work(s) of art



Required Information on Collier Scholars Common App 2025:

- Student Information: Contact information, demographics, family information, employment (if applicable)
- Educational History: School information, guidance counselor information, academic information
- Scholarship Eligibility Questions
- Extracurricular Participation: Activities, clubs, awards, honors, community/volunteer activities, work experience, family obligations
- Future Postsecondary Institution Information
- Parent/Guardian Information (if applicable)
- Three (3) General Essays
- Special Circumstances
- Financial Need/Information: Bright Futures, family and self-contribution, education expenses estimate, other financial aid resources, FAFSA, and family's adjusted gross income

Essay Questions

1) *Personal Statement Essay*

Please answer the following prompts:

- Tell us your story--share about your family, background, and personal interests.
- Describe a person, event or activity that has shaped who you are as a person.
 - Why or how has this been significant to you?
 - What lessons have you learned from this?
- How will receiving this scholarship help you achieve your goals or dreams?
 - Share what you hope to do in the future

Minimum text count: 1,000 characters/500 words

Maximum text count: 10,000 characters/2,000 words

NOTE: Failure to answer all parts of the essay question will result in lower scores on evaluations by scholarship committees.

Essay Questions (Cont.)

2) *Academic/Career Goals Essay*

Please answer the following prompts:

- Why do you want to go to college?
- What are your academic and career goals?
- Is there a specific institution you wish to attend? If so, why?
- Has something or someone significantly influenced your choice of study/career/major?
- Discuss any circumstances that have encouraged you to pursue your education.

Minimum text count: 1,000 characters/500 words

Maximum text count: 5,000 characters/1,000 words

NOTE: Failure to answer all parts of the essay question will result in lower scores on evaluations by scholarship committees.

Essay Questions (Cont.)

3) Community Impact Essay

Please answer the following as related to current and future education/career:

- How have you made a difference in your community?
- How will you make a difference in your community and beyond in the future?
- What does leadership mean to you?
- How will you be a leader in your community in the future?

Minimum text count: 500 characters/100 words

Maximum text count: 5,000 characters/1,000 words

NOTE: Failure to answer all parts of the essay question will result in lower scores on evaluations by scholarship committees.

Essay Questions (Cont.)

Special Circumstances

Please describe any recent (in the last year), unforeseen situation(s) related to your health, work, school, family, or finances that have impacted your educational plans and how.

Examples:

- Changes in employment that has affected the household's financial situation from what taxes may indicate
- Medical issues relating to yourself or a family member that financially impact the household
- Ongoing care of family members (elderly or with special needs) in the household
- Any other information you have not shared anywhere else on the application that you would like the scholarship committee to know

Maximum text count: 5,000 characters/1,000 words

NOTES:

Please **do not copy and paste** responses to other questions in this section.

If this **does not apply** to you at all, please enter "**N/A**".

Resources for Collier Scholars Common App 2025:

Collier Scholars
Common
Application Tutorial



Collier Scholars
Common Application
Tutorial with Spanish
Subtitles



Collier Scholars
Common Application
Tutorial with Creole
Subtitles



Things to Remember:

1. Plan Ahead!
 - Research scholarships and their requirements
 - Talk to the institutions you want to attend
 - Create your resume
 - Who is writing your letter of recommendations? Ask early!
 - Complete essay questions early
2. Stay Organized
 - Create a system for your applications and submission needs
 - Submit applications early to give yourself enough time in case corrections are needed
3. Scholarships are a time to talk about you
 - What makes you unique and stand out from your peers?
 - Determine your strengths
 - Show how you have grown from your challenges / life experiences
4. Apply for EVERYTHING!
 - A lot of money is left on the table each year from scholarships no one applies to
 - Scholarships with small award amounts still pay off!
 - Make sure to apply to every scholarship you qualify for!

Things to Remember (cont.):

1. Letter of Recommendation
 - Start asking your recommender for letter NOW!
 - Recommenders need several weeks' notice to provide a good-quality letter
 - Whether submitting yourself or having recommender submit on your behalf, it must be submitted by deadline
 - Include bullet points shared on application on letter of rec section
2. Transcript
 - Must include final fall semester grades
 - DO NOT submit application until fall grades are available
 - Must include all classes taken during high school education (not just 9th-11th, or just 12th)
3. Essays
 - Essays can help you stand out with scholarship evaluators
 - Take your time answering the questions and use your own words
 - Answer all parts of the prompt thoughtfully and thoroughly
4. Supplemental Information
 - Certain opportunities will require additional information
 - You **MUST** answer supplemental questions to be considered for those opportunities



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- **Collier Community Foundation**
 - <https://colliercf.org/scholarships/apply-for-scholarships/>
- **Collier Scholars Common App Link**
 - grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfccscholarship
 - Opened November 1