



# scholarships

## Scholarship availability

Scholarships are available for:

- Students attending college for the first time after earning a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Students who have attended LLCC or another post-secondary institution and have a high school diploma or equivalent.

## Scholarship eligibility

The following requirements apply to all LLCC Foundation scholarships unless the scholarship donor has requested other eligibility requirements.

- Applicants must have primary residence in LLCC District #526 and be a United States citizen.
- Applicants must meet the scholarship criteria established by the donor.
- Most scholarships have a minimum required grade point average (GPA) based on a 4.0 scale and a minimum number of LLCC credit hours that must be completed each semester.
- Applicants submitting a complete application are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.

## General scholarship information

- Scholarship awards are first used for tuition and fees; some scholarships also provide for books and other related educational expenses.
- Scholarships are not transferable to other schools.

**The scholarship application period for the 2026-2027 academic year will be open November 15, 2025.**

**Apply online at [www.llccfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.llccfoundation.org/scholarships)**

**Application deadline: February 15, 2026**



# Frequently asked questions about LLCC Foundation scholarships

## How do I apply for an LLCC Foundation scholarship?

**New students:** First, you will apply to LLCC. After you receive your LLCC acceptance email, you will be given an LLCC email account to activate. Once you have activated your LLCC email, you will be ready to enter the application at [www.llccfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.llccfoundation.org/scholarships), clicking Apply Now and sign-in using your LLCC email and password.

**Current students:** Visit [www.llccfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.llccfoundation.org/scholarships), click Apply Now and enter your LLCC email and password.

## Do I reside in LLCC District #526?

You must reside in LLCC District 526 or meet the residency qualifications for in-district tuition rates to apply for Foundation scholarships. If you are uncertain about your residency, check the LLCC catalog, your property tax bill or voter's registration card. For questions, please contact the LLCC Admissions, Records and Registration Office at 217-786-2992.

## Will I have to pay back a scholarship?

Scholarships are made possible by generous community businesses, organizations and individuals who are invested in helping LLCC students succeed. Scholarships are a gift and do not have to be repaid.

## Do I have to be a full-time student to apply?

No, there are scholarships available for both full-time and part-time students.

## Do I have to be a top student to get a scholarship?

Almost all LLCC Foundation scholarships have a minimum required grade point average (GPA) based on a 4.0 scale. Our scholarships range from a 2.00 GPA to a 3.25 GPA. Some scholarships do not require a minimum GPA, but may have other criteria.

## What makes a scholarship application complete?

An application is complete when all of the following have been submitted on or before the deadline:

- Personal statement
- Two recommendations
- High school transcript, college transcript or GED scores
- Completed, verified and submitted application

## Why is a personal statement important?

The purpose of the personal statement is to give you an opportunity to tell us important things about yourself that are not addressed or apparent in the application. In making these decisions about scholarships, we want to consider your personal attributes and gain some sense of who you are; your experiences, accomplishments, and a variety of qualities such as motivation, self-discipline, leadership, commitment to others, your intended field of study and your career goals.

## Who should complete the two required recommendation forms?

We suggest recommendations come from individuals who are familiar with your educational goals/career plans and can rate your character, such as a teacher, guidance counselor, clergy or employer. Recommendations should NOT be from family members or friends.

## Do I have to submit my high school transcript again if I already submitted to the LLCC Admissions Office?

Yes, your scholarship application is not complete unless your high school transcript is submitted to the LLCC Foundation. High school seniors-attach the most recent version of your transcript that reflects 7 semesters (freshman-first semester of senior year).

## What if I graduated from high school a long time ago (or from an out-of-state high school) and can't get the High School Certification form and transcript submitted?

You will not be eligible to be considered for most scholarships because we will not have documentation of your high school GPA. We suggest you do well in your LLCC classes and apply next year as a continuing college student. Your LLCC GPA will be considered for eligibility.

## Who chooses the scholarship recipients?

Recipients are selected by a committee of representatives from LLCC faculty, staff and the Foundation Board.

## How will I know if I have been awarded a scholarship?

All applicants submitting a complete application will be notified regarding their status of eligibility and awarding by the **1st week of May** via their LLCC email accounts. Scholarship recipients are emailed a contract that they must review and sign/accept prior to it being added to their LLCC financial aid account. If you do not reply/respond to the LLCC Foundation scholarship email that contains your scholarship contract within 2 weeks, your scholarship will be void and re-award to a scholarship alternate.