

Scholarships - Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How is scholarship information publicized?

A. The public is notified about all scholarships administered by the Community Foundation through the guidance department at each high school in Dubois County, local media, and on the Community Foundation website at www.dccommunityfoundation.org.

Q. How are applications accepted?

A. Scholarships are accepted online through our website at www.dccommunityfoundation.org.

Q. I am not a current high school senior. Can I apply for a scholarship?

A. Several scholarships administered by the Community Foundation are for students who are already in college, and for non-traditional students (24 years of age or older, or otherwise no longer a dependent in terms of FAFSA regulations). Additionally, students who have previously received a Community Foundation scholarship may be eligible to apply for it again. This information is identified in the criteria of each scholarship, within the application.

Q. How are scholarship recipients selected?

A. County-wide committees review application information in a blind process (no personal identifying information) and recommend recipients based on scoring results.

Q. How will I be notified if I am selected for a scholarship?

A. Once recipients have been recommended and confirmed, all students are notified of their awards by letter or phone in January of their senior year. Students not selected for a scholarship will be notified by e-mail at the address indicated as their scholarship application login.

Q. If I receive a scholarship, will I receive it every year that I am in college?

A. Every scholarship is unique. Award documents that you will receive from the scholarship source should indicate if the scholarship is for one year or if it is renewable. If it is not clear, please ask.

Q. A scholarship was established in memory of a relative of mine. Am I eligible?

A. Descendants of an individual may be in the pool of applicants, but not given any preference to receive any particular scholarship. As the Community Foundation utilizes a blind process (no identifying information is shared with a committee), preference is avoided.



Q. How can I make my application stand out among the many received?

A. Preparation! Start early, and work in stages to complete the best application that you can. Don't wait until the last minute to request information from a high school counselor or person supplying a reference. If they run late, it is your application that will suffer.

It is a great idea to have your application reviewed and proofread by a parent when possible. However, always do your own work. An application not prepared by a student is obvious and is likely to not be well received. Plan to turn your application in no later than a week before the deadline when possible.

Q. How are scholarship applications evaluated?

A. Each scholarship has differing criteria that is listed on the application.

A few specific areas of focus for scholarship selection committees:

Academics: Preparation for a successful college education, GPA, and class rank are examples of factors pertaining to academic performance that the committee will review.

Financial Need: Some scholarships consider financial need as part of the criteria. The financial need portion of the application is shared with the committee only for those scholarships that have a financial need component.

School Activities and Community Involvement: Committee members will be interested in what service you have provided to your community. They are interested in how the involvement will help you prepare for college and a future career and how your involvement was an asset to the organization or event.

Special Circumstances: If you have overcome any personal circumstances or obstacles along the way, share the information on your application. The selection committee will want to know how you have achieved your goals despite roadblocks you have faced.

Recommendations:

Search your name to ensure that you have a professional online presence including on social media.

Use a clean e-mail address, such as firstname.lastname@gmail.com that can be used for a long period of time. Refrain from using a school related e-mail.

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