

## **CFFC Scholarship FAQs for High School Seniors:**

### **Where do I apply?**

- CFFC has an online scholarship platform for all applications. To access this, visit the “For Scholarships” page of our website at [www.cffayettepa.org](http://www.cffayettepa.org) and use the “Click Here to Apply” button. You will need to create an account with the online platform.

### **When can I apply?**

- CFFC applications are open from early February until late April.

### **Do I need a super-high GPA to apply for a scholarship?**

- NO! CFFC has over 50 scholarship opportunities for students and their requirements vary. For sure, some focus on high academic achievement, but most focus on supporting a well-rounded student with a good work ethic and desire to succeed.

### **What will I need?**

- EVERYONE NEEDS the email address of a person in your school who can upload your official transcript and/or report card. This could be your guidance counselor, or your guidance office secretary, your school librarian, or some other school official.
- SOME OF YOU MAY NEED Your FAFSA SAI report, showing your SAI.
- SOME OF YOU MAY NEED A document from the financial aid office of your school of choice, showing your estimate of costs and aid.
- SOME OF YOU MAY NEED the email address of someone who can provide a letter of recommendation.

### **I have an account and I've gathered all the info I need. Now what?**

- Log in to the CFFC scholarship platform, and click APPLY, then you'll see the Universal Application and a handful of stand-alone applications.
- Complete and submit the Universal Application. BUT YOU ARE NOT FINISHED!
- Based on the answers you give in the Universal, you will be given the opportunity to apply for specific programs. You will need to answer additional questions and provide more information for those programs.
- Submit each and every application for those specific programs.

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When and how will I know if I've received a scholarship?

- We generally notify awardees in late May or early June. This notification will come by email ONLY. So start watching your email around that time.
- We do not notify students whose applications have been declined, but your status will display on your Applicant Dashboard about two weeks after we have made our final decisions.

What happens if I receive an award?

- When you receive your award notification email, you will be directed back to the CFFC Scholarship platform to complete a follow-up form. Basically, you must give us the info we need to process the payment, as well as agreeing to the terms of the scholarship.
- As long as we have your complete and submitted follow up form, we start processing checks TO YOUR SCHOOL in early to mid-August.

How much could I be awarded?

- It's hard to say, because CFFC has so many scholarship opportunities and the awards vary a lot. Generally, awards range from about \$500 to over \$5,000.

So the check will go to my school?

- Yes, CFFC sends the award check directly to your school.
- CFFC awards are only to be used to offset tuition and related instructional expenses (like books, fees, equipment, etc.) NOT for room, board, or transportation.
- We also instruct the school to apply half the award to your Fall Semester, and half to your Spring semester.

Is an award just a one-time thing?

- Most CFFC scholarship awards are one-time awards, but a few are renewable.
- CFFC also has scholarship opportunities for students who are already enrolled in post-secondary schools, so you can come back to the website when you're in college and apply again.

*Use this code to explore CFFC scholarships after February 1, 2024*

