



# Let's Talk Scholarships



# What is a Community Foundation?

Get to know your funders.

- Community Foundations are different from family & corporate foundations
- Created, funded & run by community members
- 700+ in the US - most in the Midwest
- Pooled assets from \$20-\$20M
- RCF = 380 funds with over \$200M in assets





Mission

We are  
committed to  
improving the  
quality of life in  
Richland County  
through strategic  
philanthropy  
and community  
leadership





**380+ Funds**

**Unrestricted  
Scholarship  
Donor Advised  
Field of Interest  
Individual-Assistance  
Designated  
Agency**

# Scholarships

## For Whom?

- College
- **Career Technical Education**
- Mansfield Aviation Club
- Helen Keating Ott
- Region 4 District Civitan
- Sandy Mazur/Spherion Leadership Scholarship

## Deadline

- College - April 1
- CTE - Open Deadline

## How Much?

College:

- \$800,000+ awarded in 2023
- 250+ students annually
- Nearly 90 scholarship funds

CTE:

- \$70k+ awarded in 2023





# College Scholarships

## *[ Two & Four -Year Undergraduate Programs ]*

- Richland County Resident or Graduate from a Richland County High School
- GPA: Minimum 2.5 for 1<sup>st</sup> time applicants; Minimum 2.0 for past scholarship recipients
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Deadline to Apply is **April 1<sup>st</sup>**

Early  
Application  
Access!!!  
DEC. 18<sup>th</sup>





# Checklist

- ✓ **Permission to Financial Aid** - *This form must be completed and submitted to your financial aid office for them to share needed information with us!*
- ✓ **FAFSA** – FAFSA must be completed so you can attach the *Student Aid Index* to your application
- ✓ **Current Transcript (College Scholarships only)** – *Whether you are a graduating high school senior or currently in college, you will need to submit your most recent transcript. (It needs to show: Current GPA, proof of enrollment & completion in coursework)*
- ✓ **Readiness Report (CTE Scholarships only)** – *WorkKeys - WebXams - Transcript*  
Report from one of these 3 options is required to help us understand your current comprehension and preparation for your intended program.





# Determining Financial Need

- Student Aid Report (SAR) □ Student Aid Index (SAI), but they function the same.
- Tuition, Room/Board, Books & Other Fees
- Ohio Public, Ohio Private, Out-of-State
- Grants, Institutional Scholarships, Other Aid

## General Tips

- **Start Early**
- **Talk to your Guidance Counselor & Financial Aid Department**
- **Ask Questions**
- **Track & Follow-Up**
- **Work Smarter – Not Harder**
- **Say ‘Thank You’**
- **Re-Apply**
- **Know the Options**



# **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Do I need to reapply?**

**Is there a financial need appeal process?**

**Do your scholarships ONLY go to graduating high school seniors?**

**Are graduate and doctorate students eligible to apply?**

**Can I apply for a specific scholarship fund?**





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