



Scholarship Applicant Frequently Asked Questions

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 Office of Admissions and Records at 217-786-2298, extension 5.

Will I have to pay back a scholarship?

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

What is financial need? Do I have to apply for federal financial aid?

While all applicants are encouraged to apply for federal assistance, the Foundation uses a broader definition of need. If you have a special circumstance that hinders your ability to pay for college, you have financial need. You are not required to apply for federal financial aid to be eligible for a Foundation scholarship. Many people who do not qualify for federal aid may qualify for a Foundation scholarship.

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) base on a 4.0 scale established by the donor. Our scholarships range from a 3.25 GPA to a 2.00 GPA. Some scholarships do not require any minimum GPA, but may have other criteria.

Do I need to choose which scholarships I apply for?

No, only one application is necessary. Using the information that you provide, you will be matched with and considered for each scholarship for which you are eligible.

What makes a scholarship application complete?

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

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

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 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 it to the LLCC Admissions Office?

Your scholarship application is not complete unless the High School Certification form and transcript are submitted to the LLCC Foundation.

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. Scholarship recipients are sent a contract that they must sign and return.