



Applicant Frequently Asked Questions

When are scholarship applications accepted? What is the deadline to apply?

Each year, the scholarship application period typically begins December 1 with a deadline of March 1. Be sure to check our website for the most accurate information. In fairness to all applicants, we do not accept applications after the deadline.

Do I have to be admitted to LLCC to apply for scholarships?

Yes. You will need to sign up for a scholarship account using the email address that LLCC has on file for you. If you use an email address other than the one on file with LLCC, **you will not be able to access the scholarship application.**

Do I need to choose which scholarships I apply for?

No. There is one online application for all scholarships. By submitting a complete scholarship application, you will be automatically matched to scholarships for which you are eligible, based on the criteria established for each scholarship.

What makes a complete scholarship application?

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

- Completed online application with personal statement
- Recommendations from two references
- High school transcript, college transcript or GED scores

Who can I ask for the two required references?

We suggest you ask individuals who are familiar with your educational goals/career plans and can rate your character, such as teachers, faculty, staff, mentors, coaches, employers, etc. **Do NOT ask family members or friends.**

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

No. 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.

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.

Who can apply?

Any LLCC student, or any student who plans to attend LLCC, can apply. We have scholarships available for both full-time and part-time students, students in all types of programs and students of all ages.

When will I know if I will receive a scholarship for the 2018-2019 academic year?

After the March 1 deadline, all complete scholarship applications are carefully reviewed. We will have no additional information until mid-May when we will notify applicants if they have been awarded or not.

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

Yes. You must submit your high school transcript (7th semester) with your online application.

What if I graduated from high school a long time ago (or from an out-of-state high school) and can't get my 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.

Can I complete a paper application?

No. We require everyone to complete the application process entirely online. If you need assistance or have special needs, contact Lori Smith at 217.786.4502 or lori.smith@llcc.edu.

How will I receive my scholarship award?

Scholarship awards will be applied to your LLCC account and will be divided equally between the fall and spring semesters.

I didn't know about the application deadline. What should I do?

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