

## Clackamas Community College Foundation Scholarship FAQs

- 1) How do I apply for a scholarship? How do you accept applications?
  - a. We accept applications online. There are more than 250 scholarships available with one application. Please visit our scholarship website [at this link](#) to submit your application.
- 2) How much money does the Clackamas Community College Foundation give out in scholarships?
  - a. We award about \$1,000,000 a year in scholarship funding. The average award amount in 2023 was \$2,238.58.
- 3) Do I need to be a student at Clackamas Community College to receive a scholarship?
  - a. Yes, you must attend CCC or plan to attend CCC to qualify for a scholarship. Funds from Foundation scholarships are not transferable to any other college.
- 4) Which students are eligible to receive a scholarship?
  - a. CCC scholarships are available for students who will be taking classes to pursue a certificate or degree. International students are eligible to apply as long as they are pursuing a certificate or degree here at CCC and will be taking classes at one of our campuses. Children of benefit-eligible employees of CCC are not eligible to receive a scholarship due to the tuition assistance program that is offered to them.
- 5) How are scholarship recipients awarded?
  - a. Scholarship recipients are selected based on the merit of their applications and associated materials. We look at several different variables for every award. After applications are matched with scholarship opportunities, we consider your responses to the short answer questions, life circumstances, credits, and GPA. Scholarship essays are scored by our readers. Our readers utilize a rubric that is designed to minimize bias and maximize clarity on scoring.
- 6) I received a scholarship, what happens next?
  - a. All recipients are required to accept their scholarship(s) by submitting an online thank you by the deadline in their notification. Students who do not meet this requirement will forfeit their scholarship offer(s).
- 7) Do I need to complete my scholarship in one sitting?
  - a. No, you certainly do not! Our system will autosave your application as you work on it. Take your time to complete the application. You can start it one day and work on it in phases.
- 8) Once I submit my application, how will I know if I won an award?
  - a. We review applications after the scholarship application closes. Your essays will be reviewed over a two-week period, and then awarding decisions will be made. For our Spring round, we typically notify applicants of awarding decisions in May. For our Fall application period, we typically notify applicants of awarding decisions in late November. Notifications are emailed to the student's CCC email address. Recipients must complete the post-acceptance process and agree to the conditions of the award to receive the funds.
- 9) How can I improve my scholarship essays/short responses?
  - a. Visit the CCC Writing Center! The tutors there are happy to help you work through the writing process to build your essays. You can make appointments [here](#).
  - b. Attend a scholarship workshop! Visit [here](#) to see the dates and locations for workshops.

- c. Take a scholarship essay writing class. WR 127 is a tuition-free course offered by the English Department during Fall and Winter terms.
- 10) Do I need to complete the FAFSA to apply for a scholarship? Do I need my parents' income information for my scholarship application?
  - a. No, you do not need to complete the FAFSA or ORSAA to apply for a CCC Foundation scholarship. The Foundation always encourages students to complete these to see if they are eligible for federal or state grants, but your scholarship application does not require either. The Foundation does not need your or your parents' income for the scholarship application.
- 11) I was awarded a scholarship last year. Do I still need to apply for scholarships for this upcoming academic year?
  - a. Yes. Every scholarship is unique. While some might be renewable, many of our scholarships are not. By reapplying, you are putting yourself back in the running for your current scholarship and you are also allowing yourself to earn additional scholarships.
- 12) I was awarded a scholarship. How do I receive the money?
  - a. Funds awarded are applied to your student account. If you were awarded during our Spring application cycle, your scholarship will be applied during the Fall, Winter, and Spring terms for the subsequent academic year. If you were awarded during our Fall application cycle, your scholarship will be applied during the Winter and Spring terms for the current academic year. Receiving scholarship funds is contingent on the student's ability to continue to meet the requirements of the award outlined in the award letter.
- 13) I received a scholarship from another organization. How can I have that applied to my account?
  - a. Have that organization write a check to Clackamas Community College and mail it here:
    - i. Clackamas Community College  
Attn: Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships  
19600 Molalla Ave  
Oregon City, OR 97045
- 14) I didn't receive a scholarship when I applied last year. Should I reapply?
  - a. Yes! Scholarship awarding is a challenging process. We receive many applications and unfortunately are not able to award scholarships to everyone. Generally speaking, one in three scholarship applicants is awarded.
- 15) Does the CCC Foundation require reference letters?
  - a. No. The Foundation recognizes that obtaining reference letters brings an unnecessary barrier that can impact a student's ability to access a scholarship.
- 16) I was told by Financial Aid that their funds cannot pay for classes that are not connected to my degree. Does a Foundation scholarship have the same requirements?
  - a. Every Foundation scholarship has an enrollment requirement, but that is based on course credits and GPA. Foundation scholarships do not typically require a student to take certain classes. (Some exceptions apply, most notably with scholarships connected to field trips)