

Frequently Asked Questions

BCCF Scholarship Applications

Is there any specific information that I need prior to applying for a scholarship?

Yes. Please look through all the information supplied to you and read the instructions carefully. If you do not follow instructions exactly your application may not be considered for a scholarship.

Is there a required application form?

Yes. Your application must be submitted on the application form on our website. The correct form will have the Community Foundation logo on the top of the first sheet along with the year the application is valid. The application will also ask you to fill in the name of the scholarship for which you are applying.

Should I include a cover sheet with my application?

No. The application includes the necessary information on the first page for Community Foundation staff and committee members to track, review, and process your application.

Must I submit multiple copies of my application for each scholarship?

Yes. The scholarship committee review committee has several members, and each member have their own copy to have adequate time to review your application. Applications without the correct number of copies will not be accepted.

Should I redact (black out or remove) my social security number from my transcript if it is included?

Yes. Since your application is being distributed to community committee members for review, we cannot guarantee the privacy of any information that you supply. We suggest that you remove private information, such as social security numbers, from all documents you provide.

Should I have someone else proof-read my application for spelling mistakes and grammatical errors?

Yes. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis. The better you present yourself as someone who will be successful in college, the greater your chance of being awarded a scholarship.

Should I place my scholarship applications into folders?

No. We remove applications from binders, folders, etc. when forwarding applications to review committees. Anything you supply along with your application, becomes the property of the Community Foundation.

I am an adult looking for a scholarship to help me further my own education. Where should I start?

Currently Community Foundation scholarships are only available to graduates of Branch County Schools. If you are an adult who graduated from a Branch County school then please click on the link for your school. The scholarship listing will advise you if the scholarship is also available for adults.

What is a letter of intent?

Some scholarships may require a letter of intent. Please include information regarding how you plan to use the scholarship, what school you will be attending, what course of study you are pursuing, and what you plan to accomplish with your degree upon graduation.

What is a career pathway?

The State of Michigan has six career pathways. These are defined as the following:

- **ARTS & COMMUNICATIONS**

Careers related to humanities and performing, visual, literary and media arts. Includes architecture, graphic, interior, and fashion design; writing; film; fine arts; journalism; languages; media; advertising; and public relations.

- **BUSINESS, MANAGEMENT, MARKETING, AND TECHNOLOGY**

Careers related to the business environment. Includes entrepreneurship, sales, marketing, computer information systems, finance, accounting, personnel, economics, and management.

- **ENGINEERING/MANUFACTURING AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY**

Careers related to technologies necessary to design, develop, install, and maintain physical systems. Includes engineering, manufacturing, construction, service and related technologies.

- **HEALTH SCIENCES**

Careers related to the promotion of health and treatment of disease. Includes research, prevention, treatment and related health technologies.

- **HUMAN SERVICES**

Careers related to economic, political, and social systems. Includes education, government, law and law enforcement, leisure and recreation, military, religion, child care, social services, and personal services.

- **NATURAL RESOURCES AND AGRI-SCIENCE**

Careers related to agriculture, the environment, and natural resources. Includes agricultural sciences, earth sciences, environmental sciences, fisheries, forestry, horticulture, and wildlife.

How do I contact the Community Foundation if I have any further questions?

Community Foundation staff are here to help you with your scholarship application process. Email us at grants@brcofoundation.org

You can contact us by phone at (517) 278-4517. If you leave a message include your question along with your name and return phone number.