

Frequently Asked Questions

Is it possible to be awarded more than one scholarship?

Yes, you can apply to all the scholarships for which you are eligible and can be selected as a recipient for any or all.

How do I apply?

You may browse the Universal and Separate Process Scholarship listings on our website for information on the eligibility, selection criteria and timeline of each scholarship fund. Applications become available online in November. Before filling out an application, you will need to create an account in our online scholarship portal. Please note that the Universal Scholarships Application is a two-step process. Upon submission of the Universal Scholarships Application you will be prompted to complete additional steps for each scholarship that you qualify for. You must individually submit each scholarship that you qualify for in order to be considered for that scholarship.

What are the application deadlines?

The deadline for most GTCF Spring Scholarship opportunities is **February 11 at 5:00 PM EST.**

The deadline for the Owens Corning Employee Scholarship and Owens Corning Foundation Dependent Scholarship is **March 1 at 5:00 PM EST.**

The deadline for the Junior Achievement Scholarship is **April 15 at 5:00 PM EST.**

The deadline for most Summer scholarship opportunities is **June 8 at 5:00 PM EST.**

The deadline for the TJGA Scholarships is **June 11 at 5:00 PM EST.**

****Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all 3rd Party requests are submitted by the deadline. LATE AND INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

What can my scholarship be used for?

The scholarships are for any educational expenses: tuition and fees, books and supplies, and on-campus room and board, unless otherwise stated in the scholarship criteria. Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the institution.

When will I be notified?

All Spring applicants will be notified by May 15. All Summer applicants will be notified by July 8. Both denial applicants and scholarship recipients are notified by email.

How are letters of recommendation submitted?

Each application requesting a recommendation letter provides instructions to complete the request. Recommendation letters must be uploaded by the recommender. Applicants may submit their applications before the recommendation letters are uploaded, but applicants are responsible for ensuring that all recommendation letters are submitted by the deadline.

How are the scholarship decisions made?

A panel of community volunteers (committee members) appointed by Greater Toledo Community Foundation's Board will meet after the deadline to review all applications and select recipients based on the criteria established by the donors. On average, over 2,500 students apply each year and we award over 400 scholarships to students from more than 70 scholarship funds.

If I am awarded a scholarship, what are my responsibilities?

Once scholarship recipients have made their decision on where to attend school, they must complete the follow up form assigned to them in the online scholarship portal by July 8. Scholarship recipients must continue to abide by all the scholarship criteria during the period of time covered by their scholarship, barring illness or emergency.

****All Renewal and Possible Renewal Recipients must reapply each year to be considered for renewal.**

How will I receive my scholarship payment?

One check for the full awarded scholarship(s) amount will be mailed directly to your accredited post-secondary institution in late July, provided all forms are completed by the due date. Your financial aid office can anticipate receiving your scholarship payment in early August. Depending on the mail and your school, it may take a few weeks for them to process your scholarship and apply it to your student account. If your fall semester final payment deadline is prior to August 10, you may want to ask your financial aid office to expedite applying your scholarship payment to your student account.

**** Recipient instruction sheets can be found on our websites in the FORMS link on our scholarship page.**



STUDENT RESOURCES

ACT Assessment

ACT.ORG

The ACT® is a curriculum- and standards-based educational and career planning tool that assesses students' academic readiness for college.

Avoid Scholarship Scams

FINAID.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS/COMMON/

Advice on how to identify scholarship scams, how to distinguish between legitimate and fraudulent organizations, how to protect yourself from scholarship scams; and what to do if you are scammed.

College Board

COLLEGEBOARD.ORG

Find scholarships, other financial aid and internships from more than 2,200 programs, totaling nearly \$6 billion. Register online for various tests including the SAT, view and send your scores, and find other information including exam dates and fees.

The Common Application

COMMONAPP.ORG

With one application, apply to any of more than 700 member colleges and universities in 49 states, the District of Columbia, and many other countries.

FASFA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

FAFSA.ED.GOV

The office of Federal Student Aid provides grants, loans and work-study funds for college or career school.

FastWeb

FASTWEB.COM/COLLEGE-SCHOLARSHIPS

Search and apply for scholarships that match your strengths, interests and skills.

Federal Stafford Loan

STAFFORDLOAN.COM

Federal Stafford Loans are a form of federal student loans for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in college at least half-time.

FinAid

FINAID.ORG

FinAid is a comprehensive source of student financial aid information, advice and tools.

Ohio Department of Education

EDUCATION.OHIO.GOV

Learn more about graduation requirements and tools, scholarships for students to attend private schools (K-12), and college and career planning.

Test Dates Central

TESTDATESCENTRAL.COM

Find information about the major standardized tests which are only given on certain dates throughout the year.



Forms

[Applicant Instructions](#)

[Scholarship Recipient Instructions Sheet](#)

[Scholarship Recipient Instructions Sheet - Owens Corning](#)

[College Budget Form Sample](#)

[Activities Sheet Sample](#)