

Scholarship Application Tips



Don't rule yourself out.

Scholarships are not limited to class valedictorians and star athletes. They are awarded based on a variety of criteria.

Follow directions.

Carefully read the application instructions. Applicants are eliminated quickly from the process for not following directions. Also, pay attention to deadlines. Missing a deadline is a sure way to become disqualified.

Brainstorm.

Don't dive in head first. Think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts before you start writing. This is your time to build a strategy of how you will WOW the scholarship judges.

Check for errors.

Make sure your grammar and spelling are impeccable. Ask someone to proofread your application before you submit it.

Sing your own praises.

Emphasize activities that show your talents and passions, especially things that demonstrate your ability to lead, take initiative, and care for your community. Don't underestimate yourself - employment and family responsibilities can say a lot in your favor as well.

Apply, apply, and apply.

Apply for as many scholarships as you qualify for. Even small awards can be helpful in covering costs, such as books.

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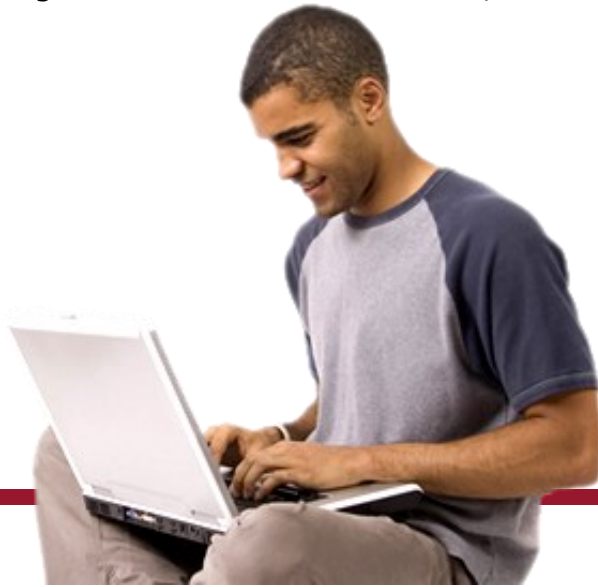
Thanks to the generosity of individuals, companies and organizations, the Central Lakes College Foundation awarded approximately **\$350,000 in scholarships** to deserving and qualified students last year. The purpose of a scholarship is to assist students in meeting the cost of tuition while attending CLC.



Application Deadlines:

Fall Semester 2019 – June 1, 2019

Spring Semester 2020 – November 1, 2019



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Frequently Asked Questions



Who is eligible for scholarships?

Any incoming or current student may apply.

When is the application deadline?

Scholarships are awarded twice per year. The deadline to apply online for fall semester is June 1 and for spring semester it is November 1. Scholarships are not offered for summer term.

Do I need to apply each semester?

Yes, scholarships are not automatically recurring.

What kinds of scholarships are available?

By submitting one application, students are considered for any and all scholarships where eligibility criteria are met. The criteria vary widely among the many different scholarships available. You may qualify for a scholarship based on your program of study, high school attended, GPA, or many other qualifying factors. It all depends on the individual scholarship.

How much are the scholarships?

Scholarship awards vary in amounts. You may receive more than one scholarship based on your eligibility, qualifications, and financial need.

Does everyone receive the same amount of scholarship award?

No. There are a number of factors that may affect the amount awarded.

Will a scholarship affect my financial aid?

Scholarships may impact other forms of financial aid. Loan assistance is adjusted first, whenever possible. Work-study positions may also need to be adjusted when a scholarship is awarded.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will review and rate all eligible applications. When final selections are made, you'll be notified through your CLC email account. Important note: you are responsible for either accepting or declining your scholarship award by logging into your CLC Foundation scholarship account at <https://clcmn.academicworks.com>.

All scholarship recipients are required to electronically submit a thank you letter as well as a recent photo through the scholarship system. The CLC Foundation will then forward your letter and photo to your scholarship donor(s).

What scholarships are available outside of the CLC Foundation?

There are scholarships available through many different sources. The CLC Foundation is notified of a few local private scholarships and the information is posted and listed as "External Opportunities" on our scholarship system. Check with organizations that you or your parents are involved with. Often, employers, banks, and other institutions offer scholarships to an employee's family member and/or to group members.



To Do:

- ☐ Apply and be accepted into a CLC Program of Study as an undergraduate (PSEO students are not eligible for scholarships)
- ☐ Register for a minimum of 6 credits per semester at CLC
- ☐ Complete the FAFSA (recommended, not required) at www.fafsa.gov (Free Application For Federal Student Aid)
- ☐ Apply each semester you are enrolled in order to be considered for scholarships

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