



***F.A.M.I.L.Y. Foundation 4 Learning***  
***Family for the Advancement of Matriculation In Learning Youth***

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F.A.M.I.L.Y. Foundation 4 Learning Educational Scholarships will be awarded annually to high school graduates for educational expenses at accredited post-secondary school institutions of education. Applications must be received by April 1, 2021, 12 Midnight.

<b>Scholarship Criteria</b>
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The following are the criteria that the student must meet in order to qualify for a scholarship:

- Applicant must have no prior college enrollment.
- Applicant must be graduating in the current year with a minimum scholastic GPA of 2.5.
- Applicant must provide proof of enrollment in an accredited post-secondary school institution of education.
- Applicant's total family income cannot exceed four times the Federal Poverty Level for the number of family members living in the household for the current year.  
(See URL: <https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>)
- Applicant must meet the citizenship eligibility requirements of the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**
- Applicant must be in the process of completing or have completed an application for the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).**
- Applicant must provide their **Data Release Number (DRN)** and a copy of their **SAR (Student Aid Report).**
- Applicant must provide full household financial disclosure including other financial assistance.

**Other important information:**

If the applicant is awarded a scholarship, they must maintain all qualification requirements each year. Failure to qualify will cause elimination from the program. Applicants who do not receive an award can reapply in 12 months if there is still no prior college enrollment.

<b>Awards</b>
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1. Each grant will total \$1,200 in value to be awarded in 4 installments over four years.
2. \$250 first year, \$300 second year, \$300 third year and \$350 last year.
3. There are no stipulations as to how the funds can be used.
4. Grants will be awarded in the continental United States of America.
5. The number of scholarships awarded is based on available funding. Additional sponsors will increase the number of awards.
6. An Achievement Bonus may be awarded to the top qualifier when certain conditions are met.
  - a. The candidate must attain the highest rating of all applicants in our evaluation process.
  - b. That highest rating must exceed a rating standard.
  - c. Graduating GPA must exceed 4.0.
  - d. The value of the award will depend on available sponsorship.
  - e. The nature of the Achievement Bonus will be determined by the needs of the recipient.
7. The funding process will not begin until all authentication data is received.
8. Funding may take up to sixty days after receipt of all authentication data.



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<b>Evaluation Process</b>
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1. Application packages will be evaluated by the Education Committee using the “Blind Review” process. The identity of the applicant is known only to the “Coordinator” and is not published until final awards are made by the Family Foundation Board of Directors.
2. Specific criteria approved by the board of directors will be used to evaluate applications.
3. Upon completion of the review process, the finalists will be forwarded to the board of directors with recommendations for final approval.
4. Identity of applicants will remain anonymous until the board of directors has voted on the final recipients.
5. Application Packages are evaluated based on need, academics and total quality of package in that order. Specific categories evaluated:
  - a. Applicant’s need for assistance
  - b. Financial Resources for college (including Federal Pell Grant eligibility amount)
  - c. High School Transcript (academics)
  - d. Essays (two are required and rated on content, organization, vocabulary and language use, grammar usage and mechanics)
  - e. Letters of recommendation
  - f. Volunteer work and community service
  - g. Honors and awards
  - h. Extracurricular Activities
  - i. Quality of the total application package
6. Upon evaluation, each category will receive points within a specific range. The maximum possible score is 100%. A minimum score of 75% is generally acceptable but not required to qualify for an award.
7. Final decision on awards is made by the Family Foundation 4 Learning Board of Directors.