

Chary Family Scholarship 2027-2028 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Chary Family Scholarship was generously established in 2025 by Mr. Marc Chary and supported by the Chary Family Scholarship Endowment. The purpose and focus of this scholarship fund is to provide scholarship support for qualified Black students, with demonstrated financial need, who are pursuing a post-secondary education.

Eligibility Criteria

1. Applicant must be an African American high school senior graduating from a high school in Beaufort, Colleton, Jasper or Hampton Counties in the South Carolina Lowcountry.
2. Applicant must be a legal resident of Beaufort, Colleton, Jasper or Hampton Counties in the South Carolina Lowcountry. A preference may be given to applicants who are residents of Hilton Head Island.
3. Applicant must show evidence of acceptance and plans to attend an accredited college, university, or technical school with a plan to complete a 2-year, 4- year or certificate program.
4. Applicant must demonstrate strong financial need.
5. Applicant must show evidence of outstanding academic and personal achievements.
6. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale.

Application Requirements

1. A completed online scholarship application. This scholarship considers financial need in addition to other criteria, be certain to fill out the online application questions pertaining to financial need.
2. Typed essay (500 words) about your educational and career goals, and how this scholarship could be of benefit to you in accomplishing these goals.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, sent via third party email from a school counselor or teacher.
4. One letter of recommendation completed by adult non-family members, sent via third party email from the references.
5. Submission Summary from the FAFSA - showing Student Aid Index or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.
6. For the 2027-28 academic year, in lieu of an interview with the scholarship selection committee, each applicant must upload a link to a video in which they tell the committee about the secondary education institution they would like to attend and what they expect to get out of their upcoming freshman year.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	Deadline	March 8, 2027

Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.