



THE DOUGLAS K. FLETCHER SCHOLARSHIP 2026-27 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Douglas K. Fletcher Scholarship was created to fund supplies, equipment and textbooks needed by students to be successful in a college program. The scholarship is supported by the Douglas K. Fletcher Scholarship Fund which provides support for qualified applicants attending the University of South Carolina Beaufort or the Technical College of the Lowcountry.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications are open to all students who meet the following requirements: There are two application deadlines: **August 1 and January 1** of each year. Scholarship limit: \$500.

1. Applicant must be a resident of Beaufort, Hampton, Jasper, or Colleton County, South Carolina.
2. Applicant must be the first in the family to attend college.
3. Applicant must be enrolled as a full-time student at the University of South Carolina Beaufort or the Technical College of the Lowcountry and taking a minimum of 12 hours per semester.
4. **Applicant must have completed a minimum of 15 credit hours.**
5. Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0

Application Requirements and Procedures

1. A completed online scholarship [application](#)
2. This scholarship provides support for supplies, equipment and textbooks.
3. A typed statement (500 word minimum) answering the following questions:
 - a. Why is a college education important to you?
 - b. What are your aspirations?
 - c. What do see yourself doing in 5 years?
4. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades, full-time enrollment status, and 3.0 GPA requirement.
5. Selected finalists may be asked to participate in a phone or personal interview with the Douglas K. Fletcher Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	\$500	Deadline to Apply	August 1, 2026, or January 1, 2027

Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients. Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: supplies, equipment and text 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.