

**Drs. Keith and Monica Taylor Family's Scholarship
2027-28 Guidelines**

Scholarship Information

The Drs. Keith and Monica Taylor Family's Scholarship Fund was generously established at Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in 2021 by Drs. Keith and Monica Taylor. The purpose and focus of this scholarship fund is to provide scholarship support for qualified African American 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 public or private high school in Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton or Colleton Counties in South Carolina.
2. Applicant must be a U. S. Citizen and legal resident of Beaufort, Jasper, Hampton or Colleton Counties in South Carolina.
3. Applicant must show evidence of acceptance and plans to attend an accredited 4-year college or university.
4. Financial need will be taken into consideration.
5. Applicant must show evidence of outstanding academic and personal achievements.
6. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale.
7. Applicant should have a score equivalent to or better than the state average on tests designed to measure aptitude for college (e.g., SAT, ACT).

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 autobiography including information about your family, work experience, community involvement, hobbies, spare time activities, and what you hope to do in the future.
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. Two letters 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. A completed financial need form for applicants may be requested.
7. Selected finalists must attend a personal interview with the Drs. Keith and Monica Taylor Family's Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	Deadline	March 8, 2027
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	How to Apply	Visit our scholarship page on our website for application

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.