COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE LOWCOUNTRY

Fred and Susan Breidenbach Scholarship 2027-2028 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Breidenbach's moved to the South Carolina Lowcountry in 1993 when Fred left a 25-year career with General Electric to become President and Chief Operating Officer of Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation. During Fred's GE career, the Breidenbach's lived in Albuquerque, NM; Cincinnati, OH; Burlington, VT; Pittsfield MA; Moorestown, NJ and Hong Kong. Both Fred and Susan are quick to say that while they have been fortunate to live in many beautiful locations, it took only a short time for the Lowcountry to capture their hearts. Susan, a graduate of Millersville University in Pennsylvania, formerly taught Spanish and French at the secondary level before "retiring" to raise their two sons. Fred received an engineering degree from Penn State University and a Master of Business Administration from Xavier University in Cincinnati.

Fred states many times that Gulfstream's competitive advantage is the "can-do" attitude of the employees. Both Fred and Susan strongly feel that a solid education is critical for the success of young people. They are delighted to sponsor up to five college scholarships every year for the sons and daughters of Gulfstream employees…for it was those employees who willingly did what was asked during the extremely difficult "turnaround" years of 1993 and 1994, when the company's survival was at stake.

The Susan and Fred Breidenbach Program was established to recognize and honor academic excellence among high school students who show a high level of commitment toward completing their post-secondary education.

The annual scholarship selection process is administered by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry, Inc. through an independent advisory committee and awarded based on academic achievement, leadership, extra-curricular activities, and financial need.

Eligibility Criteria

All high school seniors or full-time college students who are sons or daughters (natural, legal, adopted, and stepchildren or wards who are full dependents for tax and benefit purposes) of full-time, retired, or deceased Gulfstream employees who will enter an accredited institution of higher education in the United States (or an eligible institution in Mexico) no later than the start of the next academic year may apply. The applicant must have a **GPA of 3.0 or higher** to be eligible. The employee-parent must have completed one year of employment prior to the application deadline date. A parent must meet the above criteria when the scholarship is awarded.

Application Requirements

1. A completed online scholarship application. **Financial need is not a requirement for this scholarship but is a factor in determining the amount of the award.** ***Only complete applications will be considered. Be certain to fill out the online application questions pertaining to financial need in addition to uploading ALL required documents.***
2. Typed essay (not to exceed 1000 words) explaining how this scholarship will assist in achieving academic and career goals, including why your education is important to you in achieving your academic and personal goals, what you are passionate about, and how you plan to continue your life-long learning, as described in the application.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, uploaded into application or delivered to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry by deadline date.
4. Pages 1 and 2 of the applicant's and the applicant's parent(s) or guardian(s) most recent federal tax return, uploaded into the online application.
5. Submission Summary from FAFSA - showing Student Aid Index or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.

6. Two recommendation letters, one completed by a high school counselor or teacher and one from another adult non-family member, uploaded into the application or delivered to Community Foundation of the Lowcountry by deadline date.
7. SAT/ACT scores must be uploaded into the application on or prior to the deadline date.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	**How to Apply**	Click Here
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	**Deadline**	March 1, 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.