



HELENE STOLLER SCHOLARSHIP 2026-27 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The Helene Stoller Scholarship Fund was generously established in September 2023 by Dr. Helene Stoller. The scholarship provides post-secondary scholarship opportunities for students with strong financial need, outstanding academic achievements, and who plan to pursue a post-secondary degree in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are those who meet the following application requirements:

1. Applicant must be a high school senior graduating from a public high school in Beaufort or Jasper counties in South Carolina.
2. Applicant must be a legal resident of Beaufort or Jasper County.
3. Applicant must show evidence of acceptance and plans to attend an accredited college or university.
4. Applicant plans to pursue a degree program in one or more of the four main STEM academic areas: Science, Technology, Engineering or Math. *Preference may be given to female applicants.*
5. Applicant must show evidence of outstanding academic achievements.
6. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent on an alternate scale) and a class ranking in the top 10%.

Application Requirements

1. A completed online scholarship application.
2. Typed essay (approximately 500 words) explaining the applicant's interest and plans to pursue a career in one or more fields of Science, Technology, Engineering or Math; and how this scholarship will assist the applicant in achieving their academic and career goals. The essay should be saved as a separate document and uploaded into the scholarship portal.
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. **Student Aid Report** from the FAFSA, indicating financial need and showing Expected Family Contribution or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.
5. Applicant *may* (optional- not required) provide a copy of their ACT or SAT test scores for further evidence of academic achievement. Student copies are acceptable.
6. One recommendation letter from a non-family member completed and uploaded into the online application via 3rd party email.
7. A resume or CV highlighting academic achievements, along with noting any extra-curricular or work activities.
8. Selected finalist may be asked to attend a personal interview with the Helene F. Stoller Scholarship Endowment Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post-Secondary	How to Apply	Click Here
Award	Varied	Deadline To Apply	March 2, 2026

Selection of Recipients: The Helene Stoller Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Funds will be awarded to cover educational costs, including but not limited to: 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 will 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 for which they have been selected. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, updates as required by the scholarship acceptance terms, 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.