

**Mary and Wayne Zanetti Scholarship
2027-28 Guidelines**

Scholarship Information

The Mary and Wayne Zanetti Scholarship Fund was generously established at the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry in 2021 by Mary and Wayne Zanetti. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to *Jasper County residents pursuing post-secondary education or training at an accredited trade or technical school. The scholarship is open to eligible Jasper County residents up to age 28, with preference given to graduating high school seniors.*

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants are those who meet the following:

1. Be a legal resident of Jasper County, South Carolina, and be no more than 28 years of age at the time of application.
2. Be a U.S. citizen.
3. Be accepted to or planning to attend an accredited trade or technical school.
4. Plan to pursue a degree, certificate, or credential through an accredited trade or technical school.
5. Demonstrate financial need.
6. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or the equivalent on an alternate scale.
7. Preference will be given to graduating high school seniors from Jasper County.

Application Requirements

1. A completed [online scholarship application](#).
2. A personal statement describing the applicant's educational and career goals and explaining how this scholarship will help them achieve those goals.
3. An official copy of the applicant's most recent academic transcript. **Graduating high school seniors should provide a transcript. Applicants who have previously attended a post-secondary institution should provide their most recent applicable transcript.**
4. A copy of the FAFSA Submission Summary showing the applicant's Student Aid Index (SAI) for consideration by the Scholarship Advisory Committee.
5. Selected finalists may be required to participate in a personal interview with the Mary and Wayne Zanetti Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Trade or Technical School	Deadline	March 8, 2027
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	How to Apply	Please see 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.