



Community Foundation of Shelby County

General Scholarship

Application Guide 2021

- The Community Foundation Scholarship applications are completely online at www.commfoun.com
- 2021 General Scholarship Application for high school seniors deadline is **February 11, 2021**.
- 2021 General Scholarships Application for adults, current college students and some high school seniors is **June 3, 2021**.
- Skills Scholarship deadline is **March 11, 2021**. (Please see Skills Scholarship Application Guide 2021)

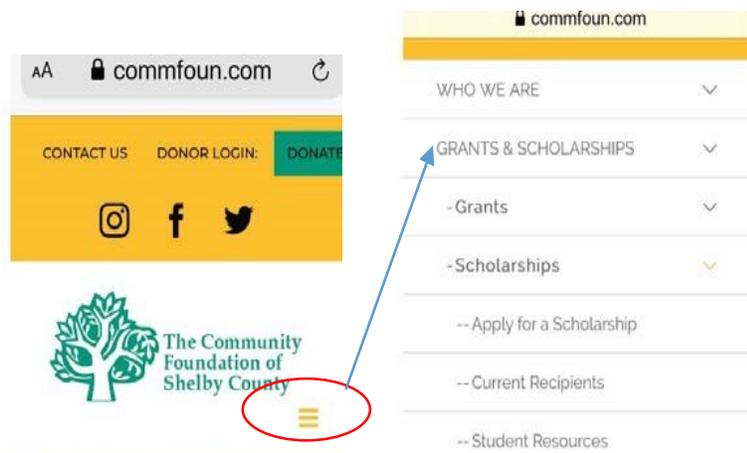
How can I prepare to complete the application?

You will need this information to complete your applications

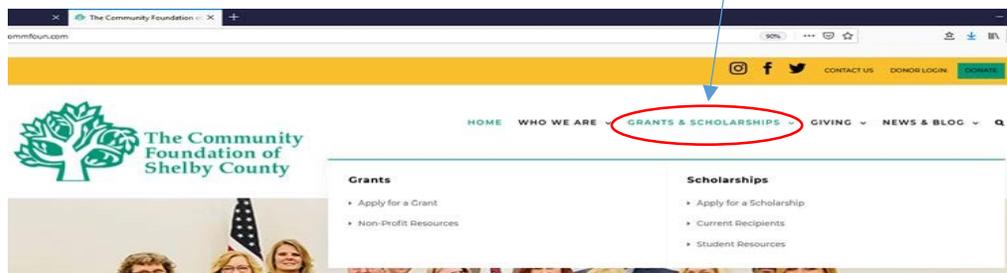
- In what school district do you live?
- In what county do you live?
- What is your cumulative grade point average?
- Your high school and/or college transcript
- High school students may electronically request their transcript from their guidance office from within the application.
- A list of school and community service activities.
- Letters of Recommendation (1-3 letters are required) - These may be electronically requested from within the application.
- Your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) from the FAFSA form. Not all scholarships require this information.
- College cost of attendance information. This information is available in the Admissions or Financial Aid sections of your college's website. All scholarships require the recipient attend an accredited college, university, or technical school.

General Scholarship Applications

If you are using a mobile device, you can find the application link under the three yellow bars at the top right corner of the page. Click on the three yellow bars and the menu will dropdown. Hit the dropdown arrows (not the words) to open the next menu showing "Grants & Scholarships," then "Scholarships," then click on the words "Apply for a Scholarship"



If you are using a laptop, you will find it under the Grants & Scholarships tab.



Directions to work through the application:

- Begin by clicking the green **Begin Search** button. After you complete the matching questions, a group of scholarships will appear. A little information on each scholarship appears. Click the box for each scholarship that you wish to apply. Then click the green **'Save to My Applications'**. You will now need to create an account.
- Once you have created your account, you will find a listing of **'My Applications'** in the upper right hand corner.
- Click on your first scholarship and start working on it. Make sure each application you open is starting on page 1. If not, go to the Instructions area on the right hand side and click 'Instructions'.
- If you need to stop working on the application and come back to it later, save and log out under your name in the top right hand corner.
- When you log back in and click on the scholarship application, click the green **'Edit Application'** button in the right hand column.
- After you submit your first application, go to the **'My Applications'** in the upper right corner to start working on your next application.

Here are some screen shots to assist you in completing the application:

- Once you have clicked on the link on the Apply for Scholarships page, the screen below will appear.
- Begin by clicking the green **Begin Search** button.



After you click “Begin Search” answer the matching questions. Some of these questions will be asked again on the first scholarship application you complete.

2021 Community Foundation of Shelby County (Ohio) Scholarship Common Application

Please answer the following questions to find programs that match your profile. You don't need to answer any questions that are not required, but the more questions you answer, the better the results will be.

I am currently *

Please click the radio button next to the high school you are graduating from or have graduated from... (Upper Valley Career Center students pick your associate school.) *

Do you attend Upper Valley Career Center? *

After you complete the matching questions, a group of scholarships will appear. Click the box for each scholarship that you wish to apply. Then click the green ‘Save to My Applications’.

2021 Community Foundation of Shelby County (Ohio) Scholarship Common Application

Program Search Results

Returned 4 based on your search. [Search Criteria](#).

Check the Select box next to each program for which you're interested in applying. When you're ready, click Save to My Applications to save your selections and begin completing each application.

- 2021 Adam E. Huelskamp Scholarship Fund High School Senior**
Deadline: February 11 2021 at 11:59 PM EST (Midnight)
This scholarship is for students who are graduating from high school and have been participants in 4H and/or FFA for a minimum of 4 years. High School students in Shelby, Auglaize and Mercer Counties in Ohio are eligible to apply.
[View Details](#)
- 2021 Harry Emley and Mary Joslin Bennett Scholarship**
Deadline: February 11 2021 at 11:59 PM EST (Midnight)
A high school senior who resides in and attends a school within Shelby County (Ohio) and who wishes to study an agriculture major. (Examples: Ag Education, Ag Business, Agronomy, Animal Science, Horticulture).
[View Details](#)
- 2021 IUTIS Club Scholarship**
Deadline: February 11 2021 at 11:59 PM EST (Midnight)
The IUTIS Club Scholarship is for a high school senior who participated in the IUTIS Club boys softball program for at least four years.
[View Details](#)

[Save to My Applications](#) [Back to Search](#)

You will now need to create an account. If you already have an account do not create a new one. You only need to sign in.

Sign In Create New Account

Create New Account

First Name *

Last Name *

Email *

Confirm Email

Do you wish to receive text message notifications?

Yes

No

Password *

Confirm Password

I agree with the SmarterSelect [Terms of Use](#).

Submit

Sign In Create New Account

Sign into your Account

Email Address

Password SHOW

Sign In

Sign in with Google

Forgot your Password?

Please use an email address that is checked regularly. This is the address we will use to contact you if we have any questions about your application. **Do not use an email that was provided by your high school.** After you graduate you may not have access to this email.

Once your account is created, you will find a listing of **'My Applications'** in the upper right hand corner. Click on your first scholarship and work through its application. You will answer some of the same questions you answered on the matching page, but only for the first scholarship. After that, you will only answer any specialized questions that go with the scholarship you are applying for.

My Applications [Return to Search](#)

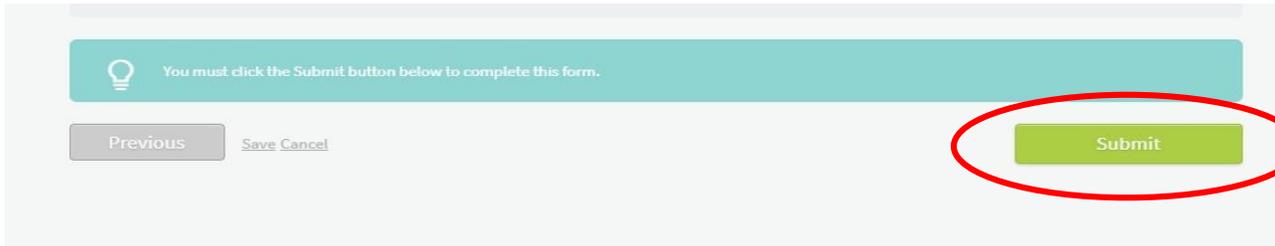
Search

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Program	Status	Deadline	App ID	Last Modified
2021 Adam E. Huelskamp Scholarship Fund High School Senior	Not Started	02/11/2021	2939302	Nov 11 2020 11:15
2021 IUTIS Club Scholarship	Not Started	02/11/2021	2939304	Nov 11 2020 11:15

When you have completed the application and have **ALL** the necessary information and attachments (EFC, transcript, extracurricular activities, work experience, letters of recommendation) on your application, click on the "Submit" button to apply for each scholarship.

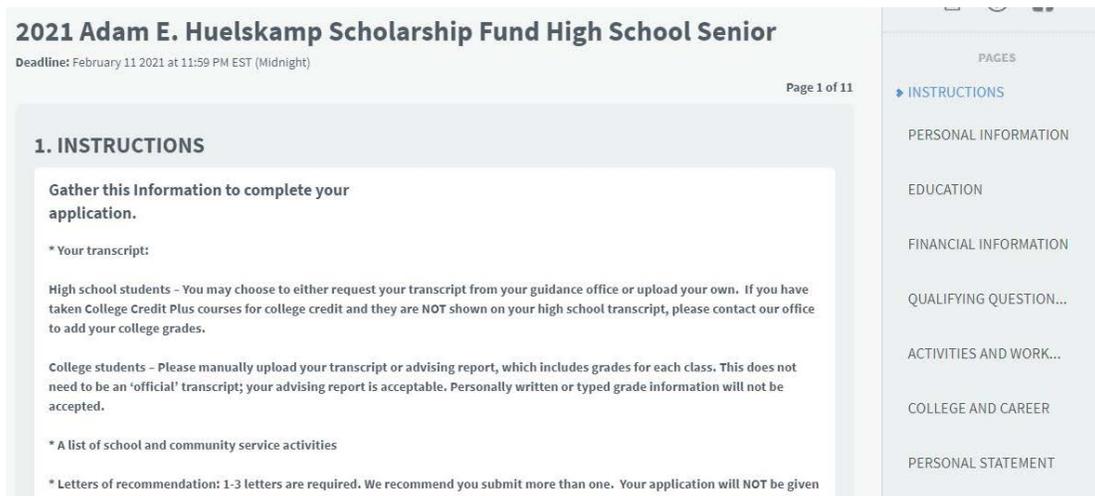
Keep returning to the [My Applications](#) section until you have submitted each possible application on your dropdown list.



Helpful Tips and Information

Make sure each application you open is starting on page 1. If not, go to the Instructions area on the right hand side and click 'Instructions'.

If you need to stop working on the application and come back to it later, save and log out under your name in the top right hand corner.



If you have completed all required areas of the application and have clicked the [Submit](#) button, you will receive an emailed acknowledgment that you have completed that application.

If you are missing information and it was not submitted, you will see a page similar to the example below. The red words indicate required information that you have not yet supplied. Either save and return to the application when you have the needed information or complete the information and click **Submit**.

2021 Adam E. Huelskamp Scholarship Fund High School Senior

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There are errors preventing this application from being submitted. Pages containing errors are highlighted on the right in red.

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11. Additional Essay

Essay

How has 4H or FFA prepared you for your future and how has it helped you realize your potential? *

Min words required: 100 | Max Number of Words: 200

PAGES

- INSTRUCTIONS
- PERSONAL INFORMATION
- EDUCATION
- FINANCIAL INFORMATION
- QUALIFYING QUESTION...
- ACTIVITIES AND WORK...
- COLLEGE AND CAREER
- PERSONAL STATEMENT
- RECOMMENDATIONS
- CERTIFICATION AND R...

Additional Essay

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

Those who know me

RECOMMENDATIONS

Submit at least one (1) but not more than three (3) letters of recommendation by the application's deadline date. A letter of recommendation is a written reference from teachers, employers, club advisors, clergy, or other non-relatives who can write about your character or suitability for your chosen major or career. Please ask your recommender to include their name, their occupation or organizational affiliation to you.

It is your responsibility to make sure you have at least one letter of recommendation. Please use a standard file format. We must be able to open any letter you attach. (Pdf is the preferred format).

Letters of recommendation may be submitted in any combination of three different ways.

OPTIONS:

1. By attaching letter(s) of recommendation. (pdf is the preferred format).
2. By US mail or personal delivery to the CFSC office.
3. By email, by using an automatic request form on the next page.

I UNDERSTAND MY APPLICATION IS NOT COMPLETE WITHOUT AT LEAST ONE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION BY THE APPLICATION'S DEADLINE DATE. I initial acceptance of this statement. *

This question is required.

The part of the application that will not allow you to submit will show in the right column in red. Click on each red area. The page containing unfinished question(s) will open, allowing you to complete the missing information. Then, look for the **Submit** button at the bottom of the page and click. Once submitted, go back to your **My Applications** area and start the next application.

Remember, each application must be submitted by clicking the **Submit button at the end of each application.**

What to do if you are unable to click the Submit button on the Matching Questions or the Unique Application:

1. Scroll all the way to the bottom of the application and look for a button that says NEXT.
2. Click the button and it will take you to the next page of the application.
3. On this page you will be able to click the SUBMIT button to submit your scholarship.

Logging Back in to Complete an Application:

When you log back in and click on the scholarship application, click the green **'Edit Application'** button in the right hand column.

After you submit your first application, go to the **'My Applications'** in the upper right corner to start working on your next application.

Letters of Recommendation:

A word of caution: Your application is not complete without the submission of at least one letter of recommendation from a teacher, coach, advisor, employer or other non-family reference. You can submit the application without any letter attached, but if the Community Foundation of Shelby County does not have a recommendation letter by the application deadline, your application will not be considered for scholarships.

You have three options to submit a letter of recommendation:

1. Attach a letter to your application by uploading it. (shown on the screenshot above)
2. You or your recommender can mail, email or deliver a letter to the Community Foundation by the deadline. We will attach the letter to your application.
3. You can enter a recommender's email address and the online application system will automatically send an email requesting a letter of recommendation.

We encourage you to have more than one recommendation in case one of your recommenders fails to submit by the deadline. It is your responsibility to ensure there is at least one letter submitted. Letters can give information about you that might not be obvious on your application. Besides, one of your recommendation letters might appeal to the scholarship selection committee and it might tip the decision in your favor!

For additional help, please go to our website at commfoun.com. See the Apply for a Scholarship tab and read the Frequently Asked Questions section for answers to questions posed by other applicants. We are also happy to help before the deadline. Please email jsmith@commfoun.com or call (937) 497-7800 weekdays between 8:00am and 5:00pm.