Community Foundation of Shelby County General Scholarship Application Guide 2024

High School Senior Scholarship deadline is **March 14, 2024**
Skills Scholarship deadline is **March 14, 2024**

Step 1 – Create your scholarship account at –
https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfscscholarship
OR in 'Apply for a Scholarship' under Grants & Scholarships at www.commfoun.com

- Add an email address and create a password. Please **DO NOT** use the email address provided by your high school, because we can't contact you after you graduate!

Step 2 – Complete the Preliminary Application

- This step asks questions that match you to available scholarships.
- Click "Yes" or "No" to the question that asks, "Do you wish to apply for scholarships that require your FAFSA SAI (Student Aid Index)?" If you click **Yes**, all possible scholarships are shown to you. If you click No, fewer scholarship are available to you.
- Your Applicant Dashboard shows a list of your potential scholarships.

Step 3 – Complete any additional information and click Submit for each Scholarship. You will need the following.

- Transcript – Request this from your Guidance Counselor within the application website.
- A list of your school and community service activities.
- Letters of Recommendation (1-3 letters are required) Make sure you personally ask for a letter from teachers, club advisors, coaches, employers and any other non-family member.
- Cost of attendance - How much it will cost for you to attend college? 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 trade or technical school.

Make sure all of your applications are complete and submitted before the deadline. Nothing will be accepted after the deadline.

FAFSA
You will be eligible for more scholarships if you complete the FAFSA.

- Start the process by going to this link - https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

Other benefits of completing the FAFSA application

- You may receive Federal Pell Grants and Financial Aid and Scholarships through your college.
- You may qualify for Federal Student Loans, which have better interest rates.
- You may be eligible for Forgivable Student Loans.