



2023 Scholarship FAQ's

Do I have to be a member of California Coast Credit Union to apply for a scholarship?

- **High School Scholarship Applicants:** Either yourself or a parent/guardian must be a member in order to be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Cal Coast Cares Foundation. You can become a member by opening a free [checking](#) or [savings](#) account.
- **Foster Student Scholarship Applicants:** While being a member is encouraged, it is not a requirement to receive a scholarship from the Cal Coast Cares Foundation. You can become a member by opening a free [checking](#) or [savings](#) account.

Is there a fee to apply for a scholarship?

- Applying for a Cal Coast Cares Foundation scholarship is free.

What type of documentation is required to verify that I am attending a college or university?

- If you are awarded a scholarship, we will ask for you to submit your student ID number and proof of your acceptance/enrollment to an accredited college or university in the Fall semester.
- Former foster youth that have received a Cal Coast Cares Foundation scholarship in the past are eligible for two years of scholarship funding. Applicants **do not** need to submit another application, but must provide an Official College Transcript demonstrating a cumulative college grade point average (GPA) that is equivalent of at least 2.5 on a scale of 0 - 4.0.
- Applicants must also provide proof that he/she is enrolled in at least nine (9) units at an accredited college or university.

What are the academic or grade point average (GPA) requirements to apply?

- **High School Scholarship Applicants:** A weighted cumulative high school grade point average, or equivalent, of at least 3.0 on a scale of 0 - 4.0.
- **Foster Student Scholarship Applicants:** A weighted cumulative high school or college grade point average, or equivalent, of at least 2.5 on a scale of 0 - 4.0.

When will applicants be notified?

- Typically, applicants are notified around the end of May/beginning of June.

I am already in college, can I still apply for a scholarship?

- **High School Student Scholarship Applicants:** Applications are only available to high school seniors entering their first year of college.
- **Foster Student Scholarship Applicants:** Former foster youth that have received a Cal Coast Cares Foundation scholarship are eligible for two years of scholarship funding. Applicants ***do not*** need to submit another application, but must provide an Official College Transcript demonstrating a weighted cumulative college grade point average that is equivalent of at least 2.5 on a scale of 0 - 4.0. Applicants must also provide proof that he/she is enrolled in at least nine (9) units at an accredited college or university.