

2024 Scholarship FAQ's

Q: 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 <u>checking</u> or <u>savings</u> 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 <u>checking</u> or <u>savings</u> account.

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

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- If you are awarded a scholarship, we will ask you to submit your student ID number and proof of your acceptance/enrollment to an accredited college or university for 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.

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

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

Q: When will applicants be notified of their application status?

> Typically, applicants are notified at the end of May/beginning of June.

Q: 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 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.

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