

2025 Community Foundation of Lorain County Scholarships

Community Foundation of Lorain County

General Application

Application Process

- **Auto-Save Feature:** Your progress will **auto-save** as you complete the application. You can close it at any time and sign back in later to continue working.
 - **Submission:** **Your application will not be submitted until you click the **Submit** button at the end.**
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After Submitting:

- Once you click **Submit**, you can:
 - View your application status.
 - Review the answers you saved.
 - **Important:** You will **not** be able to edit your application after submitting.
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Additional Requirements:

- Some scholarship opportunities may require:
 - Extra essays or documentation.
 - Completing and resubmitting that portion of the application.

Demographic Information:

We do not discriminate based on gender identity, ethnicity, or race. The information provided is used for matching applicants with opportunities, demographic analysis, and to meet donor intent for specific opportunities. Community Foundation staff will be the only people with access to this data.

Please also note that if you are uncomfortable answering these questions, it's perfectly fine to answer "Prefer not to say" or "Let me tell you". Because some scholarships have eligibility criteria for specific demographic groups, you may be ineligible for those opportunities.

Gender*

Choices

- Identify as Male
- Identify as Female
- Identify as Nonbinary
- Prefer not to indicate
- Let Me Tell You

Let me tell you my gender:

Character Limit: 250

Ethnicity and Race*

Please select all that apply to you.

Choices

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Hispanic or Latino
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- Prefer not to indicate
- Let Me Tell You

Let me tell you my ethnicity and race:

Character Limit: 250

What county do you reside in?*

Choices

- Lorain County
- Ashland County
- Cuyahoga County
- Erie County
- Huron County
- Medina County
- Other

If you answered "Other County" please indicate your county below.

Character Limit: 250

Which city/township do you reside in?*

Some scholarship opportunities are specific to your residence. If your city/township is not listed, please select "None of the above".

Choices

- Amherst
- Avon

- Avon Lake
- Elyria
- Lorain
- North Ridgeville
- Oberlin
- Vermilion
- None of the above

Adult Learner*

An Adult Learner is considered a person who has had a gap in their academic education. They will have graduated from high school in 2020 or earlier.

Choices

- Yes
- No

Student Level*

Enter your Student Level for the 2025-2026 school year.

Choices

- College Freshman
- College Sophomore
- College Junior
- College Senior
- Graduate Student
- Medical School Student
- Career/Trade/Technical/Business Student

Check all boxes that apply to you.*

NOTE: If you select that you or a relative is an Honorably Discharged Veteran, additional questions and documentation will be required.

Choices

- I plan to attend a college/university/career/technical school in Ohio
- I plan to attend LCCC/University Partnership
- I am an Honorably Discharged Veteran
- I am an Honorably Discharged Veteran's child, grandchild, niece or nephew
- I am a relative of Elyria West High School Alumni, Faculty, or Staff.
- None of the above

GPA - Unweighted*

Please enter your most recent Unweighted GPA. Medical Students ONLY - please enter 0.0

Character Limit: 20

College/University/Trade School in which you are enrolled or you have applied to.*

If not enrolled yet, please list the school(s) you are accepted to or considering.

Character Limit: 250

College/University/Trade School Acceptance Letters*

High school and graduate school applicants should attach their acceptance letters, if available. **Please Note: Only one file can be uploaded. Please combine all pages into one document.**

File Size Limit: 1 MB

What is your Major?*

Note - pre-professional programs (such as pre-med or pre-law) are not majors, they are an academic interest. Please enter your major.

Choices

Accounting
 Agriculture and Natural Science
 All Fields of Medicine (NOT Medical School)
 Animal Science/Veterinary
 Arts (Performing Arts/Fine Arts)
 Business and/or Entrepreneurship
 Criminal Justice
 Dental/Dental Hygiene
 Education
 Electrical Engineering
 Engineering (other than Electrical)
 Journalism, Communications or other related degree
 Literary Studies
 Mathematics
 Medical School (accepted or presently attending)
 Ministry
 Nursing
 Science
 Trade/Industrial (for example; Building, Manufacturing, Culinary, Automotive, Cosmetology)
 Other area of study not listed
 Undecided

Other Major/Field of Study

If you answered "Other area of study not listed" above, please indicate your Major below.

Character Limit: 250

Financial Need

Some of our scholarships require the student to demonstrate financial need. We use the Student Aid Index from FAFSA to help us to evaluate financial need. Community Foundation staff will be the only people with access to this data. This information will not be shared with scholarship reviewers.

SAI (Student Aid Index) - FAFSA*

Applicants must complete their FAFSA filing for the 2025-2026 school years and obtain the estimated SAI (Student Aid Index) through the FAFSA website.

Character Limit: 6

FAFSA Documentation*

Please upload either the completed FAFSA screen showing the SAI (Student Aid Index) or the confirmation email received when it's finished. Be sure that your upload shows your SAI. If you cannot obtain an estimated SAI through FAFSA, please get in touch with us at 440.984.7390.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

How many people in your household will be attending a college or university in Fall 2025?*

Character Limit: 25

Are you a first-generation college student?*

A first-generation college student is someone whose parent(s) or guardian(s) did not complete a baccalaureate degree.

Choices

Yes

No

Activities and Work Experience*

Please indicate which of the following you have participated in (check all that apply).

Choices

Volunteer/Community Service

Extracurricular Activities/Clubs

Employment

Please provide detailed and thoughtful responses to extended questions, as we closely evaluate them.*

What is one "Cause" that matters to you?

If you could change or improve something in the world or your community, what would it be? How would you contribute to making this change? Please share **in detail** why this matters to you and how you would like to make a difference.

Response must be original and unpublished. AI can be used as a tool but the expectation is that the submission is original work of the applicant.

Character Limit: 1500

Share a Proud Moment*

Please share something that has made you feel proud or accomplished so our community volunteers can better understand your unique experiences.

Response must be original and unpublished. AI can be used as a tool but the expectation is that the submission is original work of the applicant.

Character Limit: 1500

Letter of Recommendation*

Letter of Recommendation Guidelines

- **Responsibility:** You are responsible for obtaining and submitting a letter of recommendation with your application.
 - You can **upload the letter yourself**, or
 - Your recommender can submit it directly on your behalf.
- **Follow Up:** Ensure your recommender completes and submits the letter on time.

Recommendations Should:

- Be written by **non-relatives** who can speak to your **character and experiences**.
- **Adult Students:** If you are already enrolled in a certificate or degree program, at least one reference must come from a **faculty member**.

Important Note:

- **Evaluation:** Community evaluators use the letter to gain insight into your background and experiences. The **content of the letter will not affect your eligibility**.

Question:

Who will upload the letter of recommendation?

Choices

Applicant (self)

Recommender

Additional Information

If there is any other information that you would like to give community readers to help them in evaluating your application, please let indicate below.

Character Limit: 1500

High School Students

Please select your high school*

If you attend Lorain County JVS or Early College, please select your Home District.

Choices

Amherst Marion L. Steele
Avon
Avon Lake
Brookside
Clearview
Columbia
Elyria
Elyria Catholic
Firelands
First Baptist
Home Schooled
Horizon Science Academy
Keystone
Lake Ridge Academy
Lorain
Midview
North Ridgeville
Oberlin
Open Door Christian School
Vermilion
Wellington
Other

"Other" High School

If you indicated "Other" for your high school, please note your high school below.

Character Limit: 250

Lorain County Joint Vocational School*

Do you attend Lorain County Joint Vocational School?

Choices

Yes
No

LCCC Early College High School*

Do you attend LCCC Early College High School?

Choices

Yes
No

High School Varsity Athlete*

Choices

Yes

No

Varsity Athlete for 2 or more years

Choices

Baseball

Basketball

Football

Soccer

Track and Field

Volleyball

Other

Other Varsity Sport

Character Limit: 250

Transcripts*

Transcript Requirements

- **What to Upload:** Submit a transcript from your current or most recently attended school.
 - **Unofficial transcripts are acceptable**, but they **must** include your cumulative GPA.
 - If you are a College Credit Plus student, upload your **high school transcript**.

Not Accepted:

- **Advising Reports, Grade Reports**, or other documents that do not include your cumulative GPA.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Letter of Recommendation: Upload

Please upload your letter of recommendation.*

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Adult Learner Information

Adult Learner Transcripts*

For Adult Students Only:

- If you are an adult learner, please upload transcripts from your current and/or previous educational institutions.
 - **Unofficial transcripts are acceptable**, including online transcripts.
 - **Cumulative GPA must be included** on the transcript.
 - **High school transcripts are not required.**

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Undergraduate Transcripts

Transcript*

Please upload your college transcript. It must include your cumulative GPA.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Additional High School Transcripts required for 2024 Graduates

If you are a 2024 High School graduate, you are required to also upload your High School transcripts.

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Scholarship Specific Questions

Post-Graduation Essay*

Please write a 500-word minimum essay answering: "What career do you want to pursue after graduation, and why?"

Character Limit: 6000

Leadership Essay*

Provide an essay addressing the importance of leadership in the community and positive impact you have made within your community.

Character Limit: 2000

Medical School Acceptance Letters*

Medical school applicants must attach their acceptance letters. **Please Note:** Only one file can be uploaded. **Please combine all pages into one document.**

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Medical Doctor Statement*

Provide an essay addressing the importance of becoming a doctor and the impact you will have within your community.

Character Limit: 6000

Writing Sample #1: Prose*

Please provide three writing samples: Prose, Poetry, Article or Short Story.

Character Limit: 1644 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

Writing Sample #2: Poetry*

Please provide three writing samples: Prose, Poetry, Article or Short Story.

Character Limit: 1644 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

Writing Sample #3: Article or Short Story*

Please provide three writing samples: Prose, Poetry, Article or Short Story.

Character Limit: 6000 | File Size Limit: 3 MB

DD214 Form*

Please provide a copy of the Honorably Discharged Veteran's DD214 form. To obtain the DD214 form contact LorainCountyVeterans.com

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Please indicate dates of service*

Character Limit: 250

Please note Veteran's name below*

Character Limit: 250

Please list Veteran's Lorain County address*

Character Limit: 250

What is your relation to Veteran?*

Character Limit: 250

Additional Questions*

Please submit a personal statement answering the following questions:

1. What is your background? What do you want us to know about you?
2. Why do you want to pursue higher education?
3. What are your personal and career goals?
4. How have financial challenges affected your life?

5. What is the reason for your chosen career path?
6. Explain the experience you have in shadowing people who are working in your chosen career. How many hours did you observe, and what did you learn?
7. Who has influenced you and why?
8. Describe an instance when you had to overcome a challenge and how you adapted and persevered.
9. Do you have any leadership experience? If so, please describe it.
10. How do you plan to create change with your career path?
11. Project to the future – what do you want your life to look like in 10 years?

Character Limit: 10000

KEEP - John R. Yates Scholarship*

Please upload a typed example of your writing.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

KEEP - Seth J. Sheldon Scholarship - Short Essay*

Please write a short essay explaining why you wish to be awarded this scholarship.

Character Limit: 3500

Volunteer/Community Service

Volunteer/Community Service

Please provide details about your community service, volunteer work, and/or religious activities:

- **High School Students:** Include activities from 9th grade to present.
- **College Students:** Include college activities only.

For each activity, provide:

- Volunteer Organization
- Total Hours
- Years Participated

| Volunteer Organization | # of Hours | Years of Involvement (i.e. 2022-2024) |
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Extracurricular Activities

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Please list your top 4 extracurricular activities, including non-varsity sports:

- **High School Students:** Include activities from 9th grade to present.
- **College Students:** Include college activities only.

For each activity, provide:

- Activity Title
- Years of Involvement
- Role or Level of Involvement

| Name of Activity | Years of Involvement (i.e. 2022-2024) | Role or Level of Involvement |
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Work History

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Please list your work history in the table below.

| Place of Employment | Dates of Employment |
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KEEP Scholarships

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The Keystone Educational Endowment Program is pleased to announce the availability of several academic scholarships.

Student ID*

Please enter your Student ID

Character Limit: 50

Weighted GPA

Please indicate your Weighted GPA.

Character Limit: 20

Writing Prompt*

Please choose ONLY 1 of the following prompts to write about.

- Describe a time when you solved a problem and the outcome.
- Describe a time when you demonstrated leadership and the outcome.
- Describe something about yourself that you wish for the committee to know.

Character Limit: 5000

Choir/Band/Orchestra Involvement*

Are/were you involved in choir, band, or orchestra during high school?

Choices

Yes

No

Choir/Band/Orchestra

If you answered yes above, please describe your choir/band/orchestra involvement.

Character Limit: 1000

Special Honors or Distinctions

List any special honors or distinctions your received in school and/or community.

| Honors/Distinctions | Date Received |
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Electronic Signature

STOP! Important Information Before Submitting

Reminder

This has been the **Universal Application**. Once you sign below and click **Submit**, you will receive a **Confirmation Page** listing:

- The scholarships for which you are eligible.
- Any scholarships requiring supplemental information (e.g., additional essays).
- **Next Steps:**
 - ♣ Click **Continue** on the Confirmation Page
 - ♣ If you qualify for additional opportunities, click on each listed scholarship to complete any required supplemental sections.
 - ♣ Use the **Save** button to hold your answers if you need to return later.

Important Submission Instructions

- Not all scholarships will require supplemental sections.
- For scholarships with additional requirements:

- complete the supplemental section.
 - Click **Submit** at the bottom of **each supplemental page** for your application to be considered complete.
 - **Eligibility Note:**
 - If your dashboard only shows "INSERT NAME OF THE UA NAME HERE" with no scholarships listed beneath it, you are **not eligible** for any scholarships at this time.
 - If you believe you should qualify based on our criteria (available on our website), please call the **Community Foundation at 440.984.7390**.
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Thank You

Thank you for applying to the Community Foundation of Lorain County scholarships. We appreciate your time and interest.

True and Accurate Statement*

I understand that some scholarship opportunities that I might qualify for have additional essays or documentation which are required to complete in order for my scholarship application to be submitted for those opportunities.

I confirm that this application is my original work, with AI used only as a supportive tool.

By typing in my name below, I agree that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Choices

I understand and agree.

Student Electronic Signature*

Please enter your full name below.

Character Limit: 250

Letters of Recommendation: Email

Email Address of Recommender*

Submit a Recommender's Email Address

- **Step 1:** Enter the email address of your recommender in the field below.
 - **Step 2:** Click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email requesting their support.
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What Happens Next:

- Your recommender will receive an email from "Community Foundation of Lorain County" containing a link to complete and submit the recommendation form.
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Sample Email Text:

If you'd like, you can **copy** and **paste** the following text into your email:

I would like to thank you for taking the time to submit a letter of recommendation. You will be receiving another email from "Community Foundation of Lorain County" which will include a unique link. This link will direct you on how to upload or submit your letter of recommendation. Thanks again for your time. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Character Limit: 254

Upload your Letter of Recommendation*

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Guidance Counselor

Guidance Counselor Email*

High School Students Only: Guidance Counselor Information

- **Enter Your Guidance Counselor's Email:**
 - Provide the email address for your guidance counselor in the field below.
 - **Send an Email**
 - Click "**Compose Email**" to send a personal request.
 - Your guidance counselor will receive an email from the **Community Foundation of Lorain County** with a link to complete the required form for your scholarship application.
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Optional Email Template:

If you'd like, copy and paste the following text into your email to help guide your counselor:

*Thank you for taking the time to complete this form as part of my scholarship application. You will soon receive an email from the **Community Foundation of Lorain County** with a unique link to the required form. Please follow the link to answer a few questions they've requested from you.*

If you have any questions or need assistance, feel free to reach out to me directly. Thank you again for your time and support!

Character Limit: 254

 **Grade Point Average, Unweighted***

Character Limit: 20

 **ACT Total Score**

Choices

31+

25-30

20-24

19 or lower

N/A

 **SAT Total Score**

Choices

1401+

1200-1400

1000-1200

999 or lower

N/A

 **Additional Comments**

Character Limit: 250

 **Guidance Counselor Electronic Signature***

Please enter your full name below.

Character Limit: 250