

CEF ²⁰²¹ **SCHOLARSHIPS**

Presented by the Carmel Education Foundation 

Who is eligible for CEF Scholarships?

Carmel High School seniors graduating in 2021 who plan to pursue higher education.

How many CEF scholarships are available?

More than 80 unique scholarships will be awarded, some of which will have multiple recipients. Scholarships range from \$500- \$6,000.

What kind of scholarships are available?

CEF scholarships are outlined in the [2021 CEF Scholarship Directory](#) and generally fall in six categories:

- athletic involvement (CHS and community);
- club, program, class involvement, or participation in an initiative (i.e. Make Good Decisions);
- performing arts involvement;
- college/university/technical school intentions (particular school and/or area of study);
- Carmel Clay Schools history (i.e. what schools you attended); and
- general community or school involvement.

When can I apply?

The application opens **Friday, December 18, 2020 and closes at 11:59 p.m. Friday, March 19, 2021**. There are no exceptions, for any reason, for late applications. The link to the application is on the CEF website:

<https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships>. Please use Firefox or Chrome browsers.

How do I apply?

Applicants will complete a **CEF General Scholarship Application (available December 18, 2020)** that is similar to a “common app”. It is advised that you review **all available scholarships** prior to starting your application to determine what you are eligible for- this will make the application process smoother.

- You will create an account using your first name, last name, and your email address (not a parent’s). Your name should match what you used on college applications.
- You will create a password to allow you to return to your application- please only create one application.
- Throughout the application, you will select criteria based on your involvement (i.e. participation in a club, sport, or attendance at a particular elementary school).
- Several scholarships require an essay. The essay questions and word limits are listed in the [2021 CEF Scholarship Directory](#). You only need to complete essays for scholarships you are eligible for. We advise that you type these ahead of time and paste them into the application. Evaluators will give priority consideration to those that have correct spelling, grammar and thoughtful content.

What will I need for the application?

- Student email address that is not a CCS address and that is regularly checked. All correspondence will utilize this address. Please do not use a parent's email address.
- A list, in priority order, of colleges/universities you have applied to. Prior to scholarship award decisions the CHS counseling department will verify what school you have committed to.
- A 7th semester transcript (NOT a report card). **Transcripts must be requested through Naviance between January 20th and March 15th, 2021.**
 - To request your 7th semester transcript, login to Naviance via the CCS student portal. Once in Naviance, click on "Colleges", then the "Colleges I'm Applying To" link > Click on "Manage Transcripts" > Click on the + (plus) button > Select "Other Transcript" > Select the appropriate options on the "Request Other Transcript" page including "Scholarship" and "Where are you sending the transcript?" Add your email address in this section > then Submit. A pdf of your transcript will be sent to the email address you included. NOTE: do not use your CCS email address, as you cannot receive mail to that account.
- If you qualify for scholarships that have financial need as a criteria (as noted on the description under the FAFSA column) please provide a pdf of your: **Student Aid Report (SAR)** including your **Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)** information from the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\) in Section 9 \(PDF format\)](#). FAFSA forms will only be viewed by Carmel Education Foundation staff for verification.

How many CEF scholarships can I receive?

You may receive one CEF scholarship. Our priority is to award recipients with the highest dollar amount scholarship from all scholarships you are eligible for.

Who selects recipients for each CEF scholarship?

For many scholarships, the family or organization that funds the scholarship helps select the recipient. For others, a committee representing Carmel Education Foundation board members and community members select recipients.

When will I know if I am receiving a CEF scholarship?

All applicants will be notified in mid-May as to whether or not they will receive a CEF scholarship. Students receiving an award will be invited to attend the CEF Community Scholarship Night at Carmel High School on May 20, 2021 (pending) where they will learn which scholarship they have received.

Who do I contact for questions?

Please reference the [CEF website](#) for all applicable links, and additional information. Questions may be directed to foundation@ccs.k12.in.us or 317-844-9961 x2680.



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