

Think you can't? Think again.

Graduate from college with **little to no debt.**

Fidelity Scholars Program is accepting applications.

- 2.5 - 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED
- Attend an in-state college or university
- Demonstrate financial need



Learn more

You could receive a scholarship and support to complete your degree.

Apply now to the Fidelity Scholars Program

Deadline: January 30.

To apply, visit: UNCF.org/FidelityScholars



Application for the 2025-2026 award year opened on October 1, 2024

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1

Underrepresented and historically underserved populations

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Aged 16-24 who reside in CO, DC, FL, KY, MA, NC, NJ, NM, RI, OH, TX

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Pell eligible and/or demonstrate financial need

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2.5 - 3.5 unweighted GPA or GED certificate

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Attend as an incoming 2025-26 freshman to a 4-year accredited college or university in the state that you reside



Ready to Apply?

Takes 40 min!

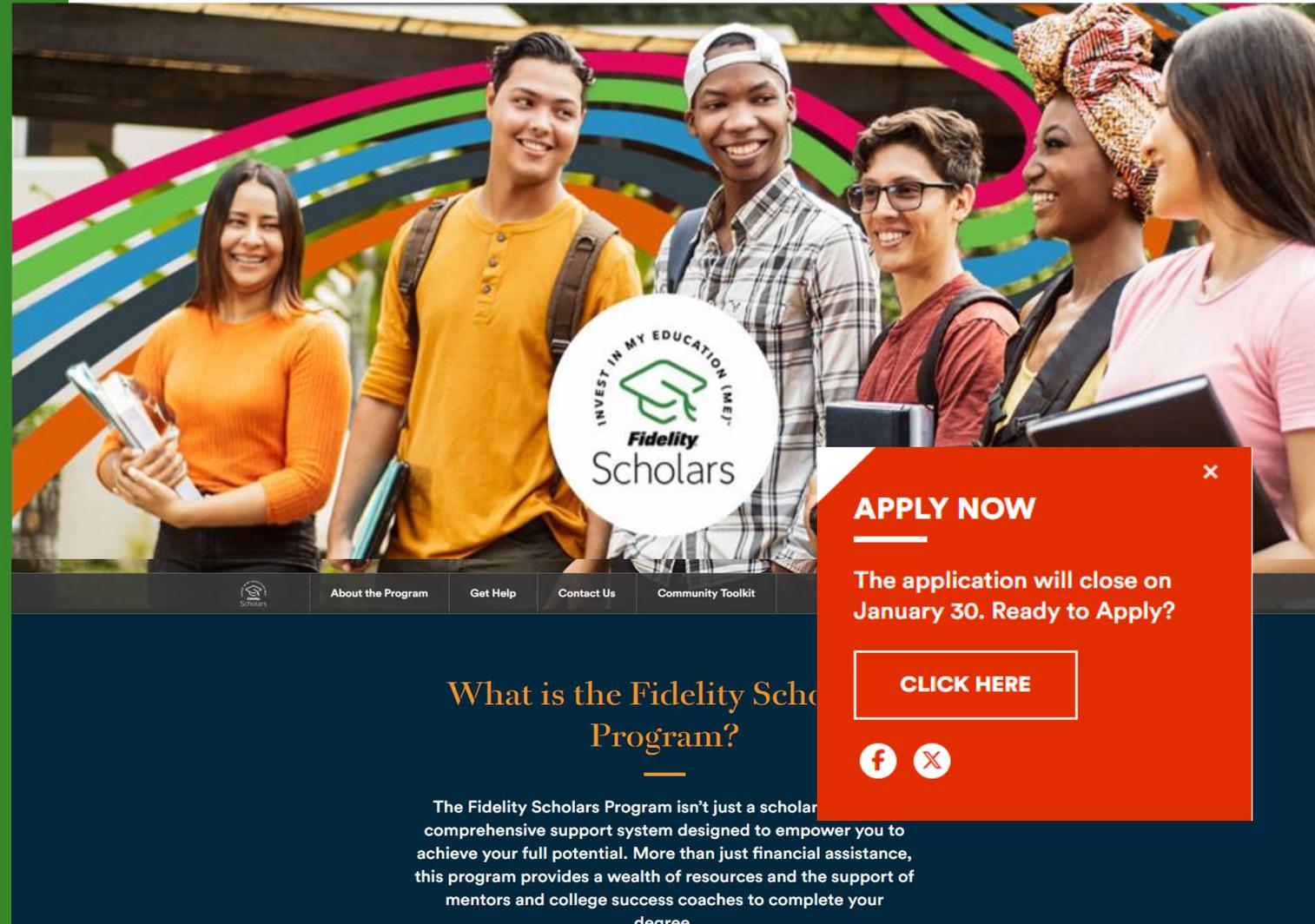
1. Visit [UNCF.org/FidelityScholars](https://uncf.org/FidelityScholars)

2. Log-in or Register to your UNCF Account

3. Apply to the 2025-26 Fidelity Scholars Program

Apply by January 30, 2025, at 11:59 PM ET

Questions? Email:
FidelityScholars@uncf.org



The screenshot shows the Fidelity Scholars website. At the top, there is a banner image of five diverse students (three men and two women) smiling and holding books. A circular logo with the text "INVEST IN MY EDUCATION (IME)" and "Fidelity Scholars" is overlaid on the image. Below the banner is a navigation menu with links: "About the Program", "Get Help", "Contact Us", and "Community Toolkit". The main content area has a heading "What is the Fidelity Scholars Program?" and a paragraph of text. A red overlay box on the right side of the page contains the text "APPLY NOW" and "The application will close on January 30. Ready to Apply?" with a "CLICK HERE" button and social media icons for Facebook and X.



Application Home Page

- Scroll down to view Supporting Documents
- Click "**Apply Now**" button to get started

Fidelity Scholars

2025-2026 Fidelity Scholars Program

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[Preview Forms](#) [Apply Now](#)

Download our application guides and FAQs fact sheet in the supporting document section below for assistance with getting started!

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About the Program

Last year, the Fidelity Scholars Program awarded more than 575 Scholars with over \$4 million in scholarships. Sixty-seven percent of them went on to attend college.

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Accomplishments

Leadership Details

Provide a minimum of 0 Leadership Detail and a maximum of 5 Leadership Detail

Honors and Awards Details

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Community Service

Provide a minimum of 0 Community Service and a maximum of 5 Community Service

Employment/Internship/Fellow Details

Provide a minimum of 0 Employment/Internship/Fellowship Details and a maximum of 5 Employment/Internship/Fellowship Details

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A mind is a terrible thing to waste

WELCOME TO OUR SCHOLARSHIPS, PROGRAMS, INTERNSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

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HOME WHO WE ARE GET INVOLVED OUR IMPACT FOR STUDENTS

Application | 2025-2026 Fidelity Scholars Program | 59.38% Completed | Application Progress

Personal Information Demographic Educational Status & History - Complete **Accomplishments** Essays File Attachments More ▾

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Leadership Details

Leadership is about how you step up in different parts of your life. Maybe you're taking care of siblings at home, helping out with family responsibilities, or working a part-time job and balancing school. Leadership can also mean stepping in to help organize a school event, being a role model for younger students, or even leading by example in your community or place of worship. Dig deep—your leadership story might be different, but it's just as important!

Honors and Awards Details

For honors and awards, don't worry if you don't have high honors or big academic awards. You can list things like Perfect Attendance, Most Improved in a subject, Student of the Month, or even a recognition from a teacher for your hard work or improvement. You could also include sports awards, club recognitions, or anything you've earned in extracurricular activities like debate, music, or art. Think about any moment where you've been acknowledged, no matter how small—it all counts!

Community Service

For community service, think about anything you've done to help others—like volunteering at a food bank, tutoring younger students, or assisting at school or church events. Even activities like coaching younger kids, participating in neighborhood cleanups, or helping with charity drives count as valuable service!

Employment/Internship/Fellow Details

For employment, internships, or fellowships, you can list part-time jobs like working at a retail store, fast food restaurant, babysitting, or lawn care. You can also include internships or volunteer work related to a future career, or helping with a family business. Any paid or unpaid work experience counts as valuable experience!



Essay

You can use any essay you've written!

- **Share an essay on any topic of your choice.** It can be one you have already written, or you may write a new essay that responds to a prompt of your choice. Type your essay in a Google or Word document and paste it into the essay box. Your essay will not automatically save if you leave this page.
- Your essay cannot exceed 3,000 characters (**about 500 words**). Characters include spaces, commas, periods, etc.
- If you are experiencing any errors with submitting your essay, double check that you are within the character limit.

The screenshot displays the 'Essays' tab in a user profile interface. At the top, navigation tabs include 'Personal Information', 'Demographic', 'Educational Status & History - Complete', 'Accomplishments', 'Essays', 'File Attachments', and 'More'. The 'Essays' tab is active. On the left, a sidebar shows 'Essay 1'. The main content area features a section titled 'Instructions' with a downward arrow, containing the text: 'Respond to the following prompt: share an essay on any topic of your choice. It can be one you have already written, or you may write a new essay that responds to a prompt of your choice. Type your essay in a Google or Word document and paste it into the essay box. Your essay will not automatically save if you leave this page. Your essay cannot exceed 3,000 characters (about 500 words). Characters include spaces, commas, periods, etc.' Below the instructions is a large text input field labeled 'Essay 1'. Underneath that is a 'Title' field. To the right of the 'Title' field is a dropdown arrow and an 'Add Essay 1' button. At the bottom right of the main form area are 'Cancel', 'Save', and 'Save & Continue' buttons. A modal window titled 'Add Essay 1' is overlaid on the main form. It contains a 'Title' field with the placeholder 'Enter value here...', the same instructions text, a rich text editor with a toolbar (font: Salesforce Sans, size: 12, bold, italic, underline, strikethrough, link, unlink, list, indent, outdent, undo, redo), and 'Cancel' and 'Save' buttons at the bottom.



File Attachments

Transcript

- Can be an unofficial transcript
- Must at least show all your Junior year grades

Recommendation Letter

- Must be uploaded as a PDF
- Must be from a non-relative
- Email attachments to:
ContactFidelity@uncf.org

Upload 60 Sec Video

- Upload a publicly accessible file

School Profile (Optional)

- Not required
- If your school has a CEEB Code, you will use that in this section

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Below the instructions, there is a form for uploading a transcript. It features a dashed box containing an 'Upload Files' button and the text 'or Drop Files'. Below this is a 'Description (Optional)' text input field with a placeholder 'Enter text here...' and a character count '0/300'. A blue 'Add' button is positioned at the bottom right of the form.



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Recommendation Letter

- Please upload a recommendation letter highlighting your strengths and why you should be selected for the Fidelity Scholars Program.
- The letter must come from a non-relative such as a teacher, guidance counselor, school administrator, club organizer, or coach. The letter must be on a letterhead, signed by the recommender, and include the recommender’s contact information.
- Recommendation letters will not be accepted via email (unless required by counselor).



Upload 60 second Video

- In the following section, you will be required to submit a video response to the prompt:
 - **How would graduating from college with little to no debt impact your life?**
- You will have 60 seconds to respond, and you are encouraged to take as much time as needed to prepare beforehand.
- We anticipate a response that is both thoughtful and comprehensive, reflecting careful consideration of the prompt.
- Please ensure that you record your video in a suitable location and are dressed in appropriate attire. This video serves as an opportunity for the Fidelity Scholars team to gain a better understanding of you as an applicant.
- We request that you do not use external aids, such as AI, to ensure that your response is genuine and truly representative of your own perspective. Be as creative as possible and show us your authentic self by producing a video that answers the prompt.
- **Videos must be saved as a .MOV file.** These videos can be recorded through TikTok, Instagram, or Apple products. After successfully uploading your video, click the blue ADD button to ensure your video has been attached.



60 Seconds to Shine: Standout Video Tips!

- **Be Yourself:** Let your personality shine through! Don't just focus on what you think the program wants to hear—share your authentic story about how graduating with little to no debt will impact your life.
- **Tell a Personal Story:** Use a personal example or experience to show what this scholarship would mean for you. Whether it's helping your family, achieving a specific career goal, or breaking financial barriers, make it personal and relatable.
- **Be Clear and Concise:** You only have 60 seconds, so make every second count. Practice delivering your message clearly and focus on answering the prompt directly—don't try to fit in too much information.
- **Be Creative with Your Approach:** Think outside the box! You could start with a quote, a brief anecdote, or even a visual aid like holding up a family photo or symbol that represents your goals.
- **Show Passion and Enthusiasm:** Let your excitement show! Speak with energy, smile, and show them why graduating with little to no debt would make a huge difference in your life and future plans.

Video Prompt:
How would graduating from college with little to no debt impact your life?



Fidelity Scholars Office Hours

The FSP Team is hosting virtual office hours sessions from now until January to assist students through the completion of their applications.

[RSVP Here](#)

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