



SUMMERVILLE MAYOR'S COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



Summerville Mayor's Committee Scholarship Guidelines 2026-2027

The **Summerville Mayor's Committee Scholarships** will be awarded to the most deserving individuals who can prove the need for higher education or vocational/trades training to develop or promote their skills for employment. All funds will be paid directly to the college/university or institution/provider of vocational training. The criteria for these scholarships follow:

1. Applicant/recipient must be a resident of Berkeley or Dorchester County.
2. Applicant must have current documentation of a disability. Acceptable documentation includes the following:
 - Current IEP – (Sections 1-5) cover page, present levels, accommodations/modifications, goals, and services,
 - Psychological Evaluation/Re-Evaluation within the last 3 years,
 - Medical record – If disability requires qualified professional medical care, must be signed by physician/medical provider (printout from patient portal will not suffice), or
 - Alternative documentation must be discussed and approved prior to submission
3. Applicants (for all scholarships except Skills for Success) must provide a copy of either a high school or college transcript or other recent grade report, whichever is most current, with the application.
4. Available scholarships and eligibility requirements:
 - **Berlin G. Myers Scholarship:** Applicants must be a high school senior in his/her last year in school with plans for a **4-year** post-secondary education/training.
 - **Summerville Mayor's Committee Scholarship:** Applicants may be either a senior in his/her last year of high school OR an adult 18 or older who is currently enrolled (planning to enroll) in a postsecondary institution or accredited vocational training program.
 - **June Sullivan Memorial Scholarship (Rotary):** Applicant must be out of high school, 18 or older, in need of additional education/training to enhance employment opportunities.
 - **Founders Scholarship:** Applicants may be either a senior in his/her last year of high school OR an adult 18 or older who is currently enrolled (or planning to enroll) in a postsecondary institution or accredited vocational training program. Or, the applicant may be pursuing a certificate/licensure type program that will provide training and skills necessary to enter the workforce and pass a certification/licensure test if necessary (i.e. cosmetology, barbering, EMT, nail technician, truck driving, medical assisting, etc.)
 - **Alex Rosche Memorial Scholarship:** Applicants must be a senior in his/her last year of school with plans for post-secondary education/training.
 - **Skills for Success Scholarship (\$1500):** Applicant must be pursuing a certificate/licensure type program that will provide training and skills necessary to enter the workforce and pass a certification/licensure test if necessary (i.e. cosmetology, barbering, EMT, nail technician, truck driving, medical assisting, etc.) **NOT AVAILABLE FOR COMPETITION 2026/2027**
5. Applicant must provide two (2) reference letters of support (can be from a teacher, employer, principal, counselor, clergy, mentor, and/or friend, excluding family members).

6. The university, college, technical school, or training facility must be accredited and approved by the Committee.
7. Applicant* must provide a short personal essay with topic “**How education/training will prepare me for the future.**” Requirements for the essay are as follows:
 - Must be in 12-point font, no more than 500 words, double spaced
 - Must include disability and how it has challenged or motivated you to develop post-secondary goals
 - Must identify your career and educational goals

****A former applicant/recipient can re-apply if he/she is maintaining a minimum of 12 hours per semester and a 2.0 GPA or greater and prepare an essay “How my training/education will impact my community.” Must be in 12-point font.**

8. Applicant must provide a cover page identifying the postsecondary institution/training facility and provide personal contact information including address, email, and phone number.
9. Application must be in the following order:
 - Cover page
 - Essay
 - References
 - Documentation of Disability
 - Transcript
 - Check List
10. Application packet must include initialed and signed checklist (pg.3)

Deadline for entries is **March 27, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** Application packets received after the deadline will not receive consideration.

Send entries to: Summerville Mayor’s Committee – Scholarship
P.O. Box 231
Summerville, SC 29484-0231
or email to: sandytownsend@bellsouth.net
or fax to 774-773-1314

For more information, please contact our webpage www.summervillemayorscommitte.com or (843) 810-9391 for Sandy Townsend (CassandraTownsend@FOCUSResources.net)

Scholarship Submission Checklist

Please closely review the following checklist to ensure your application packet includes all required elements, and that the packet follows the correct order for consideration. (Please initial each item on the checklist.) You are encouraged to have your packet reviewed by an adult prior to submission. Once your application packet is ready for consideration, please sign and date below, indicating that your packet has been carefully prepared, and that you have reviewed the checklist.

Checklist:

_____ Signed Scholarship Submission Checklist

_____ Cover Page including required information

_____ Essay

_____ References (letters)

_____ Documentation of Disability

_____ Transcript

I, the undersigned, agree that I have prepared this packet of information for consideration of scholarships awarded by the Summerville Mayor's Committee.

Student Signature

Date