

STUDENT

When does the application open?

The Collier Technical/Vocational Common Application is **open year-round**, and applications are reviewed on a rolling basis.

When is the application due?

- High school seniors should apply within one month of the program start date. Current post-high school students can apply any time
- You have 10 days from the time you start an application to complete and submit
- Scholarship must be used within six months from date awarded
- All required information/documentation must be provided for a student to submit the application and be considered complete

Where can I access the application?

- You can use the following link <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=cfccscholarship> or
- Scan the QR code provided
 - Be sure to select the **Collier Technical/Vocational Common Application**



What documents do I need to complete the application?

1. Unofficial Academic Transcript

- **High school seniors:** Upload a transcript that includes final fall semester grades from senior year
- **Recent high school graduate:** Upload transcript that includes final spring semester grades from senior year
- **Current college students:** Upload a your most recent transcript
- **GED earners:** Upload a copy of your GED certificate
- If you're unable to provide a transcript or GPA, you must explain why in the application
- **Note:** High school seniors usually receive final fall grades by **January 15. Do not submit your application until your transcript reflects these grades.**

2. Tax Documentation

- Submit **page 1 and page 2 of form 1040** from two years prior (needed to verify household adjusted gross income)
 - » **Dependent students** must provide parent/guardian tax documents
 - » **Independent students** must provide their own
- Unsure of your dependency status?
 - » <https://studentaid.gov/apply-for-aid/fafsa/filling-out/dependency>

3. Essay Response

- One essay on the following topic:
 - » **Personal Statement**

Do I need to submit the FAFSA?

- FAFSA is not required to apply for CCF scholarships, but we encourage all students to complete it to explore all available financial aid: <https://studentaid.gov/>

Are scholarships only for students with high GPAs?

- No, we offer scholarships for students with diverse academic backgrounds, interests, and goals
- Some awards are merit-based, some are need-based, and others are a combination of both

Should I reapply each year?

- Yes, to be considered for new awards, reapply every year you are eligible
- Some scholarships are renewable—if you're eligible for renewal, you'll receive instructions in the summer

Should I create a new account each year?

- No, always use the same account for all CCF scholarship activity
- You can update your contact details in your portal profile at any time

Why is parent/guardian info required?

- If you're considered a dependent student under FAFSA guidelines, parent/guardian personal and financial info is required

Can I view the application in another language?

- Yes, click the Google Translate option in the upper left corner of the application to view in your native language. All responses must be in English

If I receive a scholarship, where is the check sent?

- All scholarship funds are sent directly to your chosen institution after we receive your acceptance form and confirm enrollment

Will my personal information be shared?

- No, your personal details will not be shared with third parties for marketing or promotions
- You will be asked to sign a consent form so we can share relevant info with scholarship donors

How do I know if I'm eligible for specific scholarships?

- Once you submit your application, eligible scholarships will appear on your dashboard
- You can always track outstanding tasks under the "Action Needed" section of your portal

When and how will I be notified of decisions?

- Scholarship decisions are finalized by within 15 days of submission of the application
- You'll be notified via email and can also check your portal dashboard
- Make sure your personal email address, phone number, and mailing address are current, and check your inbox regularly for updates from CCF
- Chosen institution must be accredited and based in U.S. or affiliated with U.S.-based institution

QUESTIONS?

Students with questions about the scholarship application should contact one or both of the following...

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