CARMEL EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Who is eligible for CEF Scholarships?

Carmel High School seniors graduating in 2027 pursuing college, university, trade school or certification program.

How many CEF scholarships are available?

More than 80 unique scholarships will be awarded, some of which will have multiple recipients. Scholarships range from $650- $7,000.

What kind of scholarships are available?

CEF scholarships are outlined in the **2027 CEF Scholarship Directory** and generally fall in seven categories:

- General
- Community involvement, classes or initiatives (i.e. Make Good Decisions)
- Carmel Clay Schools history (i.e. what schools you attended)
- CHS Polytechnic or Trades
- Performing arts involvement
- Athletic involvement (CHS and community)
- College/university/trade or certification program/area major of study intentions

When can I apply?

The application opens **November 13, 2026 and closes at 5:00 pm on March 1, 2027**. 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/application-process. Please use Firefox or Chrome browsers.

How do I apply?

Applicants will complete a **CEF General Scholarship Application** that is similar to a "common app" using the Kaleidoscope platform. Please review **all available scholarships** prior to starting your application to determine what you could be eligible for- this will make the application process smoother.

- On Kaleidoscope, you will create an account using your first name, last name, and your email address (not a CCS email or a parent's email). **Your name should match what you used on college applications.**
- You will create a password to allow you to return to your 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).

- Based on the criteria you select, you will receive a list of scholarships you are eligible for after submitting your general application.
- Several scholarships require an essay, a recommendation letter, or audio/visual upload. If eligible for a scholarship that requires one of these, the name of the scholarship you are eligible for will start with "Essay Required" or "Recommendation Required"..
    - The essay questions and word limits are listed in the **2027 CEF Scholarship Directory**.
    - We advise that you type your essay response 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?

- Your email address (**not a CCS address**) and that is regularly checked. All correspondence will utilize this email address. Please do not use a parent's email address.
- A list, in priority order, of colleges, universities, trade or certification programs you have applied to. Prior to final scholarship award decisions, CEF will verify what school or program you have committed to.
- If you qualify for scholarships that have financial need as a criteria (as noted on the description under the FAFSA column in directory) please provide a screenshot/image of your FAFSA submission email or confirmation including the Student Aid Index (SAI) and your name from your 2027-2028 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application.
    - FAFSA application is open now - you may upload your screenshot/image at any time before March 1, 2027. FAFSA forms will only be viewed by CEF staff for verification.
        - *Note: If you want to be considered for scholarships that have financial need criteria, do not submit your application until you have your SAI info and have uploaded it to your application.*

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 to 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 early 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 25, 2027** 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 regarding the online application may be directed to https://help.mykaleidoscope.com/ or you can also email Help@mykaleidoscope.com. Questions about specific scholarships may be directed to **foundation@ccs.k12.in.us** or 317-844-9961.

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