



Scholarship Program Frequently Asked Questions

Congratulations on your scholarship award! We are happy to be able to support your higher education plans with the scholarship(s) that you earned from funds held at the Community Foundation *for* Oceana County (CFOC).

How do I claim my scholarship?

- You will need to accept your award online so we know where you're headed! An Acceptance and Information Form must be completed online at www.tinyurl.com/cfoaccept
- Acceptance forms received by **June 10, 2021** ensure that your award will promptly be submitted to your college or university.
- Your scholarship award(s) will be distributed equally between first and second semesters. If you have special circumstances (e.g. shorter program, early graduation, etc.), contact us.
- The amount of this award that exceeds the tuition and fees required to enroll, such as fees, books, supplies and equipment that are required for the courses will constitute taxable income. You may wish to consult your tax advisor to discuss any tax implications of receiving this award.

What if I don't complete my acceptance form by June 10th?

- Forms can still be submitted; however, the college/university may not receive this in time for your first payment due date.
- If you need to defer your scholarship (e.g. not enrolling until second semester, taking a gap year), contact us! These situations are handled on a case-by-case basis.
- Scholarships must be **claimed or deferred by November 15th** of the year that the scholarship is awarded or the scholarship will no longer be available.

What if I transfer or change my contact information? LET US KNOW!

- If you transfer to another college/university, withdraw early for any reason, or if anything changes in your enrollment status- let us know, we can help!
- If your home address, email address, or cell phone number changes- let us know! We need current contact information to be able to contact you.

How do I know if my scholarship is renewable? How do I renew it?

- Your award letter explains renewal possibilities in the first paragraph if your scholarship is eligible to be renewed in future years. You will need to maintain enrollment eligibility, including GPA.
- If your scholarship is renewable, you will be contacted via email in February next year to complete an online Renewal Form. Renewal forms are due by June 10 each year.

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