

The Beaufort County Law Enforcement Educational Scholarship
2019-20 Guidelines

Scholarship Information

The purpose of the Beaufort County Law Enforcement Educational Scholarship Fund is to provide post-secondary scholarships to assist qualified students who are children of individuals presently working, or worked, in the area of law enforcement in Beaufort County, South Carolina.

Eligibility Criteria

Graduating Beaufort County high school senior (or graduate of a Beaufort County high school) who is a legal resident of Beaufort County, demonstrating financial need, who has shown outstanding academic achievement and who has been accepted and will be attending an accredited college or university. Applicant must have at least one parent(s) who currently or previously worked in the field of law enforcement in Beaufort County, SC. Must demonstrate outstanding academic accomplishments along with involvement in community and/or extra-curricular activities. *Preference may be given to those applicants who have lost one or both parents while working in the area of law enforcement.*

Application Requirements

1. A completed [online scholarship application](#). This scholarship considers financial need in addition to other criteria, be certain to fill out the online application questions pertaining to financial need.
2. Typed essay (approximately 500 words) explaining how this scholarship will assist in achieving academic and career goals, saved as a separate document and uploaded into the eGrant application.
3. A statement indicating the status of parent(s) law-enforcement service including name, location, and dates of service and proof of current or previous employment within Beaufort County law enforcement; uploaded into the application.
4. An official copy of the applicant’s most recent transcript(s) showing grades for at least two years, uploaded via third party email from guidance counselor or teacher, into the application.
5. Information from the applicant’s parent/guardian federal tax returns for the last **two** years, uploaded into the online application.
6. **Student Aid Report** from the FAFSA - showing Expected Family Contribution or a written statement explaining why Federal Aid was not applied for, uploaded into the online application.
7. Two recommendation letters completed by adult non-family members, uploaded into application via third party email, directly from the references.
8. Selected finalists may be requested to attend a personal interview with the Scholarship Advisory Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post Secondary	How to Apply	www.cf-lowcountry.org/scholarships
Award	varied	Deadline	April 4, 2019

Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs, including but not limited to: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients will be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Scholarship Advisory Committee or Community Foundation staff members will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students’ responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the Community Foundation’s policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.