

SCHOLARSHIPS



The Putnam County Community Foundation (PCCF) partners with those who give to enrich the quality of life and strengthen the community in Putnam County.

PCCF receives gifts from individuals, families and organizations. We then distribute income as designated by the donor or to meet the needs of the community. The distribution of income can be in the form of scholarships to individuals or grants for charitable causes.

PCCF administers more than 40 scholarship funds, each established by a generous donor with a unique purpose. Many of these scholarships are named in honor or in memory of a loved one.

APPLYING FOR A SCHOLARSHIP

Follow these steps to easily apply for scholarships on PCCF's website:

1. Create an online account at pcfoundation.org/scholarships using a *permanent* email address. Keep your username and password safe as you will use it every time you revise, submit or accept a PCCF scholarship.
2. The universal scholarship application will be available on November 1 for the following school year. Complete the application before the posted deadline. Based on the information submitted, your application will be reviewed for a number of scholarships. Make sure all the fields are filled in completely and correctly before you submit your application.
3. Scholarship applications will require letters of recommendation. You will need the email address for your recommenders in order to request a letter of recommendation through the application system. Recommenders will be sent an email requesting the letter through the scholarship website. You will not be able to view the letters, but will be able to see if the recommender has submitted their letter.
4. Each scholarship application becomes valid only when completed in its entirety and the "Submit" button is clicked. Also letters of recommendation must be received before the posted deadline in order for a scholarship application to be valid. You may submit your application even if you have pending recommendation requests; the application status will be SUBMITTED until the requests have been received. The status will be changed from SUBMITTED to COMPLETE once all requests have been received. Late applications and letters of recommendation will *not* be accepted.

PREPARE!

Universal applications may require:

- Student contact information
- Letters of Recommendation
- FAFSA Report Info
- List of community service, extra-curricular activities, etc. including 4-H Record of Achievement
- Transcript info

DON'T FORGET!

- Application available November 1
- 2025-2026 Application due January 17, 2025
- Putnam County Area College and Career Fair: September 30
- FAFSA filing may be available as soon as October 1

START YOUR APPLICATION!

PCFOUNDATION.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPS



SCHOLARSHIP FAQ

Am I eligible to apply?

Each scholarship fund is set up differently to meet the wishes of the founding donor; therefore, each scholarship has its own set of requirements to apply and its own selection criteria. Applications will be considered for all PCCF scholarships for which they meet the minimum required criteria.

How much does it cost to apply for a scholarship?

There is no application fee.

I'm not a "straight A" student. Are there scholarships available for me at PCCF?

Many PCCF administered scholarships do not include academic performance as a selection criterion.

I do not plan to pursue a traditional bachelor's degree. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, some PCCF scholarships are designated for those who wish to pursue trades education or other post-secondary studies.

Can I receive more than one scholarship?

It is possible for students to be selected for more than one scholarship. They will be notified for each award.

When will I know if I'm awarded a scholarship?

Scholarship recipients will receive an e-mail in late April informing them of the total amount they have been awarded. Recipients who are graduating students may be notified of their specific scholarship(s) at the Senior Awards Ceremony at their respective high schools. College students will be notified via mail of their award by the end of May. Some 4-H Scholarships will be presented during the Putnam County Fair in June. In early June, a follow up will be sent from the scholarship system requesting college and final contact information. Information from this form will be used to issue the scholarship award to the appropriate school/college. Applicants will be notified via email if they are not awarded a scholarship.

Is my scholarship renewable?

Most PCCF administered scholarships are one-time scholarships. If you are awarded a multi-year scholarship, you'll be notified.

If I receive a scholarship, how is the money disbursed?

PCCF policy requires scholarship awards to be formally accepted by recipients and checks to be sent directly to the eligible educational institution in which the scholarship recipient enrolls. For most scholarships, this information is provided by the recipient on the scholarship acceptance form. Students must notify PCCF of any academic changes that may affect their scholarship payment including transfers and withdrawals.

Who should I contact if I have questions about a scholarship or the application?

You can always check the status of your application and whether your letter(s) of recommendation have been submitted by logging in to the scholarship portal. If you have additional questions, please contact Dean Gambill, Community Development Director, at 765.653.4978 or by email at dgambill@pcfoundation.org.