

COLUMBUS OLD SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION, INC

Scholarship Program

The awards process is highly competitive and recognizes outstanding first-generation students who plan to pursue a 2- or 4-year degree at an accredited college or university. Each student may receive an average one-time award of \$1,000. Please note that these scholarships are non-renewable and awarded for a single academic year. Importantly, all scholarships are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, disability, or national origin.

Eligibility Criteria

- Have a transcript sent to the Foundation by the school.
- If you are 18 or older, you must show proof that you are a registered voter.
- Submit three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the school principal.
- Write a one-page essay about yourself, explaining why you deserve this award. Include your community involvement and future goals.
- Provide a professional-like photo for our scholarship booklet. Email photo to cosefinc@gmail.com. Include in the subject of the email your "full name and "PHOTO FOR 2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP".
- Submit the application and complete all requirements by December 15 of the current year.
- Be available for an interview in January of the following year.
- If selected, attend the Scholarship Award Ceremony (date to be determined in 2025).
- Commit to attending a two- or four-year institution of higher learning by September after high school graduation.
- If awarded, utilize the scholarship by January 31st of the year following the award date; otherwise, the award will be voided.
- Awards are subject to revocation if requirements are not met.
- Must be a student from the Tri-City area, which includes Muscogee and Chattahoochee Counties in Georgia and Russell County in Alabama.
- Maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Candidate Interviews

After the application forms are received, some candidates will be invited to interview with the Scholarship Committee. Interviews are held during the month of January each year. Location and times for each interview will be provided before entering the competition. Each applicant should consider carefully whether he or she can arrange to be present for such an interview and must affirm the application his or her intent, if invited.

Accessing The Scholarship Application

The Scholarship Application is available for download on our website starting in September of each year. If you have any issues downloading or accessing our website due to maintenance downtowns, please email the Scholarship Committee at cosefinc@gmail.com to request the application be sent to your email. You can also check with your school Guidance Counselor to obtain the application packet.

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Important Timelines

The Columbus Old School Educational Foundation has designated a three-month period from October to December in which applications are accepted for the following academic year.

To be considered for a scholarship, all components of the application, to include all letters of recommendation and transcripts, must be completed and received in our office via postal mail by December 15th each year. Mail applications and supporting documents to the following address:

COLUMBUS OLD SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
3100 Gentian Blvd, Suite 115
Columbus, Georgia 31907

*Please carefully review the eligibility criteria before completing the application package.

TERMS OF ACCEPTANCE

Acceptance of an award obligates the recipient to:

- Maintain a high standard of work and conduct.
- Have transcripts sent to the foundation by his or her school after each semester.
- Keep a close relationship with the foundation through correspondence and visits.
- Advise the foundation promptly of any change in his or her academic or financial situation.
- If awarded, the student must utilize the award by January 31st of the year following the award date. Otherwise, the award will be voided.
- Every award is subject to revocation if, in the opinion of the foundation, the holder fails to meet these requirements.
- Provide a student acceptance letter which must include the student's identification and number. This will allow the foundation to verify enrollment and attendance which is required to process payment of the scholarship award.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE CONTACT INFORMATION

Please contact the Scholarship Committee Chair if you have any questions.

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