

Summit High School Local Scholarships

DUE DATE: Sunday, January 29, 2023, 11:59 p.m.

Thanks to our generous community, over 70 scholarships are being offered to our Summit County high school students this year. The scholarship application is online. If you have questions, please contact Timi Lawson at Iscoordinator@summitk12.org.

To access the application go to: https://summitscholarships.communityforce.com/

In order to apply for scholarships you'll need to create an account. <u>Please use a *personal email* address</u> you will check *after graduation* to create your account. Once your account is created follow the instructions and ensure you complete all requirements by the deadline. Some scholarships may ask for additional tasks depending on the respective scholarship requirements. Once you're on the site, <u>read all</u> instructions carefully.

Please remember your username and password, as you will use this to continue any application that you have begun. Applications do not need to be completed all at once. You can save started applications and come back to your account as needed to complete applications. All scholarships must be submitted by Sunday, January 29, 2023 by 11:59 p.m. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

How to apply?

- 1. Before you begin your application, please ensure you have the following ready:
 - A. Page 1 of FAFSA containing Student Aid Report
 - B. High school transcript
 - C. Essay responding to the following prompt: The lessons we take from obstacles we encounter can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? (1000 words max)
 - D. SAT/ACT scores, if available
 - E. College admissions letters, if available
 - F. Names/email addresses of two individuals to complete recommendation letters. This year, they will complete the requests entirely themselves, and you will not see the recommendation letter.
- 2. Create your user account using a personal email you will check after graduation.
- 3. Click on "View All Scholarships"
- 4. Select 1. Senior Scholarship Application.

5. Read through all of the instructions!

- 6. Complete the "Senior Scholarship Application". This is a common application required for all scholarships and will determine which scholarships you qualify for based on your answers.
- 7. You must complete all tasks by the deadline, January 29, 2023. These are required for your

application to be considered complete. **Incomplete** applications will be **ineligible** for consideration.

- 8. After completing the sections for basic information, extracurricular activities, college plans, finances, parent information and uploads, you will navigate to the "Local Scholarship Selection" tab and click "Update List." This will populate all of the local scholarships for which you're eligible to apply. From there, any additional requirements will appear in the "Additional Essays" and "Additional Scholarship Attachments" sections.
- If you decide not to apply for any of the scholarships for which you're eligible, you must deselect those scholarships in the "Local Scholarship Selection" section in order to be able to proceed and submit any of the applications.
- 10. On your homepage you will see the percentage of each task completed.
- 11. Once all tasks are 100% completed select Final Review and Submit. Once reviewed you and a parent will be required to sign-off on the application for the final submission.

Please note, Colorado Mountain College scholarships require a separate application.

Requirements for ALL scholarships to be considered COMPLETE:

- 1. Completed Scholarship Application Form.
- 2. Copy of EFC (Estimated Family Contribution) from FAFSA SAR (Student Aid Report, page 1). If unable to complete this task see Melinda Debee in Counseling.
- 3. College essay, no more than two pages, addressing the following prompt: The lessons we take from *obstacles we encounter* can be fundamental to later success. Recount a time when you faced a challenge, setback, or failure. How did it affect you, and what did you learn from the experience? Not to exceed two pages.
- 4. Two (2) letters of recommendation, written by teachers, employers, coaches, etc. Your SHS counselor should be your last choice. If you choose to request a letter from your SHS counselor you must do so by January 4th . Requests will not be accepted after this date. **All letters of recommendations should be requested by January 6th.**
- 5. Copy of student transcript and test scores. Transcripts will be emailed directly to you after grades are posted for first semester; no later than January 21st. You will need to obtain your test scores **directly** from College Board and/or ACT.
- 6. Admissions letter from your college for the 2023-2024 school year, if you have received one.
- 7. Any additional requirements, as requested, for specific scholarships.

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