

## 2026 Scholarship Opportunities

### **Scholarship applications are now open for High School Seniors.**

Coastal Community Foundation's Scholarship Program is open annually to students who permanently reside in Charleston, Berkeley or Dorchester Counties. By submitting one application, students are considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible – a full list of scholarship offerings are listed on the subsequent pages.

Applications are available at [coastalcommunityfoundation.org](https://coastalcommunityfoundation.org) or accessed directly through [this link](#).

**Deadline to apply is March 16, 2026.**

Questions? Contact [scholarships@coastalcommunityfoundation.org](mailto:scholarships@coastalcommunityfoundation.org)).



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### **AGUSTUS J. AND LAWRENCE A. HOLT SCHOLARSHIP**

Created in 2000 in memory of Lawrence Holt by his parents, this fund awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors from a Charleston County School District Title I high school. Preference is given to student-athletes.

### **AMANDA'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Amanda's Scholarship Endowment was created in memory of Amanda Welling Dykes, a student at Porter-Gaud School who died of cancer when she was 14. After her death in 1995, her mother used money saved for Amanda's education to create a fund to honor Amanda's love of learning and strength of character. An annual, renewable award of \$5,000 is made each year to a student from Berkeley, Charleston, or Dorchester counties.

### **ANNE BYRD SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in memory of Anne Byrd, former Chair of the James Island Constituent School Board, who is remembered for changing the landscape of public education on James Island through dedication, hard work, and tireless advocacy on behalf of students. Candidates must attend a James Island Constituent District High School.

### **ASTENJOHNSON SCHOLARSHIPS**

Funded by the Williams and Prudence Finn Scholarship and the Harold Newlin Hill Endowment, this scholarship supports graduating high school seniors who are children or step-children of AstenJohnson employees who have been employed with AstenJohnson at least three years to help pay fees for 2-year or 4-year colleges located in the U.S.A.

### **BANKS-WILLIAMS-BANKS SCHOLARSHIP**

This Fund accepts applications from high school seniors who are students at Summerville High School. The Banks-Williams-Banks Award looks particularly for students who deserve support, but who may not be an obvious candidate for other scholarship assistance. To quote the founders, "We would favor a student who is well-rounded and likeable, with interests not limited to one or two primary areas. A healthy balance is encouraged."

**BERNICE AND SAMUEL JUDGE SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2019, this scholarship is awarded to students graduating from Burke High School who wish to attend a 4-year college or trade school.

**BURKE PROMISE FUND**

Established in 2008, this scholarship supports a graduating high school senior from a Charleston County Title I high school.

**CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2008 by the Charleston County School District, this Fund accepts applications from Charleston County students who have one or more parents employed by CCSD.

**CHARLESTON FIRST RESPONDERS' SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by donors to honor all first responders who put their lives at risk to protect the lives and property of the people of our community, applications are accepted from the children, step-children, spouse, or other living dependent of first responders who have served for at least one year with a fire, police, or EMS unit based in and serving Berkeley, Charleston, or Dorchester County.

**CHARLESTON FIRST RESPONDERS' SCHOLARSHIP-ADULT**

Established by donors to honor all first responders who put their lives at risk to protect the lives and property of the people of our community, applications are accepted from first responders who have served for at least one year with a fire, police, or EMS unit based in and serving Berkeley, Charleston, or Dorchester County.

**CLAY & NICOLE MIDDLETON FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2021, this Fund will award scholarships to students from Burke High School, RB Stall High School, Baptist Hill High School, St. John's High School, and North Charleston High School with a GPA between 2.0 and 2.9 that has been accepted to an accredited college or university in the United States.

**CRAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2015, this Fund awards scholarships to a college-bound high school senior pursuing an undergraduate degree in architecture.

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**D. WARD AND GLADYS S. WILSON SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2014, this Fund awards an annual scholarship to a high school senior who attends an A.M.E. Church and intends to pursue a college education. There is a preference for students who attend Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Charleston, followed by Morris Brown A.M.E. Church in Charleston. Students who are members of Ebenezer A.M.E. Church in Charleston are especially encouraged to apply.

**DAVIS FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2018, this Fund assists Lowcountry students active in Christian churches with the cost of attaining a college degree.

**DON ROSSI GOLF SCHOLARSHIP**

The Don Rossi Scholarship is available to rising college juniors or seniors who are majoring in Sports Administration, Golf Enterprise Management or Sports Management, and who intend to pursue a career in a golf-related field.

**DONALD C. AND JOHANNA MILLER SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2019, this scholarship is awarded to students in Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties.

**DONNA REYBURN AND MICHAEL GRIFFITH SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 1999 by Donna Reyburn and Michael Griffith, this Fund provides annual scholarships to seniors at St. John's High School, Burke High School, Charleston County School of the Arts, and Academic Magnet High School who demonstrate the potential to succeed in college, high academic motivation, and the initiative and drive to help finance his or her college education by having worked and by having applied for other loans and scholarships. (Available only if present winners do not renew).

**ELEANOR CRAIG KLINE SCHOLARSHIP**

This fund provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors who attend West Ashley High School or a Charleston County Title I high school.

**ESTHER LORINE BAILEY RIVER SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 1988, This fund awards an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior from Berkeley County who is a member of an A.M.E. Church.

**EVE K. EVANS SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2008, this Fund accepts applications from Charleston County first-generation college student attending a private college.

**FAITH JEFFERSON HOHLOCH NURSING SCHOLARSHIP- GRADAUTE**

The Jefferson Nursing Scholarship assists graduate level students pursuing degrees in Nursing. Applicants must reside in the Foundation's service area, desire to obtain a higher degree in nursing, be academically qualified, and have some degree of financial need.

**FUTURE MILITARY OFFICER'S SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 1997 through hundreds of gifts from members of the Charleston Chapter of the Military Officers' Association of America, this Fund provides a one-time scholarship to a junior or senior in the upcoming Fall semester at The Citadel or Charleston Southern University who is from the 294\_ \_ zip code and is enrolled in an ROTC Program and has a signed contract to enter military service after college.

**GADSDEN FAMILY FUND**

Established in 1983 through the 1963 Will of Miss Jeanne Gadsden, and subsequently strengthened by her family, this Fund provides scholarships to help residents of Berkeley or Dorchester Counties, with a preference for those going to either Winthrop or Clemson Universities.

**GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

- The Decker Scholarship: Established upon the passing of James and Mary Bern Decker, this Fund is focused on higher education scholarships for students residing in Berkeley, Charleston & Dorchester counties.
- Warren O. Pinckney Scholarship Fund: Created in 1973 through the will of Mr. Pinckney and transferred to the Foundation in 2001, this Fund has provided scholarships for decades, to help students with financial need from Berkeley, Charleston, or Dorchester County to pursue a college degree.

**HEBREW ORPHAN SOCIETY N. EDGAR MILES, M.D. SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by Doctor Miles before his passing in 1995, this Fund awards scholarships to Tricounty graduating high school seniors with a demonstrated financial need. Eligible applicants must be in the top 25% of his/her high school class, demonstrate an aptitude for higher education, and have earned a GPA of a 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

**HILL-WEATHERFORD POST OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2017, this Fund awards scholarships to students who are veterans or direct descendants of veterans residing in the region served by the Hill-Weatherford Memorial Post #157 (Lebanon, SC; Cross, SC; Sandridge, SC and Eadytown, SC).

**HOWARD W. KRAUSS, JR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2018, this scholarship is awarded to students graduating from St. Johns High School with a preference for those engaged in community volunteerism.

**J.C. AND ALBERTA LONG SCHOLARSHIP**

Originally established in 1982 by the children and grandchildren of Mr. Long in his honor and subsequently in the honor of Mrs. Long as well, this Fund accepts applications from any high school senior who has lived in the Tri-county for at least the past four years.

**JASIRI L.K. WHIPPER SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2009 in memory of Jasiri Whipper by his parents, this Fund awards an annual scholarship to a student to attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU) or a South Carolina state-supported college. (Available if present winner does not renew).

**JEFFERSON NURSING SCHOLARSHIP**

Established to provide scholarships for students from Berkeley, Charleston, or Dorchester counties working toward a baccalaureate degree in nursing at any college or university.

**KYLIE ERIN GILLETTE SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2016 in memory of Kylie Gillette, this Fund provides annual scholarships to students from Berkeley, Charleston or Dorchester counties. This scholarship is part of the Gillette family's determination for Kylie's spirit, character and drive to live on for years to come.

**LAMC COMMUNITY MITIGATION SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2016, this Fund awards a renewable scholarship to students in the Accabee, Chicora Cherokee, Union Heights, Howard Heights, Windsor Place, Five Mile and Liberty Hill neighborhoods in North Charleston, SC, for assistance with tuition, room, board, etc.

**LARONE K. WASHINGTON SCHOLARSHIP**

The primary purpose of this scholarship is to support students who are affected by chronic diseases (such as sickle cell disease, type 2 diabetes, lupus, kidney disease, etc.)

**LEAD READ AND SEYMOUR I. BARKOWITZ SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 1988 by family and friends of Mr. Barkowitz in his memory, this Fund accepts applications from Tri-county students intending to pursue a 4-year degree at the College of Charleston.

**LENOIR BEAUFORD GRAHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2024, this fund provides scholarships to graduating high school seniors from Berkeley County who will attend a Historically Black College or University (HBCU).

**LINDA OSHINSKY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Created in 2007 to honor the memory and contributions of “Mrs. O”, a beloved and inspiring English teacher at Stratford High School in Berkeley County, this Fund provides an award to a graduating senior from Berkeley County who plans to major in either English or Education in college.

**LUTHER W. AND WILLIAM FERGUSON SEABROOK SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2000, this Fund accepts applications from Charleston County high school seniors who are graduating from a Title 1 school.

**MARCIA AND JOHNNY WOOD SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2006 and supported by an estate gift in 2024, this fund provides a scholarship for a graduating high school senior from Hampton County.

**MORRIS D. FINKELSTEIN SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by family, friends, and former students in 1994 in memory of the highly-respected coach at the High School of Charleston, this Fund provides a renewable scholarship for up to four years to help a deserving athlete to receive a college degree. Open to any student athlete from Berkeley, Charleston, or Dorchester counties to go to any college in the State of South Carolina. (Available if present winner does not renew).

**MOTHER EMANUEL A.M.E. SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2015 following the massacre at Mother Emanuel, this Fund awards scholarships to a graduating high school senior from Early College High School. (Available if present winner does not renew).

**PALMETTO GOODWILL SCHOLARSHIP**

Awards renewable scholarships to current Palmetto Goodwill, Palmetto Goodwill Services, and Palmetto Excel employees and their children and grandchildren for both technical college and four-year colleges and universities.

**PHILLIP O'NEILL HANVEY SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 1963 and transferred to the Foundation in 1990, this Fund provides scholarships to help Charleston County students attend college.

**PORGY & BESS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by the Board of Directors of the Catfish Row Company from proceeds of local theatrical productions of Porgy and Bess, this fund awards scholarships to students who have lived in the Tricounty for five years or more, who wish to pursue a four year college major related to music or music education. Preference is given to first-generation college students and students with demonstrated financial need.

**RACHEL AMEY SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2013 to honor Rachel Amey's years of service to the Charleston County School District and its English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. One award is given annually to recognize a student graduating from a school in the Charleston County School District with plans to attend college, with strong preference given to applicants who have learned English as a second language.



**RUFUS C. BARKLEY, JR. LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP**

Available to residents of Charleston, Berkeley, Dorchester, or Colleton counties. Financial need may be considered in making the award, but academic merit and character are the principal criteria. We will look for evidence of well-rounded interests and demonstrated concern for those less fortunate.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR JOHNS ISLAND**

This fund awards scholarships to graduating high school seniors from a Charleston County School District Title I high school.

**SHANNON SUDDERTH SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 2020, this Fund will award two renewable scholarships to students who reside in Charleston County.

**T.C. DRAYTON SCHOLARSHIP**

Established by the City of Charleston in memory of T. C. Drayton, this fund accepts applications from residents who live on the East Side community in the city of Charleston and who are seniors in high school, about to begin studies at a two- or four-year college. Preference will be given to students who participate in the community through school activities or volunteer work, demonstrate financial need, and rank in the top 50% of his/her class.

**THOMAS E. THORNHILL-KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP**

This endowment was created in 2012 by the Kiwanis Club of Charleston in honor of Thomas E. Thornhill and his 50+ years of service to the club. It is awarded to a local high school senior who is a member of his or her school Key Club (or whose parent or guardian is an active member of a local Kiwanis Club) and shows strong potential to succeed in a South Carolina college.

**TONISHA BELL ALSTON AND THADDEUS J. BELL, II MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Created in 1992 and transferred to the Foundation in 1997, this Fund accepts applications from students who are pursuing or who intend to pursue a Bachelor's degree at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia or Howard University in Washington, DC. Applicant's permanent residence must be in South Carolina, with a preference for students from Charleston County. (Available if present winner does not renew).



#### **UPLIFT SCHOLARSHIP SPONSORED BY THE MEDICAL STAFF AT ECMC AND EAST COOPER MEDICAL CENTER**

Established by East Cooper Medical Center in 2020, this scholarship is awarded to a student from Berkeley, Charleston, or Dorchester County who maintains a 2.5 GPA or greater. Preference is given to students with a relative employed by ECM.

#### **WILLIAM MELVIN & JUANITA W. BROWN SCHOLARSHIP**

Established in 1995 by Ms. Juanita Brown, in memory of her husband, this Fund accepts applications from Charleston County graduating high school seniors who plan to attend an HBCU and are Christian (preference for Catholic faith)

#### **WOFFORD COLLEGE FUND**

Established by the Samuel Freeman Charitable Trust (William E. Murray, Esq., Trustee), this Fund accepts applications from Tri-County students intending to pursue a four-year degree at Wofford College.