

Attention Blue Water Middle College, STEMM Academy, Early/Middle College, and dual enrollment students: DO NOT apply for Four County Community Foundation scholarships until you require tuition payments.

To apply: After December 1, visit www.4ccf.org/scholarships and set up an account. Complete instructions for using the online platform are available on the scholarship page. If you experience any problems, email program@4ccf.org and I will contact you.

- **FIRST VISIT:** Click on Register. Select the role of "Student." Enter your first and last name. Enter a permanent email address and a password. Create User.
- **SUBSEQUENT VISITS:** After the initial registration, you will sign in with your email and password.

NOTE: All communications (including payment requirements) will be sent to the email address that you provide when you register your account. Use a permanent email address that you check regularly, not your school email address. All follow-up documents will be sent to your registered email account.

Essay Response: Your Story: All 4CCF scholarship applications require students to share their story in a narrative form using complete sentences and paragraphs. Your Story enables review committees to learn more about you. Sharing details about yourself provides the committee with a sense of who you are, how you spend your time, what your circumstances are like, and how Postsecondary Education opportunities support your life goals. Start thinking and writing about the following:

- **Activities and Achievements:** academic groups, extracurricular clubs, music, athletics. Include leadership roles and awards
- **Community Involvement:** Ways in which you interact and impact your community. Include community service and volunteerism through scouting, church groups, etc.
- **Special Concerns:** Include any circumstances that present difficulty, such as financial hardship, learning challenges, family challenges, health challenges, obstacles and adversity.
- **Goals and Future Plans:** Include ways a scholarship award will help you achieve your goals.

If you are awarded a scholarship

If you are awarded a scholarship from Four County Community Foundation, you will receive information at your senior awards ceremony in May. You are required to complete and return the Grant Agreement to us, along with proof of enrollment, such as an invoice or class schedule. Most students send the Grant Agreement and proof of enrollment to the Foundation in AUGUST, as soon as they have their class schedule or an invoice for the Fall semester. Keep track of your paperwork. If you lose it, email me for a new one.

When I receive the two documents, a check will be sent directly to your college or university. The college will apply the scholarship to your account in two payments, for the Fall and Winter semesters.

If your plans change

If your plans change and you do not need to use your scholarship award for the Fall Semester, contact me as soon as possible. The Foundation is willing to hold your award for the second semester, or even the following year, but you must email the Foundation to explain your plan for using the funds.

Apply while in college

The Knights of Columbus, Ligon, and MIPIA scholarships all allow for you to compete as a college student, so make a note to reapply at in 2024, 2025, and 2026.

Good Luck and Go Wildcats!