

# Scholarships Overview

APPLY BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 | DUE MARCH 1, 2024 @ 5:00PM

## HOW TO APPLY:

- Apply online at [etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/](http://etcf.org/scholarships/available-scholarships/)
- Click on the "Let's get started" button
- Create an account and register with our system (be sure to save your log on information)
- Once you've created an account, complete the Universal Application
- After you submit the common application, you will be taken to a confirmation page that will list the scholarship opportunities you are eligible to apply for.
- If an individual scholarship requires additional information it will be shown on this confirmation page.
- We encourage you to apply for all the scholarships you are eligible for.

## DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED FOR THE APPLICATION INCLUDE:

- Transcript with grades through the Fall 2023 semester (*this should include the fall grades from your senior year*).
- ACT and/or SAT scores - if required by your college or university or specific scholarship
- Name & email address for 1 teacher reference - (*references **MUST** have had in classroom experience with you*)
- List of extracurricular and community service activities including hours/week/year involved
- FAFSA Submission Summary *information provided **MUST** include your full name & Student Aid Index (SAI)*

## ESSAY TIPS:

- Describe your college and career plans in as much detail as possible. Show you are a good investment! If your major is undecided, explain how you will make the decision to choose a major.
- Write in your own voice. Choose a tone as if you are speaking to a trusted adult.
- Stand out by surprising & delighting the reviewer.

## ESSAY QUESTIONS YOU WILL BE ASKED:

**FUTURE PLANS ESSAY:** Describe your educational plans and career goals. What influenced those choices? Why is a college education important to you? Why did you choose the college or university you are planning on attending? Why did you choose the major you are planning to pursue?

**CHARACTER ESSAY:** Choose one of the following to write about. 1) Describe a time in your life that has shaped who you are as a person. OR 2) Tell us about a time you failed and what you learned from the situation.

**OPTIONAL ESSAY:** Tell us anything else you would like the scholarship committee to know about you.



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## TIMELINE TO APPLY

1

Start a record of your extracurricular activities, clubs, teams, and community involvement and volunteering. Include EVERYTHING!



2

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early. The application will open in December.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid>

3

Start your scholarship application early! Application opens December 2023/January 2024.



4

Write and review your essays. Have a friend, parent or teacher review and edit them for you.



5

Mark your calendar! Review, finalize and submit your application before the March 1st deadline.

**Make sure all supporting documents are also submitted.**



### REMINDERS:

- You will need one teacher reference that has had in classroom experience with you. Submit name and email address, a request will be sent to them.
- You will need to upload an unofficial transcript that includes your grades from the fall semester of your senior year (fall 2023).
- You will need your FAFSA information.
- You will not be able to edit or make changes after you submit your application. Make sure that everything is entered corrected before you submit.