



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2017 Merit Based & General Scholarships

These are general descriptions of scholarships available for High School Seniors and/or Undergraduate / Graduate College Students who meet the criteria outlined. The online scholarship application includes questions relevant to the selection criteria for each scholarship. The online application is available Monday, January 16, 2017 to Friday, March 3, 2017 at 5pm. If you have questions about scholarships, please email Melanie Holaway: scholarships@floridacommunity.com.

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION	AWARD	WHO MAY APPLY?
<p>Lewis B. Barber Memorial Scholarship Fund To fund books and tuition for students pursuing either of the following educational paths:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification to teach the deaf and blind; • Seminary or pre-seminary school to study church, Christian music or Christian education. <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee counties • Must pursue certification to teach deaf/blind or attend seminary/pre-seminary school • Must maintain satisfactory grades • Must acknowledge and express Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior 	\$5100	High School Senior
<p>Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce / Ralph A. Richardson Fund A scholarship for a graduate or high school senior of Estero High School, or the child of a current Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Member.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student must be a graduate or high school senior of Estero High School, or the child of a current Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Member • Must be planning to continue his or her education at a vocation/technical school, college or university • Must have attained a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher (grade point average on a 4.0 scale) for the previous three academic years and for the current year as of the date of the application • Must exhibit a commitment to community service 	\$2700 (2 awards)	High School Senior Undergraduate / Graduate Students

<p>Dorothy Curtis Brown Early Childhood Scholarship For a student or early childhood program director or assistant director who will pursue advanced certification from an accredited college or university to become an administrator or director at a child care center.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must enroll at an accredited college or university in Southwest Florida (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County) to obtain a CDA, Associate’s Degree or Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education. 	<p>\$900</p>	<p>High School Senior Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>John & Ruth Childe Scholarship Fund For a Lee County student with a physical disability to pursue higher education in a college, university, or technical school.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from public or private high school in Lee County • Must state and describe disability in personal essay 	<p>\$2000</p>	<p>High School Senior Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>Couse-Gram Scholarship Fund For a Moore Haven High School student pursuing post-secondary education.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a Moore Haven High School senior 	<p>\$1000</p>	<p>High School Senior</p>
<p>Mary Ann Elder Scholarship Fund For a student who is entering or continuing a Master Degree Program in social work at an accredited university or college.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be from the five-county area of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County. • Must be entering or continuing a Master Degree Program in social work at an accredited university or college. 	<p>\$750</p>	<p>Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>Former Everglades City High School Graduate For a High School graduate of Everglades City in Collier County who has at least a 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale and plans to attend college full time.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must pursue a 2-4 year degree in an accredited college or university and be accepted and plan to attend. • Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale. • Preference will be given to high school seniors of Everglades City. • Secondary preference will be given to children or grandchildren of a service members of the US Armed Forces (current or honorably discharged). • Applicant must include in essay as to; “How this will help me benefit the community” 	<p>\$1500 Renewable up to 4 years</p>	<p>High School Senior</p>

<p>Paul B. & Aline Flynn Scholarship Fund For students pursuing a degree from a 4-year accredited college in communications or journalism.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Hendry or Glades counties • Must pursue a degree in Communications or Journalism • Must have a 3.0 or higher GPA 	<p>\$2900 (2 awards)</p>	<p>High School Senior Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>Charles and Margaret Foster Scholarship Fund For a Lee County student pursuing music at Florida State University (1 award) and another award for a Lee County student majoring in Environmental studies or Environmental education at the University of Florida. (1 award)</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a resident of Lee County pursuing music at Florida State University OR • Must be a resident of Lee County pursuing Environmental Education / Environmental Studies at the University of Florida. 	<p>\$800 <i>Renewable up to 4 years</i> 2 awards will be given.</p>	<p>High School Senior Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>Doris W. Frey Memorial Scholarship Fund For students studying Christian ministry/youth ministry, teaching, Christian counseling, nursing, or medicine.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades or Lee counties • Must pursue a degree in one of the above fields • Must be committed to a life of Christian service • Must demonstrate a commitment through action in ministering to others • Must have recognized ability & academic performance with standard measures of grades & appropriate test scores 	<p>\$2800 (3 awards)</p>	<p>High School Senior Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>Bruce T. Gora Scholarship Fund To provide one scholarship to a high school senior or undergraduate student who is pursuing photography (digital or traditional), architecture or music (priority to a brass instrument player or trumpeter) at an accredited college, university, or technical school in Florida. The student must have graduated from a high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee Counties and must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (un-weighted).</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a public or private school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County. • Must pursue a major in Fine Arts Photography, architecture or music at a Florida college, university, or technical school must have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least a 2.5. 	<p>\$1,200</p>	<p>High School Senior Undergraduate / Graduate</p>

<p>Francis Harris Gresham Scholarship Fund For tuition for college bound seniors from Lee County high schools.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a public or private high school in Lee County 	<p>\$1450</p>	<p>High School Senior</p>
<p>Immokalee Achievement Award Fund For an Immokalee High School graduating senior who has or will be applying to a community college or an advanced education trade school for a course or courses leading to a specialized trade or job skill.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from Immokalee High School • Must enroll at a community college or trade school 	<p>\$1,000</p>	<p>High School Senior</p>
<p>Chip Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund For students who have completed 60 hours of college and plan to attend Barry University, FGCU, Nova, Florida Southwestern College, or Hodges University.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have completed 60 semester hours of college and plan to continue study toward a 4-year degree at Barry University, FGCU, Nova, Edison State College or Hodges University, or a regionally accredited college in the 5-county area • Must have a GPA of 3.5 or above and an outstanding record of academic achievement • Must live in the 5-county area served by the Community Foundation (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee) • Must demonstrate leadership, community service and service to school 	<p>\$4000 (3 awards)</p>	<p>Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>George E. Judd Scholarship Fund For tuition for graduating Lee County seniors pursuing higher education in the fine or performing arts.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a public or private high school in Lee County and pursue a degree in fine or performing arts. 	<p>\$5,250 (2 awards)</p>	<p>High School Senior</p>
<p>Doc Keen Memorial Scholarship Fund For a high school student who was an active member of 4-H or FFA for two consecutive years and attended a Clewiston or LaBelle High School.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from Clewiston or LaBelle high school • Must pursue post-secondary education • Must have been active member of 4-H or FFA for 2 consecutive years 	<p>\$750 (2 awards)</p>	<p>High School Senior</p>

<p>Isabel Mayer Kirkpatrick Scholarship Fund For tuition for Lee County high school graduates with a “B” average (2.7 - 3.3).</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from public or private high school in Lee County • Must be well rounded in terms of education, community service, sports and leadership activities • Must have a GPA between 2.7 - 3.3 unweighted (anything higher will disqualify the student) 	<p>\$5450</p>	<p>High School Senior</p>
<p>Lee County Library Sciences Scholarship Fund For Lee County residents pursuing a Bachelor or Master degree in Library Science.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have completed at least 60 Semester Hours and have at least a “B” average or 3.0 GPA unweighted or higher. • Must provide 120 hours of service, paid or unpaid, to Lee County Library System while pursuing degree or immediately following degree completion. 	<p>\$1400</p>	<p>Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>Patricia Means Scholarship Fund For High School Seniors from the region (Collier, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry or Lee Counties).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a minimum of 2.0 GPA, but must not exceed a 3.0 GPA (student must have an average of a “C” or “B” to apply) • Must enroll full time in a technical school, community college, 4-year college or university. • Must be a U.S. citizen <p>Selected applicants will be called for an interview.</p>	<p>\$10,000 Renewable up to 4 years (total award \$40,000) Up to 5 students may be awarded.</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p>Ruth Messmer Scholarship Fund For women pursuing a business career in college.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from public or private high school in Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry or Collier counties • Must be a woman pursuing a business career in college • Must be well-rounded in terms of education, community service, and leadership activities 	<p>\$1200</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p>Judge William J. Nelson Scholarship Fund For a high school senior who will be attending the University of Florida.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee counties • Must have overcome adversity in some way and describe in the essay. • Must attend the University of Florida 	<p>\$1750</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>

<p>Chet and Janett Perry Rotary Club of Fort Myers Scholarship Fund For a student pursuing a career in accounting.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be graduating from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades or Lee counties • Must pursue a degree in accounting • Must enter college within a year following high school Graduation 	<p>\$950</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p>John and Ellen Sheppard Humane Student Scholarship Fund For high school seniors with a belief in a universal creator of life who are actively involved in school and student life with a commitment to help others through volunteer work in community, charitable or religious organizations.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a public or private high school in Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, or Glades counties • Must have a minimum 3.2 GPA, unweighted • Must acknowledge belief in a universal creator of life or higher power and be actively involved in school and student life with a willingness and a commitment to helping others. 	<p>\$3000</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p>Southwest Florida Deputy Sheriffs Association Fund For high school students who are dependents of local law enforcement officers.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, or Lee counties • Must be a dependent of an active Sheriff's Office law enforcement officer in one of the above counties • Must list name of law enforcement officer on application and provide documentation of employment with the Sheriff's Office 	<p>\$1550 (2 awards)</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p>Edna & Felix Swain Scholarship Fund For deserving individuals who are members of the Mount Olive African Methodist Episcopal Church to be used for college, vocational, graduate or professional education.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a member of Mt. Olive AME Church in Ft Myers • Priority given to applicants with a minimum 2.5 GPA 	<p>\$1500</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>John I. & Madeleine R. Taeni Scholarship Fund For students pursuing degrees in teaching, nursing, paramedic training, or emergency medical technician training.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be a resident of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County. • Must be highly motivated. • Must pursue teaching, nursing paramedic training, or emergency medical technician training. 	<p>\$5200 (renewable up to 4 years)</p>	<p>Graduated High School</p>

<p>Richard S. Thompson and Marion L. Thompson Memorial Fund For Lee County students pursuing a post high school science education.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must have a GPA of at least 3.5 • Must graduate from a high school in Lee County <p><i>Selected applicants will be called for an interview.</i></p>	<p>\$10,000 (6 awards)</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate / Graduate</p>
<p>G. Napier and Ellen T. Wilson Scholarship Fund For an outstanding high school student who has volunteered at a Veterans Administration Hospital, Clinic or similar organization providing services to military veterans to attend an accredited university, college or vocational technical institution.</p> <p>Eligibility Requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must graduate from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, or Lee counties • Must have served a minimum of 100 volunteer hours at a Veteran’s Administration hospital or clinic, or a similar organization providing services to military veterans • Must provide a letter of recommendation from the veteran’s clinic or organization where the student volunteers 	<p>\$4000</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>