



# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## 2019 Merit Based Scholarships

These are general descriptions of Southwest Florida Community Foundation competitive scholarships for High School Seniors, Adult Learners, Undergraduate Students and Graduate Students who meet the criteria outlined. Completion of the FAFSA Form is required for all scholarships.

Complete the online application at [www.floridacommunity.com/scholarships](http://www.floridacommunity.com/scholarships)

Monday, December 17, 2018 to Sunday, February 24, 2019 (closes at 11:59 p.m.)

The online scholarship application includes prequalifying questions relevant to the selection criteria for each scholarship. If you have questions about scholarships, please email Malaina Mote:

[scholarships@floridacommunity.com](mailto:scholarships@floridacommunity.com).

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION	AWARD	WHO MAY APPLY?
<p><b>Patricia Means Scholarship Fund</b> To fund a scholarship for high school seniors who are graduating from a high school in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Hendry or Glades County.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a minimum of 2.0 GPA, but must not have a GPA higher than a 3.0.</li> <li>• Must enroll at a technical school, community college, college or university.</li> <li>• Must enroll full time.</li> <li>• Must be a United States citizen.</li> </ul> <p><b>Selected applicants will be called for an interview in April.</b></p>	<p><b>\$10,000</b> <i>Renewable up to 4 years</i> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p><b>The Tommy Bohannon Foundation Scholarship Fund</b> To fund scholarships for Lee County high school seniors who participated in any aspect of sports during high school, demonstrates academic excellence and is committed to community service.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have participated in any aspect of sports, during high school, demonstrates academic excellence and is committed to community service.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$5,000</b> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>

<p align="center"><b>AMI Kids SWFL Foundation- Gulf Harbour Yacht Club Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for students who successfully complete the AMI Kids Southwest Florida program and want to pursue technical school or college. This scholarship fund will award a two-year renewable scholarship to each scholarship recipient.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must successfully complete the AMI Kids Southwest Florida Program.</li> <li>• Must plan to attend a technical school, trade school, college or university.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>\$2,500</b> <i>Renewable up to 2 years</i> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p align="center"><b>Former Graduate of Everglades City Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a high school graduate of Everglades City, in Collier County, who has at least a 3.0 GPA and plans to attend college fulltime. Secondary preference will be given to children or grandchildren of a service member of the United States Armed Forces. This scholarship fund will award one scholarship to a student for four years, or for such time as will allow the student to complete a college or graduate degree.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a high school senior or graduate of Everglades City, in Collier County, <i>or</i> must be a child or grandchild of a service member of the United States Armed Forces, current or honorably discharged.</li> <li>• Must have a minimum 3.0 unweighted GPA.</li> <li>• Must pursue a 2- or 4-year degree, at an accredited college or university.</li> <li>• Must include “how this scholarship will help me benefit the community” in the application’s personal essay section.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>\$1,500</b> <i>Renewable up to 4 years</i> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p align="center"><b>Richard S. Thompson and Marion L. Thompson Memorial Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for Lee County students pursuing a post high school science education.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a GPA of at least 3.5.</li> <li>• Must graduate from a high school in Lee County.</li> <li>• Must be pursuing a post-secondary science education.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Selected applicants will be called for an interview.</i></b></p>	<p align="center"><b>\$10,000</b> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p align="center"><b>Paul B. &amp; Aline Flynn Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for students pursuing a degree, from a 4-year accredited college, in Communication or Journalism.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Lee, Hendry or Glades counties.</li> <li>• Must pursue a degree in Communication or Journalism.</li> <li>• Must have a 3.0 GPA or higher.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>\$2,950</b> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduates Graduates</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chip Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for students who have completed 60 hours of college and plan to attend Barry University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Nova Southeastern University, Florida Southwestern State College or Hodges University.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have completed 60 semester hours of college and plan to continue study toward a 4-year degree at Barry University, Florida Gulf Coast University, Nova, Edison State College or Hodges University, or a regionally accredited college in the 5-county area.</li> <li>• Must have a GPA of 3.5 or above and an outstanding record of academic achievement.</li> <li>• Must live in the 5-county area served by the Community Foundation (Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry and Lee).</li> <li>• Must demonstrate leadership, community service and service to school.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$4,000</b> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>John and Ellen Sheppard Humane Student Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for high school seniors who have a belief in a universal creator of life and are actively involved in school and student life, with a commitment to help others through volunteer work in the community, charitable organizations or religious organizations.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a public or private high school in Lee, Charlotte, Hendry or Glades County.</li> <li>• Must have a minimum 3.2 unweighted GPA.</li> <li>• Must acknowledge belief in a universal creator of life or higher power.</li> <li>• Must be actively involved in school and student life with a willingness and a commitment to helping others.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$2,700</b> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lewis B. Barber Memorial Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for books and tuition for students pursuing either a certification to teach the deaf and/or the blind, or attending seminary or pre-seminary school to study Church Christian music or Christian Education.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must pursue certification to teach deaf/blind or attend seminary/pre-seminary school.</li> <li>• Must maintain satisfactory grades.</li> <li>• Must acknowledge and express Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>\$5,000</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>

<p align="center"><b>Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce / Ralph A. Richardson Fund</b></p> <p>To 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><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be the child of a current Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Member <i>or</i> a graduate/senior of Estero High School.</li> <li>• Must have a 3.0 cumulative GPA or higher throughout high school years and up to application date.</li> <li>• Must be planning to continue education at a vocation school, technical school, college or university.</li> <li>• Must exhibit a commitment to volunteering.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>\$2,900</b> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p align="center"><b>Dorothy Curtis Brown Scholarship Fund in Memory of Ann Nutt</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a student, 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><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must enroll at an accredited college or university in Southwest Florida.</li> <li>• Must want to obtain a Child Development Associate Certificate (CDA), Associate’s Degree or Bachelor’s Degree in Early Childhood Education.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>\$1,000</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p align="center"><b>John &amp; Ruth Childe Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a Lee County student with a physical disability to pursue higher education in a college, university or technical school.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from public or private high school in Lee County.</li> <li>• Must have a physical disability and the ability to state and describe disability in the application’s personal essay section.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>\$1,900</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduates Graduates</p>
<p align="center"><b>Anne M. Fassett Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for men and women who have a physical disability and are seeking post high school educational opportunities at a college, community college or technical school level.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County; or, be currently enrolled or planning to attend a Florida state college, community college, or technical school.</li> <li>• Must have a physical disability.</li> <li>• Must use a wheelchair.</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>\$4,000</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Mary Ann Elder Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a student from Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County entering or continuing a Master’s Degree program in Social Work, at an accredited university or college.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be from the five-county area of Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must be entering or continuing a Master’s Degree program in Social Work, at an accredited university or college.</li> </ul>	<b>\$1,400</b>	Undergraduate Students Graduate Students
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Couse-Gram Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a Moore Haven High School student pursuing post-secondary education.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a Moore Haven High School senior.</li> <li>• Must be pursuing post-secondary education.</li> </ul>	<b>\$900</b>	High School Seniors
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Carol Patti McLaughlin Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a student pursuing a 4-year degree, at an accredited college or university, who has a GPA of 3.3 or higher, demonstrates community service and is from Lee, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry County.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a student in Lee, Charlotte, Glades or Hendry County.</li> <li>• Must be pursuing a 4-year degree at an accredited college or university.</li> <li>• Must have a GPA of 3.3 or higher.</li> <li>• Must exhibit community service.</li> </ul>	<b>\$1,200</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Doris W. Frey Memorial Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for students studying Christian Ministry/Youth Ministry, Education, Christian Counseling, Nursing or Medicine. Preference will be given to members and attendees off the Sanibel Community Church.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must pursue a degree in Christian Ministry/Youth Ministry, Christian Counseling, Education, Nursing or Medicine.</li> <li>• Must be committed to a life of Christian service.</li> <li>• Must demonstrate a commitment through action in ministering to others.</li> <li>• Must have recognized ability &amp; academic performance with standard measures of grades &amp; appropriate test scores.</li> </ul>	<b>\$2,700</b> Multiple Awards Available	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Bruce T. Gora Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund 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.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a public or private school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must pursue a major in Fine Arts Photography, Architecture or Music at a Florida college, university or technical school.</li> <li>• Must have a GPA of at least a 2.5.</li> </ul>	<b>\$1,100</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Frances Harris Gresham Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a Lee County graduate, of a public or private high school, to attend college.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a public or private high school in Lee County.</li> <li>• Must plan on attending college.</li> </ul>	<b>\$1,400</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Immokalee Achievement Award Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship 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><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from Immokalee High School.</li> <li>• Must enroll at a community college or trade school in courses leading up to a specialized trade or job skill.</li> </ul>	<b>\$1,000</b>	High School Seniors
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>George E. Judd Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for graduating Lee County seniors pursuing higher education in the fine or performing arts.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a public or private high school in Lee County.</li> <li>• Must pursue a degree in fine or performing arts.</li> </ul>	<b>\$1,000</b> Multiple Awards Available	High School Seniors
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Doc Keen Memorial Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a 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><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from Clewiston or LaBelle high school.</li> <li>• Must pursue post-secondary education.</li> <li>• Must have been active member of 4-H or FFA for two consecutive years.</li> </ul>	<b>\$750</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Isabel Mayer Kirkpatrick Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for Lee County high school graduates with a “B” average.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from public or private high school in Lee County.</li> <li>• Must be well-rounded in terms of education, community service, sports and leadership activities.</li> <li>• Must have a GPA between 2.7 - 3.3 unweighted.</li> </ul>	<b>\$5,300</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>G. Napier and Ellen T. Wilson Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship 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><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must have volunteered at a veteran’s administration hospital or clinic, or a similar organization that provides services to military veterans.</li> <li>• Must provide a letter of recommendation from the veteran’s facility or organization where the applicant volunteers.</li> </ul>	<b>\$6,000</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lee County Library Sciences Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for Lee County residents pursuing a Bachelor or Master’s degree in Library Science.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a resident of Lee County.</li> <li>• Must be pursuing a Bachelor or Master Degree in Library Science.</li> <li>• Must have completed at least 60 credit hours.</li> <li>• Must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher.</li> </ul>	<b>\$4,200</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Ruth Messmer Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for women pursuing a business career in college.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from public or private high school in Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry or Collier County.</li> <li>• Must be a woman.</li> <li>• Must be pursuing a business career in college.</li> <li>• Must be well-rounded in terms of education, community service and leadership activities.</li> </ul>	<b>\$1,200</b>	High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students

<p align="center"><b>Judge William J. Nelson Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a student who will attend or attends the University of Florida.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must have overcome adversity in some way and describe in the essay.</li> <li>• Must attend the University of Florida.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$1,800</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p align="center"><b>Chet and Janett Perry Rotary Club of Fort Myers Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for a student who is pursuing a career in Accounting.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be graduating from a public or private high school in Charlotte, Collier, Hendry, Glades or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must pursue a degree in Accounting.</li> <li>• Must enter college within a year following high school graduation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$900</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
<p align="center"><b>Southwest Florida Deputy Sheriffs Association Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for students who are dependents of an active Sheriff's law enforcement officer.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must graduate from a high school in Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry or Lee County.</li> <li>• Must be pursuing post-secondary education.</li> <li>• Must be a dependent of an active Sheriff's Law Enforcement officer in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry or Glades County.</li> <li>• Must list name of Law Enforcement Officer on application.</li> <li>• Must provide documentation of Sheriff's Office employment.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$1,500</b> Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors Undergraduate Students Graduate Students</p>
<p align="center"><b>Mrs. Cathy Riedel Scholarship Fund</b></p> <p>To fund a scholarship for Cypress Lake High School Seniors who want to pursue a career that involves helping those with special needs. Preference will be given to those who have participated in the Special Olympics and who have aided in ESE classrooms. This award is not restricted to education majors; any public service career, such as Law Enforcement, Fire and Rescue, Nursing, Law, Medicine, etc., is included.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a Cypress Lake High School student.</li> <li>• Must want to pursue a career related to assisting people with special needs.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$1,000</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>



<p><b>Shadow Wood Charitable Foundation Scholarship Fund</b>  To fund a scholarship for Shadow Wood Country Club or Shadow Wood Community Association employees and their children (but not other dependents) in their pursuit of further education.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.</li> <li>• Must be an employee of Shadow Wood Country Club or Shadow Wood Community Association who has completed one (1) year of service and currently working full or part-time, OR the child, age 26 years or younger, of such an employee.</li> <li>• Must submit two (2) letters of recommendation (non-family)</li> <li>• Must include in the essay his/her rationale for requesting financial assistance and the desired outcome from continuing his/her education.</li> <li>• Must document financial need.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$5,000</b>  Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors  Undergraduate Students  Graduate Students</p>
<p><b>The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida Scholarship Fund</b>  To fund a scholarship for high school or college students who apply for a scholarship, through The Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida scholarship process, and meets the requirements.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must apply for this scholarship through the Speakers Assembly of Southwest Florida.</li> <li>• Must be a high school or college student.</li> <li>• Must meet the scholarship requirements, which are available through the Speakers Assembly.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$2,500</b>  Multiple Awards Available</p>	<p>High School Seniors  Undergraduate Students  Graduate Students</p>
<p><b>Jim Ilias Athletic Memorial Scholarship</b>  To fund a scholarship for a high school athlete who demonstrates excellence in athletics, academics, sportsmanship and moral character, and is pursuing post-secondary education.</p> <p><b>Eligibility Requirements:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be a high school athlete in Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Hendry or Glades County.</li> <li>• Must be pursuing post-secondary education.</li> <li>• Must demonstrate excellence in athletics, academics, sportsmanship and moral character.</li> </ul>	<p><b>\$1,000</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>The Ricky Pigott Memorial Fund</b></p> <p>To fund two scholarships: (1) A high school senior who participated in the Cape Coral Youth Football Association and (2) A Mariner High School football player who is a graduating senior.</p> <p><b><u>Eligibility Requirements:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (1) Must have participated in the Cape Coral Youth Football Association.</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (2) Must be a Mariner High School football player.</li> </ul>	<p><b>(1) \$1,500</b> <b>(2) \$2,500</b></p>	<p>High School Seniors</p>
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