



# SOUTHWEST FLORIDA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

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## **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**The deadline to apply is Monday, January 11, 2021 by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time**

**Things to consider before completing a Scholarship Application:**

- Complete the FAFSA, which will provide you with the SAR report that is required.
- Obtain Letter(s) of Recommendation.
- Obtain your most recent transcript and highlight your cumulative unweighted (state) GPA.

**Q. What documents do I need to upload in addition to filling out the application?**

- A:** 1. FAFSA: Student Aid Report (SAR) from the completion of your FAFSA that indicates your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) score. This is a requirement for all scholarships.
2. Transcript: Most recent transcript with your cumulative unweighted/state GPA highlighted.
3. Letter of Recommendation: At least one letter of recommendation is required. Your letter of recommendation should be written by someone outside of your family.

**Q. I don't have access to a scanner or fax machine. What do I do?**

**A.** All required documents must be uploaded into your online application. If you don't have access to a scanner or fax machine, please take a picture of your document and upload it into your application. Be sure to check and make sure your photo is legible. If you do not have access to a phone, please email me at [scholarships@floridacommunity.com](mailto:scholarships@floridacommunity.com). However, do not send us copies of the required attachments, as **everything must be submitted online, and hard copies will not be accepted.**

**Q. Do my letters of recommendation have to be signed and on letterhead?**

**A.** No, they don't have to, but be sure your reference's contact information is included on the letter.

**Q. What financial documentation is required?**

**A.** You must include a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), which is an application students and their families must complete in order to be considered for federal financial aid. Many states and schools also use the FAFSA as part of their application process for non-federal aid. The Student Aid Report (SAR) is the report received that summarizes the student's financial need and provides the official Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number. Be sure and talk to your parents about the documentation required so that there is plenty of time to gather the information needed prior to the deadline, as we cannot review incomplete applications. This is a requirement for all scholarship applications.

**Q. How will I be notified if I am awarded a scholarship?**

**A.** If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified by email or by mail in late April.

**If you still have questions:**

email: [Scholarships@floridacommunity.com](mailto:Scholarships@floridacommunity.com) or call the Foundation Office at 239-274-5900