



## Prince William County Community Foundation Scholarship FAQs

### **Q: How do I apply?**

Applications for the scholarship will become available at the beginning of January during the year of application. They will remain available until the April 1, 2019 deadline. Applications may be picked up at your school's guidance counselor's office or online at the PWCCF website, [pwccfoundation.org](http://pwccfoundation.org).

### **Q: Who is considered a first-generation college student?**

First generation college students are students whose parents did not attend college. You may be the first person from your family attending college or have a sibling who attended, and now you are too.

### **Q: Can I still apply if I'm not a first-generation college student?**

No. While we appreciate your interest in our organization and scholarship, the program is solely for high school seniors who identify as a first-generation college student as defined above.

### **Q: How much does it cost to apply for a scholarship?**

Nothing, it is free to apply. You are responsible for paying mailing, printing and any other associated costs to submit your application.

### **Q: Can I send an unofficial transcript?**

No, you must send an official transcript provided by your school guidance counselor.

### **Q: What do I submit to apply for this scholarship?**

- A transcript
- Essay on a given topic
- Completed application
- FAFSA Statement

### **Q: I don't go to school in Prince William County, can I still apply?**

No, you are ineligible as the scholarship is solely for Prince William County Public School high school senior students.



**Q: Can I email my application?**

No, it must be sent by mail and postmarked by the April 1, 2019 deadline.

**Q: I took a gap year after graduating from high school, can I still apply?**

No, students taking a gap year after graduation are not considered to be high school seniors.

**Q: How will I be notified if I receive the scholarship?**

The Foundation will send a letter following up with an email. Please ensure you put your current address and an up-to-date email so we can notify you properly.

**Q: Can I apply if I'm going to a community or junior college? Trade school?**

Yes! We encourage students attending any accredited school to apply whether it is a four-year college, community/junior college or a trade school.

**Q: When will I know if I have been selected to receive a scholarship?**

Applicants should expect to hear back from the Foundation in early May.

**Q: Will I receive the money directly if I receive the scholarship?**

The money will be sent directly to the school in which you plan to attend. Please make sure you include the correct address for the university/college.

**Q: If I am not selected for a scholarship, may I apply again next year?**

No, the scholarship is only for high school seniors that are attending an institution directly after graduation.

**Q: For how long are scholarships awarded?**

The scholarship is a one-time award.

**Q: What happens if I change colleges after initially being awarded a scholarship?**

You must provide a letter of enrollment from the university/college in which you plan to attend to ensure you are a student at the institution.

Any additional questions or concerns you may have please contact:

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