



FAST FORWARD SCHOLARSHIP

The mission is to enable local students to pursue career opportunities which require post-high school training to enter the workforce shortly after completion of their program. This scholarship supports students pursuing technical or vocational certification or degree. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but high school seniors are encouraged to apply by the deadline of February 22, 2024.**

Criteria

- Open to graduating high school seniors from high schools in the Aspen to Parachute region, including Aspen, Basalt, Roaring Fork, Bridges, Glenwood Springs, Yampah Mountain, Coal Ridge, Rifle, and Grand Valley high schools. GED graduates are also eligible.
- Pursuing one- or two-year technical or vocational certification or Associate's Degree
 - Eligible programs may include but are not limited to dental or health care assistant; radiation tech; auto mechanics; welding; electrical engineering; CAD/CAM systems; cosmetology, culinary arts; physical therapy; veterinary technician, etc.
- Plan to attend an accredited school or training facility full-time per the program requirements.
- Student must consider Colorado Mountain College if the course of study is offered
- Exhibit good character traits and dedication to succeed in their selected program
- Demonstrate financial need
- Students who plan to obtain a four-year degree are NOT eligible

Required Application Materials

- Completed ACF application form
- Personal Essay, signed and dated
- Official school transcripts of grades
- One signed and dated letter of recommendation
- FAFSA Student Aid Report
- Resume
- Interview may be required for finalists

If Selected

- Scholarships generally range from \$1,000-\$5,000 each year, up to two years; awards are disbursed in four semester installments.
- Scholarship recipients must provide semester and yearly progress report by submitting their transcript to ACF; this is required to continue receiving funds following each semester.
- Future scholarship disbursements are dependent upon maintaining a 2.0 GPA or equivalent, per school regulations; after graduation, recipients must inform ACF of their success and provide feedback on their postsecondary experience.

Questions: scholarships@aspencommunityfoundation.org or call 970.925.9300

Direct Link to ACF Application Portal for the Fast Forward Scholarship

https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_1302?SA=SNA&FID=35121

- If you are a new applicant, you will need to create an account login. Returning applicants can enter their email and password to access saved and completed applications.