



Fast Forward Scholarship Fund at Aspen Community Foundation

The mission of the Fast Forward Scholarship 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.

Criteria

- Open to graduating high school seniors from high schools in the Aspen to Parachute region:
 - 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.
- Students 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
- Resume
- FAFSA and/or CASFA Student Aid Report (if available)
- Interview may be required for finalists

If Awarded a Scholarship:

- Scholarships generally range from \$1,000-\$5,000 each year, up to two years. Awards are disbursed in two- or 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 your school's regulations. After graduation, recipients must inform ACF of their success and provide feedback on their postsecondary experience.

2025 Application Instructions for the Fast Forward Scholarship:

Go to the ACF Scholarships Online Portal - <https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/VKSn9t>

- All applicants in 2025 need to Register and Create New Account.
- Use your personal email address, not your high school email address.
- The deadline to apply is Friday, February 21, 2025 at 5:00 PM Mountain Time

Questions? [Visit the ACF Scholarships webpage](#)

- Email the ACF Grants Manager on scholarships@aspencommunityfoundation.org
- Call the ACF office on 970.925.9300