



## Fast Forward Scholarship 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 associate's degree.

### Criteria

- Open to graduating high school seniors from all 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
- Students who plan to obtain a four-year degree are NOT eligible
- 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

**Deadline for applications: Thursday, March 5, 2026, at 5:00 PM Mountain Time.**

### 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 reports to ACF.
- 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.

**To access the application, go to the ACF Scholarships Online Portal -**

**<https://www.grantinterface.com/sl/7HtLnx>**

- Create New Account using your personal email, not your high school email address
- You will complete and submit a universal application form first that will direct you to the scholarships you are eligible to apply for this year

**Questions?** Email ACF: [Scholarships@AspenCommunityFoundation.org](mailto:Scholarships@AspenCommunityFoundation.org)