



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