

To Get Some of the Many FCCF College Scholarships, Students and Parents Need to Apply

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Fairfield County's Community Foundation encourages students and parents to visit their high school's websites or contact their guidance department for information about the foundation's many scholarships and instructions on how to apply.

The foundation needs qualified applicants to apply so that the scholarships can be awarded.

— *an announcement from Fairfield County's Community Foundation*

There also is an online application at [FCCFoundation.org](#).

In addition to the numerous scholarships listed at [FCCFoundation.org](#), FCCF offers a wide selection of scholarships directly through most high schools in Fairfield County.

Darien High School students can find out more at the school's Guidance Department. **The application deadline is March 21, 2019.**

Fairfield County's Community Foundation is the largest provider of college scholarships in the region. With over 175 scholarships to choose from, students applying to two- and four-year educational institutions and for technical certificate programs may qualify for any number of opportunities.

This year, close to \$1 million will be awarded to more than 450 Fairfield County high school seniors, college undergraduates and graduate students to jumpstart their path to success.

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These awards range from \$500 to \$8,000 and some of the scholarships are even renewable. Since the Community Foundation Scholarship Program was established in 1992, over \$9 million has been awarded.

“As a first-generation college student, an FCCF scholarship was my first step to higher education,” said Cyrus Brown, a FCCF Scholarship Fund recipient.

This past May, Cyrus graduated from UConn with a BS in exercise science and is now working toward his doctorate at Howard University.

“I was motivated to study hard and do great things so I could show donors and the Community Foundation that their generosity is helping me achieve my hopes and dreams.”

One of the highlighted scholarships this year for students in good standing is the Magnus Wahlstrom Leadership Award for students with high academic scores who are notably recognized for social leadership and community service.

Applicants for this award must show a passion for learning and a deep interest in continued education with plans to attend a four-year college or university. There will be one student selected for this award and it is renewable.

“We encourage Fairfield County students to dream big and apply for these scholarships!” said FCCF CEO and President Juanita T. James. “We have a vast array of awards available through the generosity of our 160-plus fundholders who are investing in improving lives for all of Fairfield County. Together, we can make your future and the future of our community brighter.”

By creating an opportunity for all students to pursue degrees that can lead to meaningful careers with their extensive scholarship funding, the Community Foundation is committed to foster a vital and inclusive community where every individual has the opportunity to thrive.

Take the time to determine what scholarships you may qualify for and find out how to apply. Contact your school’s guidance department and go to the Community Foundation’s [website](#).

Fairfield County’s Community Foundation’s goal — to build a stronger community while promoting philanthropy as a means to create lasting change in Fairfield County — is exemplified by its scholarship initiative.

If you are interested giving someone the opportunity to pursue their dream by establishing a scholarship at Fairfield County’s Community Foundation, please contact Kristy Jelenik at 203.750.3200.