COLLEGE SUCCESS FOUNDATION



RECEIVE UP TO $4,000 PER YEAR FOR YOUR EDUCATION!

CSF's Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship can make your college experience more affordable.

CSF's MLK Scholarship provides up to $4,000 per academic year and is renewable up to a maximum of $16,000. If you are a student currently enrolled in high school within the zip codes 98104, 98108, 98118, 98122, 98134, 98144; you may be eligible for the MLK Jr. Scholarship. (Franklin, Garfield, NOVA, interagency sites, Rainier Beach, South Lake, Cleveland and independent schools in these zip codes are all eligible)

Scholarship recipients also receive career and financial aid guidance as well as networking opportunities with CSF alumni.

*This powerful scholarship can be used in pursuit of **any not-for-profit, accredited colleges** and universities in the United States.*

Milestones	Dates
Application opens	December 1, 2025
Application deadline	January 30, 2026
Supporting documents due	February 6, 2026
Award Notification	April 15, 2026

Scan this code to apply starting December 1st!

CollegeSuccessFoundation.org/apply

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

Enrollment plan

Plan to enroll at least part-time at an eligible college or university starting Fall 2026

Residency

Have resided in Washington state for at least one year prior to enrolling in college

Academic record

Have a high school diploma or equivalent as of June 2026 Have achieved a minimum GPA of 3.0 through spring 2025 term. If your GPA is lower, you will be allowed to submit your Fall 2025 grades showing that you meet the required GPA at a later time. Have not earned a bachelor's degree

Financial need

Will file a 2026-27 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or WASFA (Free Washington Application for State Financial Aid)
Have a family income for 2024 that does not exceed the amount listed by family size in this chart

Number in Household	Maximum Income
Family of 1	$87,000
Family of 2	$113,700
Family of 3	$140,500
Family of 4	$167,200
Family of 5	$194,000
Family of 6	$220,700
Family of 7	$225,700
Family of 8	$230,800

Additional criteria

Be a high school senior who is a resident of or attending school in one of the following zip codes and be on track to graduate by June 2025: 98104, 98108, 98118, 98122, 98134, 98144; (Franklin, Garfield, NOVA, interagency sites, Rainier Beach, South Lake, Cleveland and independent schools in these zip codes are eligible).

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APPLICATION STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

Step 1: Eligibility

Make sure to read each question and answer them accurately. This will save you time and effort.

Step 2: Student Information

Standard questions such as contact information, bio data, ethnicity, gender, etc.

Step 3: Academic Information

Basic information about your highschooland college, your current student status (i.e.: a graduating high school senior or a current undergraduate college student) including GPA, your future student status (i.e.: what year of college you will be in). If already a college student, provide information about your current college and major. If not yet a college student, provide information about your intendedcollege and area ofstudy.

Step 4: Special Accommodation or Support Services

This is a chance for you to request assistance securing special accommodations or support services on campus

Step 5: Activities

Toot your horn! Tell us about extracurricular or volunteer activities as well as personal responsibilities you hold. We also want to know about any job, awards or honors you received

Step 6: Adult Support Information

Be prepared to know your guardian(s)and/or foster parent's contact information.

Step 7: Short Answer Questions

Thereare four short-answer prompts. You need to write 300 words for each of the four prompts. This is where you truly get to tell us who you are, how you have prepared for college, what is important to you, what lessons you've learned, what excites you, and who you hope to become.

Question 1: College is a steppingstone to your future life and career. What are your goals, what do you aspire to be, and how do you see higher education helping you get there? What steps have you taken to prepare?

Question 2: In thinking about your educational and career goals, provide examples of: i. A strength that will help you achieve your objectives; ii. A personal vulnerability that might get in the way of your success and the steps you will take to address them.

Question 3 When confronted with a need for support or advice, what living person do you turn to for guidance? Describe a situation when that person helped you. If he or she did not have the knowledge to help you, what would you do next?

Question 4: Describe a challenge you have faced and how you dealt with it. Explain how having dealt with that challenge has shaped you, the lessons you learned and if it has influenced your goals for the future.

Good practice: We recommend you type up your answers in a Word document and that you save it regularly so that you don't lose your work. When you are done, you can copy/paste your answers into the application.

Good reminder: Remember that this is the only chance evaluators will get to know who you are and what you hope to do with your education.

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Step 8: Agreement/Signature

Almost done! Take time to reviewall stepsof your application. Check for any errors. Make sure you feel you have done your best to tell us in your own voice about you, your experiences and your passions. You can always save your application and complete it at a later date.

Step 9: Unofficial Transcript

If youare in high school,get anunofficial transcript showing grades through spring 2024 and cumulative GPA. If you are a Running Start student, please make sure your college credits are reflected on your transcript.
If you are in college with fewer than 20 college credits, then you will need to submit your college and high school unofficial transcripts showing grades through spring 2024 and cumulative GPA.

Step 10: Letter of Recommendation

Enter thename andemail address of your chosen recommender. You should choose an adult who has insight into your personal history as well as your academic record. A good option may be a counselor, coach, pastor, supervisor, or teacher who knows you well. A family member, relative, significant other or peer may not serve as your personal recommender.

HOW TO APPLY: visit collegesuccessfoundation.org/apply. Applicants may start the application, save work and return to complete it later up until the application deadline. Applicants can also invite 'collaborators' who can assist with the application process. We recommend you enter the name and email address of your recommender as early as possible to give your recommender time to submit a letter for you.

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