



Community Foundation
for Greater Buffalo

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Important Deadlines FOR 2012 -2013 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS

January 1st

- Scholarship applications become available on www.cfgb.org

January – February

- Complete the FAFSA by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Complete CFGB's Scholarship Application and submit grades online.
- Download and print CFGB's Unmet Need Form.
- Sign and submit CFGB's Need Form to your college or University.

March 1st

- Scholarship applications, which include uploaded grades, are due.

April 1st

- Completed Unmet Need Form is due.

Late June

- You will receive an award/denial notification.
- Scholarships are restricted to permanent residents of the eight counties of Western New York.
- Students must have been admitted to a nonprofit [501 (c)(3)]. U.S. Department of Education accredited school in the United States for full-time study at the undergraduate level.
- Pell eligible applicants attending school within the eight counties of Western New York will be given strong preference in the award decision process.
- A *limited* number of scholarships are available for graduate students in the fields of architecture, arts, engineering, medicine, nursing, piano, environment, and wildlife.

Since 1924 the Foundation has been awarding scholarships to students from Western New York. Since 2000, we have awarded almost \$14 million in scholarships to thousands of local college students.

In 2012, applications for scholarships must be submitted through our website at www.cfgb.org and are due by March 1, 2012. Unmet Need Forms are due April 1, 2012. Please review the eligibility requirements, Frequently Asked Questions and Important Deadlines in this document prior to beginning the application process.

Frequently Asked Questions

What areas are considered part of Western New York?

The eight counties of: Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming.

If I attend school out of the area but my permanent address is local, do I qualify?

Yes. As long as your permanent mailing address is within the eight counties of Western New York, you qualify for the scholarship.

What are the awards based on and what is the scholarship range?

Awards are based primarily on financial need, although certain awards are also based on scholastic achievement, service or specific requirements. Awards range from approximately \$1,000 to \$6,000—determined by the Foundation’s Board of Directors.

Strong preference is given to those applicants who are Pell eligible as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and attending school within the eight counties of Western New York.

What determines unmet financial need?

Your total college expenses minus your total resources as defined on your Unmet Need Form.

College expenses include: tuition and fees, rooms and board. Books, supplies, travel, and miscellaneous expenses can be considered up to \$2,500.

Resources include: other grants (Pell, SEOG, TAP etc.) scholarships from other sources, and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

What if my financial package is not expected to be complete before the April 1st deadline?

*Tell your college/university financial aid office to fill out the Unmet Need Form based on **estimated** amounts. After April 1st, the Foundation **will not** accept Unmet Need Forms. No exceptions.*

Are grades a factor in determining awards?

Yes. To qualify you must have a minimum “C” or a 2.0 (on a 4.0 system) G.P.A. average or greater.

Are official transcripts necessary?

No. All grades should be uploaded with the application, which is due March 1st. High school students should upload a copy of the current report card showing at least two marking periods. College students should upload a copy of their most current grade report, produced by their school or school’s website.

What if I’m undecided between two schools?

Please provide financial packages for **both** schools and notify the Foundation of your final decision of college/university no later than April 1st in order to be considered for a scholarship award.

Can I transfer my scholarship to another school?

No. Changing schools after the scholarship has been awarded **Cancels** the scholarship.

NOTE: You are responsible for submitting all materials to the Foundation. You should call (716) 852-2857 after April 1st to confirm that the Unmet Need Form has been received.

After April 1st, if you do not have all material on file, your application **will not be processed**.

For more information, please visit our website www.cfgb.org or call us at **(716) 852-2857**.

