


CEF SCHOLARSHIPS

Presented by the Carmel Education Foundation



Who is eligible for CEF Scholarships?

Carmel High School seniors graduating in 2023 pursuing college, university or skilled trade education.

How many CEF scholarships are available?

More than 80 unique scholarships will be awarded, some of which will have multiple recipients. Scholarships range from \$500- \$6,000.

What kind of scholarships are available?

CEF scholarships are outlined in the [2023 CEF Scholarship Directory](#) and generally fall in six categories:

- General community or school involvement
- Carmel Clay Schools history (i.e. what schools you attended);
- Club, program, class involvement, or participation in an initiative (i.e. Make Good Decisions)
- Performing arts involvement
- Athletic involvement (CHS and community)
- College/university/skilled trade program/area major of study intentions

When can I apply?

The application opens **Wednesday, October 12, 2022 and closes at 5:00 pm Wednesday, March 15, 2023**. There are no exceptions, for any reason, for late applications. The link to the application is on the CEF website: <https://www.ccs.k12.in.us/foundation/scholarships>. Please use Firefox or Chrome browsers.

How do I apply?

Applicants will complete a **CEF General Scholarship Application** that is similar to a “common app” using the Kaleidoscope platform. Please review **all available scholarships** prior to starting your application to determine what you are eligible for- this will make the application process smoother.

- You will create an account using your first name, last name, and your email address (not a parent’s). **Your name should match what you used on college applications.**
- You will create a password to allow you to return to your application.
- Throughout the application, you will select criteria based on your involvement (i.e. participation in a club, sport, or attendance at a particular elementary school).
- Based on the criteria you select, you will receive a list of scholarships you are eligible for.
- Several scholarships require an essay. The essay questions and word limits are listed in the [2023 CEF Scholarship Directory](#). We advise that you type these ahead of time and paste them into the application. Evaluators will give priority consideration to those that have correct spelling, grammar and thoughtful content.

What will I need for the application?

- Student email address that is not a CCS address and that is regularly checked. All correspondence will utilize this address. Please do not use a parent's email address.
- A list, in priority order, of colleges, universities, skilled trade programs you have applied to. Prior to scholarship award decisions the CHS counseling department will verify what school or program you have committed to.
- If you qualify for scholarships that have financial need as a criteria (as noted on the description under the FAFSA column) please provide a pdf of your: **Student Aid Report (SAR)** including your **Estimated Family Contribution (EFC)** information from the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\) in Section 9 \(PDF format\)](#). FAFSA forms will only be viewed by Carmel Education Foundation staff for verification.

How many CEF scholarships can I receive?

You may receive one CEF scholarship. Our priority is to award recipients with the highest dollar amount scholarship from all scholarships you are eligible for.

Who selects recipients for each CEF scholarship?

For many scholarships, the family or organization that funds the scholarship helps select the recipient. For others, a committee representing Carmel Education Foundation board members and community members select recipients.

When will I know if I am receiving a CEF scholarship?

All applicants will be notified in early May as to whether or not they will receive a CEF scholarship. Students receiving an award will be invited to attend the CEF Community Scholarship Night at Carmel High School on May 16, 2023 where they will learn which scholarship they have received.

Who do I contact for questions?

Please reference the [CEF website](#) for all applicable links, and additional information. Questions regarding the online application may be directed to <https://help.mykaleidoscope.com/> or you can also email Help@mykaleidoscope.com. Questions about specific scholarships may be directed to foundation@ccs.k12.in.us or 317-844-9961.



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