

## **Schulze Family Foundation College Scholarship Q & A**

### **Who should apply?**

Schulze Family Foundation College Scholarships are awarded from a competitive applicant pool of high school seniors from middle class families who are U. S. citizens, attend one of the eligible high schools, show unmet financial need and do not receive federal grant assistance (Pell Grant). Minnesota students who attend Catholic high schools must have completed their elementary education at a Catholic elementary school.

### **What if I am a Minnesota Catholic high school student and was homeschooled for elementary school?**

You will not be eligible to apply as you must have attended a Catholic elementary school.

### **Where will I find the application?**

The Schulze Family Foundation College Scholarship application is online and can be found [here](#).

### **Which high schools are eligible?**

**California**-St. Helena High School

**Colorado**-Battle Mountain High School, Vail Christian School

**Florida**- Barron Collier High School, Community School of Naples, Donahue Academy, Everglades City School, First Baptist Academy, Golden Gate High School, Gulf Coast High School, Immokalee High School, Lely High School, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School, Marco Island Academy School, Naples High School, Palmetto Ridge High School, Seacrest Country Day School, St. John Neumann Catholic High School

**Minnesota**-Academy of Holy Angels, Benilde St. Margaret's School, Bethlehem Academy, Chesterton Academy, Cretin Derham Hall High School, Cristo Rey Jesuit High School, DeLaSalle High School, Eden Prairie High School, Edina High School, Henry Sibley High School, Hill-Murray School, Holy Family Catholic High School, Providence Academy, Saint Agnes School, St. Paul Central High School, Saint Thomas Academy, Totino-Grace High School, Visitation School

### **Are Minnesota Catholic high schools new to the program?**

Our Board of Trustees added 10 scholarships to be awarded to eligible students who will graduate from Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis beginning fall of 2017. Eligible students must have completed their elementary education at a Catholic school.

### **May I apply if I have permanent resident status?**

This scholarship requires the recipients to be U.S. citizens.

### **Is there a GPA requirement?**

You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.3 (on a 4.0 scale) and it must be submitted on an official high school transcript that includes senior fall grades.

### **Do I need to submit a standardized test score?**

Yes, you will need to submit a test score either on your high school transcript or upload a copy of your score report (make sure it has your name on it). You will need a minimum ACT of 22 or a minimum of 1110 (math and verbal) on the SAT to apply.

### **What is the value of the scholarship?**

A Schulze Family Foundation College Scholarship is \$5000 per year for four consecutive years of full-time enrollment with satisfactory academic progress at a four-year accredited college or university.

**How many scholarships will be awarded?**

There will be 46 Schulze Family Foundation College Scholarships awarded in 2020 to graduates from eligible high schools.

**How do you determine if I have unmet need?**

You must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and have the results sent to the college(s) you are considering. After your FAFSA is processed, you will receive an Electronic Student Aid Report which you must upload as part of your Schulze College Scholarship application. In addition, you will need to upload the Financial Aid Notification of Award that you receive from your chosen college or colleges you are considering.

**Who should write my recommendation letters?**

Choose teachers, counselors or other adults in your life who know you and can speak to your strengths, your weaknesses and the impact you have had on those around you. When you complete the application, it will ask for the name and email address of your recommender and provide a way to email your request for a recommendation letter from our system. Have the name and email of your selected recommenders with you when you complete the application. Remember that two of your three recommendations must be submitted by your high school teachers/counselors/staff.

**How should I submit my application?**

The Schulze Family Foundation College Scholarship application is online. You will be asked to “create new account” by providing your email address and a password. Use an email address that you will check often and make a note of your password, so you can access your account at a later date.

**What if I forget my password?**

You may click on “forgot your password” and you will receive an email to reset your password.

**May I use the “back” button to return to a previous page within the application?**

No. The back button will delete the information you have entered. Use the “previous step” to go back.

**May I start the application and come back to it later?**

Yes. Our system will let you save your application and return to it later. Most applicants will have to do this because the Electronic Student Aid Report is needed to complete your application by March 1, 2020 and this may not be available when you start the application.

**How does my high school know where to send my official transcript?**

When you enter the name and email address of the school official who will send your transcript, our system will instruct you to add your name to text that is provided. This email will be your official request of the school official and inform them that an email will come from our system with a link for them to submit your official high school transcript.

**What if my high school is unable to upload the transcript to my file?**

**CA, CO, MN** students can have their high school email a copy to [mjfriederichs@schulzefamilyfoundation.org](mailto:mjfriederichs@schulzefamilyfoundation.org) or send a paper copy to Marla Friederichs, Schulze Family Foundation, 6600 France Avenue S, Suite 550, Minneapolis, MN 55435

**FL students** can have their high school email a copy to [amdimercurio@schulzefamilyfoundation.org](mailto:amdimercurio@schulzefamilyfoundation.org) or send a paper copy to Ana DiMercurio, Schulze Family Foundation, 999 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 510, Naples, FL 34108.

### **How do my recommenders know how to upload their letters?**

When you enter the name and email of each of your recommenders, our system will instruct you to add your name to text that is provided. This email will be your official request of your recommender and inform them that an email will come from our system with a link for them to submit your recommendation.

### **What if my recommenders do not want to upload their letter and would rather send you a copy?**

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### **Are all of the scholarship materials due by March 1, 2020?**

**NO.** We understand that you are not in control of the financial aid process. Everything must be submitted by midnight on March 1, 2020 **EXCEPT the Financial Aid Notification of Award** if it has not yet been received. It is in your best interest to file your FAFSA and complete the financial aid process as soon as possible to receive full consideration. **Your Financial Aid Notification of Award must be uploaded by April 1, 2020.**

### **Are the awards made by May 1?**

Not necessarily. Awarding a scholarship that is need based requires financial aid information from the colleges as part of the application. This information may delay the awarding of some of the scholarships.

### **Do you have any advice for me?**

- Yes.
1. Take this process seriously. You have one opportunity to share your story with the scholarship committee. At the very least, we expect to see good grammar, punctuation, a solid resume and a well-developed essay.
  2. Do not wait until the last minute. Use your project management skills to create a timeline and stick to it.
  3. If you invest a few hours of your time, you could receive \$20,000. That is an incredible return on investment.

### **What if I have questions?**

#### **California, Colorado, Minnesota students contact:**

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