



**TidePointe Community Educational Scholarship
2019-20 Guidelines**

The TidePointe Community Educational Fund was established at the Community Foundation by residents of TidePointe to reflect the generosity and caring spirit that is present within the TidePointe Community.

The purpose of the TidePointe Scholarship Program is to assist qualified employees and dependents of employees who have shown significant academic and/or personal achievement and who plan to pursue a secondary or post-secondary education at an accredited school, college or university; or are pursuing the completion of a GED program. Preference will be given to applicants pursuing a post-secondary education or GED program.

Eligibility Criteria

An employee applying for an educational scholarship should:

- Be a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America;
- Work a minimum of 12 hours a week at TidePointe;
- Have completed at least one year of employment at TidePointe;
- Have and maintain a good work and attendance record;
- Demonstrate or show evidence of financial need;
- Applicant must have applied to the Technical School or University of their choice AND provide acceptance documents.

An employee dependent applying for an educational scholarship should:

- Be the legal dependent of a TidePointe employee who works an average of 32 hours per week;
- Be the legal dependent of an employee who has completed at least one year of employment at TidePointe;
- Be 15-26 years of age;
- Be unmarried;
- Demonstrate or show evidence of financial need (merit based awards may be granted with the amount of the award based on need, however preference will be given for those demonstrating need);
- Be a citizen or legal resident of the United States of America.
- Applicant must have applied to the Technical School or University of their choice AND provide acceptance documents.

Application Requirements

1. A completed [online scholarship application](#). This scholarship considers financial need in addition to other criteria, be certain to fill out the online application questions pertaining to financial need.
2. Letter to the TidePointe Community Education Scholarship Committee (approximately 500-750) explaining how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals.
3. A copy of the applicant's most recent transcript, if available.
4. Three letters of recommendation completed by adult non-family members, uploaded into the application via 3rd party email (from each reference).*
5. Financial worksheet (downloaded from the online grant application).
6. Information from the applicant and/or applicant's parents most recent income tax return.
7. Selected finalists may be asked to participate in a phone or personal interview with Scholarship Committee.

Scholarship Type	Undergraduate/Post Secondary	How to Apply	www.cf-lowcountry.org/scholarships
Award	Varied, may have multiple recipients	Deadline	April 5, 2019

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Selection of Recipients

The Scholarship Advisory Committee shall select recipients (subject to approval by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Board of Directors). Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Scholarship funds will be awarded to cover educational costs for: tuition/fees, room and board, and books. Specific costs to be covered will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Advisory Committee. Scholarships are awarded without regard to race, sex, religion, age, or national origin.

Announcement of Scholarship Awards

The Community Foundation of the Lowcountry will send an official award letter and related information to each recipient. A public announcement of scholarship recipients may be arranged by the Community Foundation of the Lowcountry. Recipients may be further recognized through Awards Day programs at their schools.

Distribution of Scholarship Funds

The Community Foundation will advise all scholarship recipients of the distribution method of scholarship awards and review the students' responsibilities to the Scholarship Program they have been selected for. These responsibilities may include sending transcripts at the end of the year for renewable scholarships, and providing notification of all address changes or changes in student status or enrollment. In accordance with the Community Foundation's policy, scholarship funds will be paid in the form of a check made payable to the college/school of the scholarship recipient. Checks will be mailed to the college/school. Notification of payment will be sent to the scholarship recipient.