

# Where will your education take you?

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Our scholarships can help you get there.

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Paying for an education isn't easy—but we're here to help. Every year, the Quad Cities Community Foundation awards over \$500,000 in scholarships, all made possible by generous donors who want to see our community's students reach their goals. By helping more students access the educational opportunities available to them, our scholarships are one way we're working toward a more equitable and inclusive region.

Each scholarship is unique, with qualifications based on factors like your state of residence, your financial need, and your background and interests. Some are awarded one time, while others are renewable each year you're in school. And these opportunities aren't just for high school seniors or students attending four-year colleges. **Whatever your age and wherever you're pursuing higher education—whether that's at a community college, a trade school, or even a graduate school—we have scholarships you should know about.**

**Interested?**

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# You've got the community behind you

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When Fran Wolfe passed away in 2020, Ray and Mike Trevor-Ball wanted to find a way to memorialize the legacy of the neighbor who had become like family. Reflecting on the experiences that had shaped Fran's career as a teacher and her lifelong love of learning, they established the Frances S. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship through the Quad Cities Community Foundation to support students working toward degrees in education, English, or literature.

Yuliana Marceleno Lopez, an elementary education major at St. Ambrose University, earned that scholarship. For her, the award means everything. "I had this financial weight on me when applying to schools," recalls Yuliana, the first in her family to attend college. "And when I got the news, I felt such relief." The support of her scholarship, which is renewable, means she can focus on her studies instead of worrying about how to pay for tuition. "I have more financial freedom," she says, "and I feel so much more relaxed."

Yuliana couldn't be more grateful to the donors who made her scholarship possible—or to the Community Foundation for supporting her through the application process. "The Community Foundation is really here to help students and support families. It felt like I had this community behind me."



*Yuliana Marceleno Lopez won the Frances S. Wolfe Memorial Scholarship and the Central High School Scholarship for Teacher Education.*

# Applying is simple!

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- **Go to the Scholarships page** on our website.
- **Browse scholarship listings** organized by financial need or other criteria.
- **Click the APPLY NOW button** to create an account and complete the universal application. This universal application determines your eligibility for all our scholarships. After you submit this application, the system will automatically show you all the scholarships for which you are eligible. Individual scholarship applications will become available for you to view any additional information that may be requested for a specific scholarship.
- **Submit your individual scholarship applications** to be considered.

Applications are accepted online only. Due dates for all parts of scholarship applications are located on the website. Late applications are never accepted.

# Yuliana's tips for a great application

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- 1 Start now.** Create an account early so you can see what materials you'll need to organize. You can always save your progress and return later.
- 2 Complete FAFSA early.** The FAFSA form can take a few days to process, so don't leave it until the last minute! (What's the FAFSA? Visit <https://studentaid.gov/>)
- 3 Check in with your recommenders.** For the best letters of recommendation, be sure to give your champions plenty of time—and all the information they need—to sing your praises.
- 4 Make your general essay count.** The application already asks you to share about school, work, and community activities you're involved in, so show another side of yourself in your general essay. Write about the passions and experiences that make you *you*!
- 5 Reach out for help.** Whether you're facing technical difficulties or have a question about the process, the Quad Cities Community Foundation is here to help! Chances are if you're experiencing an issue, others are, too, so reaching out helps everybody.

# Mark your calendar

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Online scholarship applications available



Scholarship applications due by 11:59 p.m.

For the most up-to-date information, visit  
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