

SCARLETT FAMILY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP NEWSLETTER

PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

Thank you for the positive feedback!

Sharing our newsletter with friends, family, and educators

Since the launch of our monthly newsletter in October, lots of folks have signed up. Thank you for supporting our efforts to help ambitious and deserving students in middle Tennessee.

Apply Before December 15th

Attn: Business Majors! The Application Window is Open!

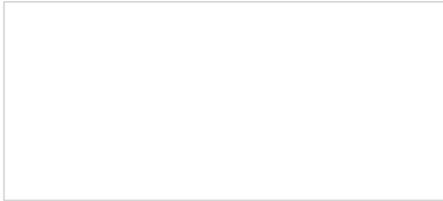
Since 2006, the SFF has awarded 135 need/merit-based renewable scholarships (totaling \$2.6M) to Middle Tennessee students. Last year, the average award was \$7,700 (per year) and 20 scholarships were awarded. There is no limit to the number of awards; it's based solely on the ability, interest, and effort of each applicant.

Students may [learn more](#) or begin their [application](#) today!

College Costs Surge 500% Since 1985

Search, Search, Search for Scholarships!

The sheer cost of a college education is swiftly pushing it further and further out of reach for many Americans. Scholarships are the best way to reduce these costs, yet many students we talk to believe that they are ineligible for scholarships because they are not a valedictorian or their family earns too much money. That is a myth. There are thousands of scholarships similar to the SFF scholarship, and many go unused due to the lack of qualified applicants. Every scholarship you choose NOT to apply for because you feel you "don't stand a chance," probably presents more awards to fewer applicants than you think...our advice? Apply!



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Why do Tennesseans Need a College Degree? In a Word... "Jobs"

"We want Tennesseans working in Tennessee jobs. We want Tennesseans to have an opportunity to get a good job and for those in the workplace to be able to advance and get an even better job," Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam said. "Currently in Tennessee, only 32 percent of us have a certificate or degree beyond high school, and studies show that by the year 2025 that number needs to be at least 55 percent for us to keep up with job demand. We have a lot of work ahead of us."

Visit [Drive to 55](#) to learn more about this important initiative and how you can help.

Connecting our Scarlett Scholars on LinkedIn

You're Never Too Young to Begin Networking

The best internships and jobs are often not advertised. They are found through networking. We encourage our 135 Scarlett Scholars to set up a profile on LinkedIn and "connect" with us. We recently established an exclusive group for our scholars to connect, to share their experiences, and to provide one another insight. It is meant to be an ongoing source of support, guidance, and fellowship from initial enrollment, through graduation, and into the professional world post-graduation.

Check out Joe Scarlett's recent article in the Nashville Business Journal on the importance of [Networking](#).

Featured Resource

CollegeForTN.org Logo

Check out this excellent resource for career, college, and scholarship searches, FAFSA, financial aid, and more. [CollegeforTN.org](#) partners include [tennessee.gov](#), the [Tennessee Department of Education](#), and the [Tennessee Higher Education Commission](#).

Visit the foundation [resources](#) page for links to more than 25 websites, financial aid and scholarship resources.

Tips for a Successful Application

(For past tips, check out the October 2013 newsletter at "[Resources](#).")

1. **Proofread Your Application:** Spelling, grammar, and punctuation matter! Ask a teacher, a guidance counselor, a friend, or a family member to proof your application. A sloppy application tells scholarship committees that you don't care enough to offer your best effort.
2. **The Essay:** This is the best opportunity to make your application stand out and to distinguish yourself from the rest of the "pack." Answer essay questions based on what you really believe or feel, not what you think the committee wants to hear. Reveal something about your personality and your passion; don't just restate your application.
3. **Don't Assume that Anything is Unimportant:** Include everything! And details matter! Mention part-time jobs, clubs, volunteer work, marching band, drama, language, sports, youth groups, and student government.

Upcoming Fall Deadlines

ACT: Register by November 8th for the December 14th test.

SAT: Register by November 8th for the December 7th test.

FAFSA: January 1st is the first day you may begin your application.

