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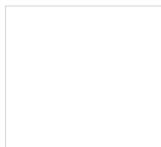
PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT TO MIDDLE TENNESSEE STUDENTS OF ALL AGES

SFF Scholarship Update

Over 400 Students Applied for the 2014-15 Scholarship

Our scholarship application deadline was December 15th and we received more than 400 applications. We look forward to contacting our winners in mid-March.

Since 2006, the SFF has awarded 135 need/merit-based renewable scholarships (totaling \$2.6M) to Middle Tennessee students. Last year, 20 scholarships were awarded, and the average award was \$7,700 per year. There is no limit to the number of awards; it's based solely on the ability, interest, and effort of each applicant. The 2015-16 application window will open on September 15th.



College Scorecard

A New Tool Guiding Informed Decisions

In 2013, the White House released the [College Scorecard](#), a new planning tool to help students and their families make more educated decisions when

selecting the right college.

Using the college scorecard, students and their families can look up the cost and assess the value of colleges. Each scorecard highlights five key pieces of data about a college: costs, graduation rate, loan default rate, average amount borrowed, and employment.

FAFSA

Application Window Opened January 1st

To apply for federal student aid, students must complete the FAFSA or Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. Completing and submitting the FAFSA is free, it's easier than ever, and it provides access to the largest source of financial aid to pay for college or career school.

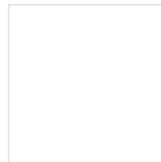


In addition, many states and colleges use FAFSA data to determine an applicant's eligibility for state and school aid, and some private financial aid providers may use FAFSA information to determine whether students qualify for additional aid. Visit the [Federal Student Aid](#) website for application, FAQs and more.

Featured Resource

Apply for 70+ Scholarships in mid-Jan

Thanks to the generosity of their donors, dedicated to investing in students' futures, the [Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee](#) administers more than 70 scholarship funds through an open application process. Some scholarships help students from a particular school or area; others provide financial assistance to those pursuing a specific field of study; still others assist students most in need. Click [here](#) to access application, deadlines and more.



Scholarship application tips

Review SFF Scholarship Newsletter Archives

For a complete list of scholarship tips and suggested things to do (and NOT to do), check out the foundation's [Resources](#) page and review the [October, November, and December newsletters](#).

Attention High School Seniors! 10 "To-Dos" for this Spring.

(Provided by the U.S. [Department of Education](#))

1. **Keep working hard;** second-semester grades can affect scholarship eligibility.
2. **Stay involved** in after-school activities, and seek leadership roles if possible.
3. **Encourage your parent(s)** to complete income tax forms early.
4. **Complete your FAFSA** ASAP after Jan 1.
5. **Complete all** scholarship applications.
6. **Visit colleges** that have invited you to enroll.
7. **Review your college acceptances** and compare the colleges' financial aid offers.
8. **Contact a school's financial aid office** if you have questions about the aid that you've been offered.
9. **When you decide which school you want to attend**, notify that school of your commitment and submit any required financial deposit. Many schools require this notification and deposit by May 1.
10. **If you must secure a loan**, understand the differences between federal and private loans.

Spring Deadlines

ACT: Register by MARCH 7th for the April 12th test.

SAT: Register by February 7th for the March 8th test.

