



## Worried About How to Afford College?!

The Outer Banks Community Foundation manages 55 scholarship programs for Dare, Currituck, and Ocracoke students — and you can apply for them all in one place, online! We use a “common application” for all of our scholarships, so you only have to complete the main application once.

The application opens on Monday, February 24, 2020. To start your application, go to [www.obcf.org/scholarships](http://www.obcf.org/scholarships). The deadline for all applications is 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 22.

All of our scholarships have different criteria. We have scholarships for math majors, Hatteras residents, artists, golf players, aspiring nurses, and many, many more. Each one is different. So before you start your application, take the eligibility quiz on our website to help you find the right scholarships for you. After you take the eligibility quiz, re-read the list of requirements for each scholarship that was selected for you, and confirm that you meet all requirements before applying.



To qualify for any Community Foundation scholarship, you will need to upload your most current transcript into our application form. Ask your guidance counselor for an electronic copy. You may use an “unofficial transcript” for this purpose. We also require you to provide TWO letters of recommendation. The application form will prompt you to email your recommenders with pre-written instructions for uploading their letters. It is your responsibility to ensure that your recommenders upload their letters by the March 22 deadline or your application will be disqualified, so ask now! If they do not respond in a timely manner, ask someone else well before the deadline. We regret that late letters will NOT be accepted.

Some scholarships are need-based, and for these scholarships you will need to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and upload the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR) into our application form. Once you complete your FAFSA, it may take up to 5 days for you to receive your SAR. We encourage all students to complete the FAFSA immediately so that you can upload your SAR by our March 22 deadline. **However, if you cannot completely a FAFSA because of your immigration status, please talk to your guidance counselor. We can work with you.** We have scholarships for students of all origins, interests, and educational goals.

Remember, you only have to complete the “common application” once; your transcript, letters of recommendation, and SAR will carry through to all your subsequent applications automatically. However, most of our scholarships ask a different essay question, so make sure to read each essay question carefully.

Questions? Please contact us at 252-261-8839 or [Nandy@obcf.org](mailto:Nandy@obcf.org). Good luck, students!

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