Frequently asked Questions

How do I apply? The link to the secure online application system will appear on the Foundation website during open cycles. Students must have a Collin Student ID number and create a unique 8 digit password. New students must apply to Collin College Admissions, receive their student ID number then wait 3 working days in order to sign up for the scholarship system.

When are the open application cycles?

Fall/Spring academic year – open cycle is mid-January through March
Spring only – open cycle is September through October
Summer only – currently only available for 1st semester nursing students admitted to the program

Do I need to complete FAFSA? All new and current Collin College students are encouraged to complete FAFSA to determine if they qualify for Financial Aid (Federal/State grants or loans). However, it is not required in order to receive a scholarship.

Are international students eligible to receive scholarships? International students are welcome to complete the general application and may be eligible to receive some general scholarships.

Why does the scholarship application not ask some questions? The online scholarship application system uploads student information from the Collin College Admissions portal several times a week.

Can I apply for a particular scholarship? Currently, only the general application is available. If you meet the requirements of an opportunity, your application will automatically be matched to it. Exceptions include: applicants for SMART, HI-TECC, Lebrecht-Hites transfer scholarships or enrolled in a Continuing Education certificate program.

Can I save my application and come back later? You may save your application by pressing "Save and Keep Editing." Saved applications can be accessed 24/7 and edited numerous times. Once you press "Finish and Submit" your application is submitted and no more changes can be made.

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Can I be awarded more than one scholarship? The Foundation strives to award scholarships to the most students possible. Foundation scholarship recipients may only receive <u>one award per academic year</u>. Students are encouraged to apply for as many external scholarships as they like.

What are the GPA requirements? Cumulative GPAs are generated from the Admissions department. If you do not have a GPA with Collin College, the system will generate a GPA from your previous high school, college or university. All applicants are required to have a minimum GPA of at least 2.5.

Do I have to be a full-time student? Most of our scholarships require students to carry a minimum of 6 credit hours per semester. However, some scholarships may require 9 or 12 credit hours.

How and when will I be notified? Fall awards are announced in mid-May and Spring awards toward the beginning of November. Award notifications are sent via Cougarmail. Applicants should monitor their Cougarmail (including junk & clutter) on a frequent basis, even during the summer. Applicants not receiving an award may or may not receive a regret email.

Why do I keep getting an error message when signing up? If you receive an error message stating **"email invalid"** it may be that you signed up for this system in the past. Click on the "trouble signing in" button and then "RECOVER" password. If you are a student/Collin College employee, please email KADavis@collin.edu for further instructions.

How do I contact the Foundation? Email ScholarshipCoordinator@collin.edu or call the Foundation office at 972-599-3147. Monday – Friday, 8am – 5pm.