

Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County

Scholarships for the Class of 2025

The Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County awards more than 60 scholarships to graduating seniors of local high schools each year. Most can be applied for in one easy, online application found at **cfmjc.org** beginning in December.

Before the application opens, there are still lots of things to do:

- Visit campuses and begin narrowing your college search
- Complete and submit college applications before scholarship season
- Take (or re-take) standardized tests like the SAT or ACT
- Prepare for the FAFSA by getting your ID at studentaid.gov
- Line up possible candidates to write letters of recommendation for you
- Create and polish your Activities Resume (tips in our guide)
- Review the website (**cfmjc.org**) to become familiar with our offerings
- Check in regularly with counselors to learn about other scholarships

Community Foundation Scholarship Timeline:

- December 1, 2024 – Applications open on CFMJC website
- February 14, 2025 - Application NOON deadline for applicants and reviewers
- April 2025 – Notification of awards and recognition program
- May 2025 – School awards program recognition
- June 2025 – Acceptance deadline for scholarship winners
- August 1, 2025 – Checks mailed to colleges

Check out our online scholarship guide:

CFMJC.ORG → Grants and Scholarships → Scholarships → Available Scholarships

Updates and paper copies available to seniors in December!

Scholarship FAQ's

What Community Foundation scholarships am I eligible to apply for?

In 2024, the Community Foundation of Madison & Jefferson County awarded over \$200,000 in scholarships to graduating seniors of the county's public and private high schools. More than 45 different students earned money toward their college costs. Scholarships are available for a variety of applicants. Some are specific to schools, majors, interests, or financial need. Others have few restrictions.

Do I need SAT or ACT scores to apply?

Many of the scholarships ask you to supply your test scores which some reviewers rely on heavily for making selections. If you do not have a score yet, please go ahead and apply for the scholarships, knowing that your application will have less information for reviewers. You should supply your PSAT scores if you have those.

Do I have to fill out the FAFSA to apply?

Most of the scholarships require you to provide the SAI (Student Aid Index; formerly known as EFC/Expected Family Contribution) from your FAFSA. However, not all the scholarships have a need-based requirement. Look at the **Available Scholarships Listing** in our guide to see which scholarships require this information. You can complete your FAFSA by going to studentaid.gov.

What can scholarship money be used for?

Most CFMJC scholarships may be used for tuition and related expenses like fees and required equipment at accredited colleges and universities. Room and board are typically NOT covered.

When can I apply?

The online application window for our 2025 scholarships opens on December 1, 2024, and closes at NOON on February 14, 2025.

What if I have more questions?

Refer to the Community Foundation website (**cfmjc.org**). There is an online scholarship guide with lots of information. Go to the website and click on *Grants and Scholarships -Scholarships – Available Scholarships* and you will find a link to our most recent guidebook. These will be updated later in the fall and made available to all seniors.

Email **julie@cfmjc.org** with questions or call the office at 812-265-3327.