

## REQUIRED APPLICATION STEPS (NEW AND TRANSFER STUDENTS)

- ✓ **STEP 1 - ADMISSIONS**  
You must apply and be accepted into GCSC.
- ✓ **STEP 2 - ORIENTATION**  
You must complete a GCSC orientation presentation.
- ✓ **STEP 3 - FINANCIAL AID (Optional)**  
You may apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ **STEP 4**  
Set up access to your GCSC Lighthouse, Angel and GCSC email accounts.
- ✓ **STEP 5 - SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Once Steps 1-4 have been completed, log in to your GCSC Lighthouse account and locate the application link in your “student” tab or “financial aid” tab.
- ✓ **STEP 6**  
Log in to Academic Works and apply for Foundation scholarships.

## REQUIRED APPLICATION STEPS (CURRENT STUDENTS)

- ✓ **STEP 1 - FINANCIAL AID (Optional)**  
You may apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ **STEP 2 - SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Once Step 1 has been completed (optional), log in to your GCSC Lighthouse account, and locate the application link in your “student” tab or “financial aid” tab.
- ✓ **STEP 3**  
Log in to Academic Works and apply for Foundation scholarships.

## OUR MISSION

The Gulf Coast State College Foundation, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to providing scholarship opportunities and program support for students attending or planning to attend Gulf Coast State College.

The Foundation is committed to the belief that every deserving student, or potential student, merits a chance to continue his or her education regardless of the cost.

The Foundation specializes in serving recent high school graduates and adults of all ages by providing assistance with a variety of means such as scholarship funding for tuition, books and supplies. The Foundation awards scholarships to students in “advance” based on a commitment to follow all established scholarship enrollment and grade point average (GPA) guidelines.

The Foundation is governed by a Board of Directors from Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties. The active board of directors consists of more than 40 community members, all with diverse business and philanthropic backgrounds. The Foundation, with the support of individuals, businesses, other foundations and the state, has created and endowed more than 600 scholarships. For more than 40 years, the Foundation has served GCSC by donating more than \$12 million for scholarship and program support.



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# Foundation Scholarships



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## WHO CAN APPLY FOR A SCHOLARSHIP?

Scholarship opportunities are open to all students who have been admitted to Gulf Coast State College. Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

## CAN MY SCHOLARSHIP BE COMBINED WITH OTHER RESOURCES?

Foundation scholarships can be combined or “stacked” with other forms of financial aid (i.e. Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, Bright Futures, College Pre-Paid Plans, Work-Study programs or scholarships).

## WILL I HAVE TO SET UP A SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT?

No. The scholarship process is quick, easy and free. All applicants will use the Foundation’s Academic Works scholarship program. Applicants will use their GCSC Lighthouse account to locate the applicant login page.

## WHAT IS LIGHTHOUSE?

Lighthouse is a portal for student, financial and learning resources such as online registration, grades, degree evaluations, financial aid and academic records. All students will be asked to set up a Lighthouse Personal Identification Number (PIN) that is unique to the individual. A PIN will remain active as long as a student is enrolled at GCSC.

## WHAT IS A SCHOLARSHIP?

A Foundation Scholarship award is a monetary amount (grant-in-aid) given to a GCSC student who has applied and been selected to receive a scholarship. **Scholarship awards are not meant to cover 100% of a student’s educational cost, but are intended only to supplement a student’s educational funding.**

## HOW LONG DOES A SCHOLARSHIP LAST?

Scholarships are awarded for one academic year only (fall and spring semesters) unless otherwise noted. Recipients must reapply for a scholarship for any subsequent academic year. The only exception is the Foundation High School Honors Scholarship, which is good for two years.

## WHAT CAN I USE MY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD FOR?

Scholarship awards can be used to cover the cost of tuition, books, fees or other supplemental expenses such as travel expenses or day care.

## CAN A SCHOLARSHIP BE SUSPENDED OR REVOKED?

Yes, it is possible to lose a scholarship if a recipient does not follow the guidelines associated with the award. The two most important areas are grade point average and hours taken.

## ARE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD AMOUNTS FIXED YEAR TO YEAR?

No. The award amounts are determined each year by the Foundation’s Board of Directors. Please plan accordingly since the scholarship payouts may vary from year to year.

## WHEN DO I APPLY?

The application dates are **January 1 to April 15** of each year. Any application received after the deadline will be kept on file and deemed as late.

## HOW ARE THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PAID OUT?

Every year the Foundation Board will determine a maximum or “stated” award for full-time students. A scholarship recipient taking 12 or more credit hours will receive 100% of the stated award amount. Recipients taking 9-11 credit hours will receive 75% of the stated amount and recipients taking 6-8 hours will receive 50% of the stated award amount. Please note some scholarship payouts may differ depending on the intent of the donor or donor organization.