



About the CFECT General Scholarship Application

Following is an overview of the information asked for on the General Scholarship Application. The software filters each application for eligibility for any of 130+ scholarships. The Scholarship committees review pools of eligible applicants for each scholarship.

Applicant information

- Student status (high school senior, current college student, graduate student or adult learner)
- Town of residence
- Demographic information (gender, race/ethnicity, first generation student)
- Parent/guardian information

Academic information

- High school
- Year of high school graduation
- GPA
- Transcript (required)
- SAT/ACT scores (optional)
- First choice postsecondary school and financial package if available
- Second choice postsecondary school and financial package if available
- Degree sought in next school year (trade/vocational certificate, associates, bachelors, masters, doctorate)
- Planned field of study (agriculture-related, art-related, business-related, government/public service, healthcare or health-related, liberal arts, social services/social work, STEM, technical/trade, undecided, other)
- Major of study (178 options; applicant may select all that apply or write in)
- Future plans – Brief description of applicant's goals for their future career

Financial information

- Student Aid Index from FAFSA, FAFSA Submission Summary
- Household financial information
- Extenuating circumstances
- Dependency status
- Siblings
- Dependents

Unique criteria

- School-based/extracurricular activities, community-based activities, work experience
- Specific yes/no questions to identify eligibility for certain scholarships. Examples: Did you graduate from 8th grade at Lisbon Central School? Do you ride motocross or belong to the Central Cycle Club in Plainfield, CT? Are you a member of Mystic Congregational Church?

Short personal reflection (200-500 words) on one of the following topics:

- An event that sparked personal growth
- A failure and what you learned from it
- Overcoming adversity or hardship
- A leadership experience
- Someone who is role model to you and why
- Something special about you -- a talent, skill or big dream

General essay (500-750 words)

May use an essay already written, such as for a college application or a class, or another writing sample.

Letter of recommendation (required)

Additional materials (optional) – e.g., awards, artwork, additional recommendation

A small number of scholarship opportunities require response to a brief supplemental question.