



Community 2000
**Dollars for
SCHOLARS®**
A Program of Scholarship America®

ONLINE APPLICATION INFORMATION

COMMUNITY 2000 DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS APPLICATION —NOW EASIER THAN EVER!

There are three reasons you'll love our scholarship application process:

1. Online scholarship application for Community 2000 Dollars for Scholars.

The new online process means we can do away with paper scholarship applications for good—and you can do all of your applying online! All you need to do is visit **www.community2000.dollarsforscholars.org** and create your personal Student Profile! You'll fill in all the same basic information as you would on a paper scholarship application, and you'll be able to store and update things like your GPA, extracurricular activities and letters of recommendation throughout your high school and college career—which means you'll only have to fill it out once, for potentially multiple opportunities!

2. One Student Profile; LOTS of applications!

By filling out a Student Profile, you'll see any and all of our chapter's awards that you qualify for—and you can apply for them by answering just a few additional questions with a couple of clicks! And that's not all: across the nation, Scholarship America, our affiliate organization, is working with partners to add new scholarships to the scholarship database. Any time your profile matches the criteria for a new scholarship, no matter who's giving it out or where it's from, you'll be able to apply without filling out anything else!! **This means lots of opportunities for nationally offered scholarships plus all of our local scholarships!!**

3. Much more than just scholarships.

Your Student Profile and the Student Dashboard, where you fill out and update your information provide a single source for a wide array of information you need to know. As a student, you'll have free access to a wealth of financial aid and college success tools and resources; and, you will even be able to export a resume based on your high school accomplishments!

READY TO GET STARTED??

Visit us online: WWW.COMMUNITY2000.DOLLARSFORSCHOLARS.ORG

To begin qualifying for local and national scholarships!

Applications are accepted between January 1, 2016—April 14, 2016 by 11:59 P.M.

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To be considered for any of the scholarships offered by Community 2000 Dollars for Scholars you **MUST** fully complete the online Student Profile and submit your Student Profile for any scholarships for which you want to be considered. Incomplete Student Profiles will **NOT** be considered.

Please use this checklist to gather and organize the information you will need to complete your Student Profile.

Before beginning your Student Profile make sure you meet these minimum requirements:

- You must be a current senior, entering your first year of college or a vocational program for the 2016-2017 academic year, with a minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- You must be a resident of Charlestown, Hopkinton or Richmond, Rhode Island or one of their villages.

If you meet the minimum requirements, visit our website to start your online Student Profile



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Click on the "Students and Parents" tab on the top right side of the page.

It is recommended that you gather the following information together before you start to build your Student Profile:

- To get started with your Student Profile you will need your email address and a password of your choice to set your login information for the **"Student Dashboard."**
- Once you are logged into the Student Dashboard review the items listed in the **"My Information"** section of the Student Dashboard.
- Know your country of citizenship and your citizenship status.
- Know your college of choice (indicate the school that is your first choice).
- Know your intended major area of study (you are not locked into this choice but your application will be more complete if you include this information).
- Know your school counselor's name and email address. You will need it so that he/she can verify your transcript information.
- Know your recommender's email address. You will need it so that he/she can provide a recommendation on your behalf.
- Know your parent's email address. You will need it so that he/she can complete the required financial information.
- In order to complete the financial information required, your parents will need to have completed the FAFSA form. When your parent completes the financial information, they **MUST USE Method 1 – FAFSA Expected Family Contribution** to provide the financial details. In addition as part of the scholarship application process, you or your parent are required to complete a Financial Information Form and submit it as an additional document in the "Documents" section of your Student Profile. Failure to complete the financial information will affect your eligibility to be considered for our scholarships.

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You will need to write two (2) essays and a background summary of, **no longer than 800 words each**, in response to these prompts:

- Make a statement of your plans as they relate to your educational and career objectives and future goals. How did you become interested? Please tell us as much as you can about your interest in this area of study and the things you have done that have confirmed your interest.
- Summarize your background including your Activities, Special Achievements, Awards and Honors, and Work Experience.
- Special Circumstances: Please describe how and when any unusual family or personal circumstances, if any, have affected your achievement in school, work experience, or your participation in school and community activities.
- Complete an **ADDITIONAL** essay describing the Field of Study you wish to pursue. How did you become interested? Please tell us as much as you can about your interest in this area of study and the things you have done that have confirmed your interest. Submit this essay as an additional document in the "Documents" section of your Student Profile.

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