

## Blakeford Scholarship Fund FAQ

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### Goal of Scholarship:

- The Residents of Blakeford established the Blakeford Scholarship for team members and their dependents to honor the dedication and commitment of the team members at Blakeford, Inc. to the residents. Residents appreciate the employees' work and want to provide opportunities to assist employees in continuing their training or education. The scholarship may assist any team members (part-time or full-time) or their legal dependents to seek additional training or education.

### Application Timeline:

- Opens December 1<sup>st</sup> (8:00 am CST) – closes February 1<sup>st</sup> (11:59 pm CST)

### Award Notification:

- Recipients are notified via the email they used to apply on April 15th.

### Eligibility Requirements:

- Full-time or part-time team members of Blakeford or dependent children of employees
- Must be employed at Blakeford for one year
- Must plan to attend an accredited vocational or technical school, community college, or 4-year university (part-time or full-time) to obtain a certification or undergraduate degree
- Preference is given to students with involvement in work, extracurriculars, community service, as well as consideration of career goals, and academic potential/performance
- Scholarship can be renewed with reapplication each year

### Documentation Requirements:

- Complete application
- Transcript
- Academic recommendation
  - If you have been out of school for some time, we still need an academic recommendation. Please consider asking someone who can speak to your academic potential.
- Personal recommendation

**\*\*All of these items must be submitted by the deadline for your application to be considered complete. \*\***

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## Use of Funds:

- Funds may be used for any expenses included in the school's official cost of attendance

## Where can I apply?

- Direct link typically shared by HR director
- Or applicants can access the application on the CFMT website at: <https://www.cfmt.org/funds/give-to-a-fund-blakeford-scholarship-fund/>, click "Apply now"

## How do I go about getting recommendations submitted?

- Both the Academic and Personal Recommendation must be completed via a unique link you will send to your recommender when completing the application.
- The recommender will complete a survey and have the option to submit a narrative for the student.
- These recommendations are completed via email; therefore, there is no need for a printed or uploaded recommendation.
- Your recommender must submit the recommendations by the application deadline for your application to be considered.

## Financial Amount Awarded:

- Award amounts vary based on the number of applicants and available funds.
- Recent awards have averaged \$2,000 per recipient
- Scholarships do not need to be repaid.

## Payment Process:

- Scholarship payments are made directly to the educational institution and issued before the start of the fall semester. Payment is split between the fall and spring semesters. For recipients graduating in December, the full amount will be applied in the spring semester.

## Is the scholarship renewable?

- Yes, as long as the applicant maintains the original criteria of the fund. Recipients must complete a renewal application each year.

## Who manages the scholarship?

The scholarship is administered by the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

For questions or assistance, please contact [scholarships@cfmt.org](mailto:scholarships@cfmt.org)