

## **FCSLA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FAQ’S**

**I am a member of FCSLA, but my child isn't. Is my child eligible to apply for a FCSLA scholarship?**

No. Your child must be a member of FCSLA and meet the eligibility requirements on her/his own.

**What constitutes an official transcript?**

An official transcript is one that is provided by the school, college, or university. It must bear the embossed or raised seal, date and the school/university's authorized signature. Student copies are not acceptable.

**Which official transcripts do you need from my school?**

We need official transcripts for at least the current school year – for semesters completed in that school year. If the current year is unavailable, the previous school year is acceptable.

**Do you accept electronic copies of scholarship applications?**

Yes, electronic copies (preferably PDF file) and faxed copies of application and supporting materials will be accepted. Email address: [Scholarship@FCSLA.org](mailto:Scholarship@FCSLA.org); fax number is (216) 464-9260.

**Are electronic copies of transcripts acceptable?**

If submitting electronic official transcripts they must be sent directly from the applicant's school with the school's name, an official watermark or seal, and student's name listed. Email: [Scholarship@fcscla.org](mailto:Scholarship@fcscla.org).

**Can I have my school mail my official transcripts to the FCSLA home office directly?**

Yes. Make sure you indicate on your application that the school is mailing your official transcripts, so we can look out for it. You also have the option to enclose it with your application.

**What if the applicant's official transcripts aren't received by the Scholarship deadline?**

We understand that there may be a delay for some schools to provide transcripts. As long as we have the completed application form and other supporting documents by the scholarship deadline, we allow up to 1 week after the scholarship deadline for schools to provide the official transcripts.

**My school won't release my college transcripts due to my being on a payment plan (transcripts are released once the payment plan is paid in full). Will I still be considered for a scholarship?**

No, all applicants are required to provide official transcripts in order to be considered.

**I am undecided about which school I plan to attend or I'm still waiting to hear from schools where I've applied. Will I still be considered if I receive a reply after the deadline?**

Yes. Indicate the names of the schools you are considering. If you are selected as a winner, you will be contacted and will need to provide your choice at that time.

**What happens to the applications that are received after the deadline?**

Applications received after the deadline will not be considered. The applicant will not be notified and the application will not be returned.

If I'm selected as a winner, which school year can I use the award? Can I use it in the summer semester/quarter prior to the next school year?

Scholarship funds must be used in the upcoming school year, beginning with the fall semester or quarter. Funds cannot be used in the summer semester, prior to or after the qualifying school year.

In the [reference](#) section on the college/graduate application, can we use instructors as substitutes for counselors and principals as references?

Yes, you can – just as long as they have specific knowledge of your academic qualifications. They can also mail a letter of reference to the attention of the Scholarship Department.

Am I required to submit a letterhead copy of the document of acceptance to high school or college if I'm currently attending the school I listed on my application?

Only high school and college applicants in their freshman year (1<sup>st</sup> year) are required to submit acceptance letters from their respective schools.

I forgot to enclose my wallet-size photo with my application. Will I still be considered?

Yes, you will still be considered. However, if you're selected as a winner, a wallet-size photo would be encouraged so it can be displayed with the other winners in our monthly magazine, *Fraternally Yours*. **It must be a wallet-sized photo, a photo printed on photo paper or a .jpeg attachment to an e-mail when submitting electronically.**

How many times can I apply for a scholarship?

You can apply as often as you like, just as long as you didn't already win in the category you're applying to. You can only win once in each category listed below:

- Early Elementary (Grades 1-4)
- Elementary (Grades 5-8)
- High School (Grades 9-12)
- College or Vocational/Technical/Trade
- Graduate
- Seminary

Can more than one person in a household apply?

Yes, as long as each person meets the eligibility requirements. A family/household may not have more than two award winners.

Can my scholarship award be applied to one semester in an academic year?

No. Our Rules of Eligibility state that the award must be used toward tuition for qualified school year. Awards are made for one school year and split up between semesters or quarters in that qualified academic year.

I'm currently a part-time student or will be enrolling as a part-time student. Do I qualify to apply?

You must be currently enrolled or be enrolling as a full-time student. We define full time as 12 or more credit hours per semester or quarter (9 hours for graduate students).

I understand I must meet the 3-year membership requirement. How is this calculated?

As long as you reach your 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of membership by the scholarship deadline, you may qualify.

If I receive funding from multiple sources to cover my tuition, am I still eligible to apply for an FCSLA scholarship?

FCSLA scholarships must be used for tuition. If your tuition **is fully funded** from other sources, you will not be eligible to apply.

If I'm selected as a winner, how long will it be before I receive my award check?

Checks are usually sent to the winners on or about in July.

I received my scholarship award check, but I changed schools or the school listed is incorrect. I need to have another check reissued with the correct school. What should I do?

Please cross out the school name on the award check, then indicate the correct school name. Sign and date the correction prior to returning the check to the Scholarship Department. Once received, we will reissue a corrected check.