



# Safe Harbor Education Fund

## 2025-2026 Application

### Eligibility Requirements for Scholarship Application:

- Applicants must be a current resident in the state of Ohio who fulfill one of the following criteria:
  - Graduating from an accredited high school or Charter school.
  - Current college student with 60 credit hours or less.
  - An adult learner pursuing further education.
  - Individual with an intellectual or developmental disabilities pursuing a college education.
  - Scholar experiencing financial difficulties, hardship and/or adversity.
  - Youth Scholar under 18 years of age, in pre-k to 12<sup>th</sup> grade; engaged in activities, programs, or church.

We will select a total of six candidates to receive this scholarship. The awarded funds are intended to be used for educational purposes, including but not limited to tuition, computers, technology equipment, books, dormitory essentials, and other necessary supplies.

Awards are granted without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.

### Submission:

- **Compilation** Applications and essays must be typed and scanned in as PDF, then submitted via email to: [info@safeharborhfc.net](mailto:info@safeharborhfc.net) . Attach additional papers if needed, with the applicant's name printed at the top. Individuals can apply for more than one scholarship; however, no recipient can receive more than one scholarship per year.
- **Deadline** Applications must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025. Applications received after this deadline will not be considered for the scholarship.

### Scholarship Categories and Criteria:

1. **Traditional Scholarship:** Available to high school graduates, 18 years or older, planning to attend a traditional four-year college.
2. **Current College Student:** Open to students who have already enrolled in college, including freshmen progressing to their sophomore year or those with fewer than 60 credit hours.
3. **Adult Learner:** Designed for older individuals managing families or employment, who are completing their education or are currently in postgraduate programs.
4. **Disability:** For individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities, enrolled in any program type (associate's, four-year, trade school, etc.). Applicants must submit an essay detailing their disability, its impact on learning and daily life, and their strategies for overcoming related challenges.
5. **Youth Scholar:** Geared toward individuals under 18, from preschool to high school seniors, engaged in activities, programs, or church. Funds may be used for upcoming school year resources such as activity fees or field trips.
6. **Hardship & Adversity:** For individuals who have faced significant hardships and are in the process of overcoming them, irrespective of current school enrollment status. Applicants should describe their experiences and explain how the scholarship funds would support their journey to overcome adversity.



**C. College, University, or Vocational/Trade School Information:**

List all colleges, universities, or vocational/building trades programs to which you have applied and/or have been accepted.

I intend to attend, currently attend, or have majored in: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree or Certificate sought and or obtained: Bachelor  Associate  Certificate  Masters

I plan to enroll or enroll currently: Full-Time  Part-Time

I plan to work or am currently employed: Full-Time  Part-Time  Unable to work/Not working  Disabled

**D. Financial Information:**

Household size (including self) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of household members currently in college, university, or vocational/building trades program who are supported by the family \_\_\_\_\_

Family Income (from all sources): (please mark the appropriate level; request assistance from family members for this information)

Under \$20,000     \$20,000-\$35,000     \$35,000-\$50,000     \$50,000-\$75,000     Over \$75,000

How do you plan to finance your tuition, room and board, books, and fees?

(Please explain any extenuating circumstances in your family which you feel should be considered by the scholarship committee.)

E. Personal Experiences: (attach additional papers if needed)

- 1) List any school or non-school activities, clubs, sports, and/or organizations in which you have participated. Indicate any leadership positions held, or honors achieved.

- 2) List your community and /or extracurricular volunteer experiences and explain what you valued or learned from these experiences.

F. Essay: (attach additional papers if needed. Ensure your essay is organized, clear, and addresses each point thoroughly.)

**Essay Guidelines for Traditional and Current College Student Scholarships:**

- Minimum Word Count: 500 words or more

**Applicants are required to address the following points in their essay:**

1. Field of Study and Inspiration
  - Identify the field of study that inspires you.
  - Explain how this career will positively impact your community.
2. Career and Educational Goals
  - Describe your career and educational objectives.
  - Detail what you hope to achieve upon obtaining your degree.
3. Motivation and Influences
  - Discuss why you chose your field of study.
  - Identify any individuals or experiences that inspired your choice.
4. Challenges and Persistence
  - Reflect on challenges faced in graduating high school and maintaining college enrollment.
  - Illustrate the perseverance demonstrated in overcoming these challenges.
5. Financial Support Utilization
  - Explain how the scholarship will assist with your educational goals and academic accomplishments.

**Essay Guidelines for Adult Learner Scholarship:**

- Minimum Word Count: 500 words

**Applicants are required to address the following points in their essay:**

1. Current Education
  - Outline your educational achievements thus far.
2. Family Dynamics and Employment
  - Discuss your family situation and current employment status.
3. Educational Goals
  - Describe what you are furthering your education in.
  - If you are attending college for the first time, explain your motivation to return to school and identify the field of study you are pursuing.
4. Sacrifices and Challenges
  - Highlight what sacrifices you have made that led you to postpone your education until now.
5. Financial Support Utilization
  - Explain how the scholarship funds will facilitate your career pursuits as an adult learner.

F. Essay Continued: (attach additional papers if needed. Ensure your essay is organized, clear, and addresses each point thoroughly.)

**Essay Guidelines for Disability Scholarship:**

➤ Minimum Word Count: 500 words

**Applicants are required to address the following points in their essay:**

1. Educational Background
  - Provide an overview of your educational history.
2. Special Needs or Disabilities
  - List your specific special needs or disabilities.
3. Impact on Learning
  - Explain how these disabilities impact your learning experience.
4. Challenges Faced
  - Describe the challenges you currently face due to your disabilities.
5. Current and Future Studies
  - Discuss the current studies you are engaged in and those you plan to pursue.
6. Financial Support Utilization
  - Explain how the scholarship funds will aid you in furthering your education and attending college.

**Essay Guidelines for Hardship and Adversity Scholarship:**

➤ Minimum Word Count: 500 words

**Applicants are required to address the following points in their essay:**

1. Personal Hardship and Adversity
  - Describe the significant hardships and adversities you have faced.
2. Overcoming Challenges
  - Explain how you are working to overcome these challenges, regardless of your current enrollment status.
3. Impact on Financial Support
  - Discuss how receiving the scholarship funds would assist you in continuing to overcome these barriers.

**Essay Guidelines for Youth Scholarship:**

➤ Minimum Word Count: 500 words or less

1. Author Identification
  - If the essay is written on behalf of the applicant by someone else, identify the author and specify their relationship to the applicant.
2. Benefit from Scholarship Funds
  - Explain how the scholarship funds will benefit the applicant, particularly if the essay is not completed by the candidate themselves.
3. Interests and Involvement
  - Describe the applicant's interests and list the activities, programs, or church involvements in which they participate.





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Additional Information

\*\* Do not submit this page \*\*

**A selection committee will review applications.  
The decision of the selection committee is final.**

**Application Deadline: 4 p.m. on Tuesday, July 1, 2025**

**All required documents must be enclosed with your application. Incomplete application submissions will not be considered.**

*Please retain a copy of this application and any other materials you may need for your records, as we are unable to return documents to applicants. Please do not send any additional paperwork separately. Make sure your name is printed clearly on all pages of your application, especially if you include additional pages.*

<b>Email the completed application to:</b>	info@safeharborhhc.net
<b>Scholarship Timeline:</b>	
<b>Application Period:</b>	June 1 to July 1, 2025 All applications must be completed and sent in via email only PDF at: info@safeharborhhc.net Safe Harbor Home Health 466 Northfield Road Suite 301 Bedford, Ohio 44146  <i>No later than 4pm on Tuesday, July 1, 2025</i>
<b>Application Review:</b>	July 1- July 15, 2025
<b>Applicant Notification:</b>	July 16, 2025
<b>Award Announcement:</b>	All applicants will be notified of the award results by email and Formal Letter July 16, 2025.
<b>Scholar Recipients Ceremony:</b>	August 8, 2025 The ceremony will be held at our office location to honor selected scholarship recipients.

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## Tips on completing the Application

There is no magic formula to use in applying for and receiving a scholarship. But these tips can help you start on the right path.

- ◆ Be organized and stay on top of deadlines. Don't wait until the last minute to complete the application. All forms, letters of recommendation, and any other supporting documents are due by the deadline.
- ◆ Follow instructions carefully. Answer all questions, providing as much detail as possible. Statements or summaries that leave questions in the minds of the reviewers will probably not be given as much credit as a well written and thoroughly explained paragraph. The reviewers are trying to get a sense of who you are, your career plans, and personal values. Make sure your comments reflect that.
- ◆ List all relevant activities and honors; but be selective, do not include information that is not significant.
- ◆ Don't be afraid to add additional pages, if needed.
- ◆ Proofread your application. Consider asking a parent, teacher, or friend to read your application for potential spelling and grammatical errors.
- ◆ Applications should be legible and well organized. Neatness does count!
- ◆ Keep copies of everything you send. If your application is misplaced, having copies will make it easier to resend your information if necessary.
- ◆ ALL forms, letters, extra pages, and any other supporting documents are required to be submitted together at the same time. Put your name at the top of all documents in case they become separated during the review process.