

YAWKEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM HISTORY

For Tom and Jean Yawkey, giving was a way of life. The Yawkey's donated generously to many programs and organizations that worked to improve the quality of life of children, families and the underserved. Their dedication to supporting individuals and communities in need defined them, and their generosity lives on through the philanthropic activities of the Yawkey Foundation.

In 2005, the Yawkey Foundation established the Yawkey Scholars Program. This program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated students from Massachusetts and Georgetown County, South Carolina with unmet financial need at the college they choose to attend. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship and other supports to help students succeed academically and go on to be successful and highly productive members of our community. Since its inception, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided more than \$13 million in scholarship support to over 300 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

THE AWARD:

- Four-year, renewable scholarship of \$15,000 per year to cover tuition and fees.
- Yawkey Advisor for each student to provide support throughout their four years of college.
- Opportunities Fund – supplemental financial support to allow Scholars to participate in enriching activities and meet their academic goals.
- Resources and network to help Scholars achieve their full potential.

ELIGIBILITY

Yawkey Scholars Program recipients must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Residency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.S. citizen; AND • Permanent resident of Georgetown County, South Carolina
Financial Circumstances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expected family contribution (EFC) of less than \$15,000 (from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA); OR • Adjusted gross family income of \$80,000 or less (from line 85 of the FAFSA Student Aid Report – SAR). <p>Note that all applicants must submit a copy of pages one and two of the parent(s)' or guardian(s)' most recent IRS form 1040 and a copy of the SAR.</p>
Mentoring Relationship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engaged in a meaningful, sustained mentoring program or ongoing relationship with an adult role model. • A mentoring relationship may include a formal mentoring program, an after-school program, or a trusting relationship with an adult who is a teacher, coach, employer, pastor or clergy member, or other non-family member whom the student depends on for advice or counsel.
Academic Standing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current senior at an accredited high school. • Accepted to and plan to attend a competitive public or private four-year college or university in South Carolina beginning in fall 2021. • Strong academic record or demonstration of significant improvement over time. • Ability and motivation to succeed in college. • Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (unweighted)

Community Involvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities.• Exhibit leadership potential and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to our community, both present and in the future.
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be among the first-generation in their immediate family to complete a 4-year college/university degree

PROCEDURE

Complete applications are due **Friday, February 19, 2021 by 5 PM**. Please follow instructions carefully. Applicants' ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

To access the application, click here: <https://www.grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx>

1. Prior to completing the application, please be sure you meet all **eligibility requirements** (academic and financial).
Review Sample Application: Please review the sample application in advance to be sure you have access to all the information you will need to complete the application. A sample application is available here: <http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>
2. **Required Documents:** Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application and include uploading electronic files, scanning and uploading, or using a fax-to-file feature.
3. **Recommendations:** Make sure you give your recommenders ample time to complete their recommendations prior to the application deadline. Instructions are included in the application.
4. If you have **questions**, contact us at yawkey@tpi.org.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following materials are required. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered.

1. **Complete Application Submitted Online**
2. **Essays**
3. **High School Transcript**
4. **Teacher/Guidance Counselor Recommendation** (including test and transcript information from school official)
5. **Mentor Letter of Recommendation**
6. Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)' most recent **IRS 1040 Tax Forms**
7. Complete **Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA**. This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the **ENTIRE** document.

TIMELINE

- Selected applicants will be invited for interviews in March.
- Scholarship decisions will be announced in April.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Please contact us at yawkey@tpi.org