

# Yawkey Scholars Program for Georgetown, South Carolina Residents 2021-2022

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*TPI - Yawkey*

## *Scholarship Description*

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The Yawkey Scholars program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated, low-income, first-generation students from Georgetown, South Carolina **who plan to attend a public or private college in South Carolina**. It provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship of \$15,000 per year as well as other supports to help students succeed academically and go on to be successful and highly productive members of our community. Since 2005, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided more than \$13 million in tuition supports to more than 300 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

## *Requirements*

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### **Qualifications:**

Applicants must:

- be a U.S. citizen and permanent resident of South Carolina
- plan to attend a private or public college in South Carolina
- have a family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) \$80,000 or less **and/or** an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) \$15,000 or less
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (unweighted) on a scale of 4.0
- be among the first-generation in your immediate family to complete a 4-year college/university degree

### **Application Materials Required:**

- Teacher or Guidance Counselor Recommendation
- Mentor letter of recommendation (e.g. coach, pastor, supervisor, staff person at a youth development program, etc.)
- Essays
  - Questions are included in the application. The essays must be uploaded as a word document or PDF.
- High school transcript
- Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)/guardian(s) most recent IRS 1040 Tax Forms

- If your parent(s)/guardian(s) do not plan to file taxes, please include a written explanation instead.
- Complete Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA.
  - This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document.

## *Pre-Application Checklist*

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*Please answer the following questions prior to filling out an application to determine if you are eligible to receive the Yawkey Scholarship.*

*If you answer "NO" to any of the questions, you are not eligible.*

**Do you plan to attend a four-year college or university in South Carolina?\***

(at least 2 among your top 4 colleges)

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Are you a U.S. citizen?\***

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Do you have someone in your life who you consider a mentor?\***

(e.g. coach, pastor, supervisor, staff person at a youth development program, etc.)

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Financial Qualifications\***

Is your family's Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) \$80,000 or less **and/or** is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) \$15,000 or less?

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Do you have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (unweighted) on a 4.0 scale?\***

**Choices**

Yes

No

**Are you among the first-generation in your immediate family to obtain a 4-year college degree?\***

**Choices**

Yes

No

## *Instructions*

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Thank you for your interest in the Yawkey Scholars Program. Please read the following instructions **carefully** before filling out your application. Applicant's ability to follow instruction will weigh into award decisions.

**Applications are due by Friday, February 19, 2021 at 5 pm EST.**

### General Instructions

Completing your application:

- All application materials can be found on TPI's website here: <https://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program>
- To preview the application, click on the Print Questions button in the upper right-hand corner. You should do this prior to beginning the application to review the questions.
- You can save your application and return to it later by clicking "save" and logging out. Your application will be marked Draft and you can return to it at any time by logging back into your account.
- Questions marked with an asterisk (\*) are required. You will not be able to submit your application until all required questions are answered.
- If you would like to save a copy of this application with your answers included, please click on the "Application Packet" button at the top of the page.

Submitting your application:

- All attachments must be submitted in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** format.
- You must submit your application for it to be considered. Once you submit your application, you will receive an email confirming its receipt.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email, then you have not properly submitted your application, and it will not be reviewed. If you do not receive this email, log back into your account to submit your application, or email [yawkey@tpi.org](mailto:yawkey@tpi.org) for assistance.
- To request a recommendation, enter the email address of your reference in the space provided, then click "Compose Email" to send them an email requesting a reference.

They will receive an email from this system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions

- Note: Your recommenders will continue to have access to submit their materials to your application even after you click "submit." You do not need to wait for your recommendations to be complete in order to submit your application.

**Important:** Review your application before clicking "submit". Make sure all attachments are filled out, have been uploaded correctly and your answers are clear. To do this, click on the "Application Packet" button in the top right-hand corner of the page. This will allow you to view your application in the form the reviewers will see it. ***Applications that have blank, unreadable attachments or don't load correctly will not be considered. Please note that .jpeg files are not able to be viewed. It is very important that you look over your application to make sure everything has been properly submitted.***

***Scholarship support is contingent upon maintained positive academic and community standing and attendance at a college or university in South Carolina.***

If you have any questions or need help uploading forms to your application, please contact Elaine Pena at Yawkey@tpi.org or 617-338-5897.

## 1. Personal Information

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### Applicant Name\*

Character Limit: 100

### Gender. How do you identify?\*

#### Choices

Female

Male

Other

### Date of Birth\*

Example: 01/01/2000

Character Limit: 10

### Race/ Ethnicity: Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin?\*

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Ethnicity\*

#### Choices

American Indian / Alaska Native  
 Asian  
 Black / African American  
 Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander  
 White (Including Middle Eastern)

## How did you hear about the Yawkey Scholars Program?\*

### Choices

High School  
 Mentoring Program  
 Community-based organization/ nonprofit  
 Online  
 College Contact  
 Friend  
 Family Member  
 Current or former Yawkey Scholar  
 Other

## 2. Family/Household Information

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### Who do you live with?\*

Please list the people who live in your household including parent(s), sibling(s), etc. Please include their Name, Relationship To You, Age, Occupation (job title, school, other). **For example: Jane Smith, mother, 52, Personal Care Assistant**

*Character Limit: 1000*

### Parent Contribution

How much would your parent(s)/ guardian(s) be contributing financially to the cost of college? If you live in a **single parent household**, what is your relationship with your other parent? Will your other parent be contributing financially to the cost of college? Please explain briefly.

*Character Limit: 1000*

### First-Generation College Student\*

A first-generation college student is defined as a student whose parent(s) have not completed a bachelor's degree (this does not include siblings).

Are you among the first generation in your immediate family to obtain a four-year college degree?

### Choices

Yes  
 No

**What is your first parent's/ guardian's highest level of education?\*****Choices**

- Middle School
- High School
- Some College
- College (two-year)
- Do not know

**What is your second parent's/ guardian's highest level of education?\*****Choices**

- Middle School
- High School
- Some College
- College (two-year)
- Do not know

**Family Adjusted Gross Income (AGI)\***

Can be found on line #85 on the student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR). **Please enter a number here.** If the number is not available on your FAFSA Student Aid Report, please reference your parents 1040.

*Character Limit: 20*

**Expected Family Contribution (EFC)\***

Found on the first page of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Student Aid Report (SAR). **Please enter a number here.**

*Character Limit: 20*

### *3. High School Information*

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**High School - Name\***

*Character Limit: 100*

**High School - Location\***

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 50*

**High School - Graduation Date\***

*Month/Year (Example: June 2021)*

*Character Limit: 7*

**High School GPA Weighted**

*Please provide your weighted GPA.*

*Character Limit: 5*

### High School GPA Unweighted

*Please provide your unweighted GPA.*

*Character Limit: 200*

### Standardized Test Scores

In light of adjustments made by many higher education institutions, first-year applicants for the 2021-22 scholarship cycle have the option of submitting their ACT and/or SAT scores. Students who are unable to submit standardized test results, or who chose not to, will not be disadvantaged in our selection process.

### SAT Score - Math (Range 200 - 800)

*Character Limit: 5*

### SAT Score - Evidence - Based Reading and Writing (Range 200 - 800)

*Character Limit: 3*

### SAT Score - TOTAL (Range 400-1600)

*Character Limit: 15*

### ACT Score - Comp

*Character Limit: 2*

## 4. College Choice(s)

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Please list, in order of preference, the colleges you hope to attend in the fall of 2021. The Yawkey Scholars Program is for students who attend four-year colleges or universities in South Carolina. You can still apply if you are considering other colleges, however, scholarships will only be awarded to students who enroll and attend an eligible college/university.

### First Choice College – Name\*

*Character Limit: 250*

### First Choice College – Location\*

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### First Choice College - Application Status\*

Have you been accepted to your First Choice College?

### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Second Choice College – Name

*Character Limit: 100*

### Second College Choice - Location

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### Second Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Second Choice College?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Third Choice College – Name

*Character Limit: 250*

### Third Choice College – Location

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### Third Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Third Choice College?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.

### Fourth Choice College – Name

*Character Limit: 250*

### Fourth Choice College – Location

*City, State*

*Character Limit: 100*

### Fourth Choice College - Application Status

Have you been accepted to your Fourth Choice College?

#### Choices

Yes

I am still waiting for a decision.



### Additional four-year colleges in South Carolina you are applying to

Please list school name, city, and application status. *(For example: University of South Carolina, Columbia, I am still waiting for a decision.)*

*Character Limit: 250*

### Anticipated Major/ Field of Study\*

What is your anticipated course of study in college? *e.g. Biology, Finance, Communications, etc.*

*Character Limit: 50*

### College: Living Situation\*

#### Choices

Live on campus

Live off campus

Live at home with parent(s)/ guardian(s), Commuter

## 5. Extracurricular Information

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Please fill out the following information about your extracurricular, community/volunteer, home responsibilities, and work experiences in high school.

### Sample entry could look like this:

#### Work

Location/Organization: Sunshine Camp

Position/ Role: Summer Camp Counselor

Employment Period: June 25, 2017 - August 31, 2017

Time Commitment: 30 hours per week for 8 weeks

#### Activities, Awards & Honors

Co-curricular Club/ Activity Name: Memorial High School Marching Band

Position/ Role: Trumpet Player

Period of Involvement: Grades 10, 11, 12

Weekly Time Commitment: 4 hours per week for 3 months

#### Community/Volunteer

Activity Name: Brookside Elementary School

Position/ Role: First grade reading tutor

Period of Involvement: Grades 11 & 12

Weekly Time Commitment: 6 hours per week after school for 4 months.

If you don't have anything to list in a particular section please write "N/A".

## Resume

If you would prefer, you may upload a copy of your resume instead of filling out the individual fields below if you feel it provides a better representation of your experiences.

Please upload the completed form in . pdf, .doc, or .docx formats, only.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

## Work List

Describe your work experience during the past four years (e.g., food server, babysitting, lawn mowing, office work). Indicate dates of employment for each job and approximate number of hours worked each week.

*Character Limit: 3000*

## Activities, Awards & Honors

List all activities in which you have participated during high school and college (e.g., student government, clubs, associations, sports, etc.). Please list the most recent first. Note all special awards, honors and offices/ positions held.

*Character Limit: 3000*

## Community Service/ Volunteer Activities

List all community activities in which you have participated without pay in the past four years including name of organization, dates of participation and specific activities.

*Character Limit: 3000*

## 6. Other Scholarships

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Please list other outside private scholarships you have applied to or are receiving for the 2021-2022 school year.

### Other Scholarships Applied to for 2021-22:

Please list all scholarships for which you have submitted an application.

*Character Limit: 200*

### Other Scholarships Received for 2021-22 and annual scholarship amount:

Please list the scholarships you have been awarded, as well as the scholarship amount per year.

*Character Limit: 200*

## 7. Essays

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### Essay #1- College Essay/ Personal Statement\*

The goal of this essay is to get to know more about you as a person and as a student. If your college essay reflects these goals, please feel free to attach it as your long essay. Otherwise, please write an essay that provides a good understanding of who you are and what's important to you. The essay should be **800 words or less**. Please upload your essay in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** file format, only.

*File Size Limit: 3 MB*

### Essay #2- Community Service/ Volunteering\*\*

Tom and Jean Yawkey gave generously of their time, talent, and resources throughout their lives in order to support and uplift underserved communities in the regions they called home, Massachusetts and South Carolina. **In 400 words or less**, please describe the ways you give your time and/or talent to your community (school, neighborhood, church, family, etc.)? How has supporting those around you influenced your goals for college and beyond? Please upload your essay in **.pdf, .doc, or .docx** file format, only.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

### Essay #3- Leadership

In addition to owning the Boston Red Sox, Tom and Jean Yawkey served in board leadership roles at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI). In the early 1950s Tom Yawkey met Dr. Sidney Farber and learned about his efforts to cure childhood cancer. In 1953 Tom and Jean Yawkey solidified their extraordinary support to Dr. Farber by initiating the Red Sox relationship with Dr. Farber and The Jimmy Fund. Now more than a half-century later, this partnership still thrives providing resources and support for cancer care and research. **In 400 words or less**, please describe a time when you took on a leadership role and explain why you chose to do so. Were you effective/ successful in that role? What challenges, if any, did you have to address as a leader? Please upload your essay in **.doc, .docx, or .pdf** format, only.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

### Short Answer: Academic and Career Goals\*

Please briefly describe your academic and career ambitions.

*Character Limit: 100*

### Short Answer: Mentoring Relationship\*

Briefly describe how you connected with your mentor, your relationship with that person, and how this relationship has been helpful to you.

*Character Limit: 1000*

## Short Essay #2: Mentoring Relationship\*

In 200 words or less, describe your relationship with your mentor and how this relationship has been helpful to you.

The Yawkey Scholars Program supports students with a history of a strong, supportive, mentoring relationship.

*Character Limit: 5000*

## Mentor Name:\*

*Character Limit: 200*

## Organization mentor works with (if applicable)

*Character Limit: 200*

## Additional Information

Please feel free to include any information that would be helpful for the review committee to know as they review your application.

*Character Limit: 500*

## 10. Required Attachments (High School Transcript, tax forms, FAFSA SAR)

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Please attach the following required documents.

### Official High School Transcript\*

Please upload your most recent complete high school transcript, and include your high school's grading scale.

*If your school does not provide transcripts to students, please upload a word document explaining that, and have your school email your transcript to [Yawkey@tpi.org](mailto:Yawkey@tpi.org).*

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

### IRS Form 1040\*

Please attach a copy of *pages 1 and 2* of your parent(s)/guardian(s)' most recent **IRS Form 1040**. *If your parent(s)/guardian(s) do not plan to file taxes, please include a written explanation instead.*

*File Size Limit: 5 MB*

## FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)\*

Please attach a copy of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR). You can obtain a copy by going to <http://fafsa.ed.gov> and printing/saving your entire SAR (it should be five pages long).

**Please save your SAR as a PDF. We cannot accept web pages, html, or jpeg documents.**

*File Size Limit: 4 MB*

## 11. Certification

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The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) has sole responsibility for selecting recipients based on criteria as set forth in the program's guidelines. This application becomes property of TPI and the donor.

Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account, but you cannot make any changes to it.

*I acknowledge all decisions are made by TPI. I certify that I meet the eligibility requirements of the program as described in the guidelines and the information provided is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If requested, I will provide proof of information. Falsification of information may result in termination of any award granted. I give my consent for representatives from TPI to discuss my eligibility and need for scholarship assistance with financial aid counselors at my colleges of choice as well as with the donor. I also agree that TPI may provide a copy of my full application to the donor.*

### Applicant's Electronic Signature\*

*Please type your full name.*

*Character Limit: 50*

### Today's Date\*

*Character Limit: 10*

### Parent's or Guardian's Electronic Signature

*If the applicant is under age 18, please enter your full name.*

*Character Limit: 50*

### Today's Date

*Character Limit: 10*

**Once your application is submitted, you may view your application at any time by returning to your online account. However, you will not be able to make any changes.**

## 8. Teacher/Guidance Counselor Recommendation

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### Reference Email Address\*

Please enter the email address of your reference below, then click "Compose Email" to send them a personal email asking them to be a reference. They will receive a second email from this system which will include a link for them to click on and answer questions. Please inform your reference to check their spam folder as well. Below are generic instructions for you to copy and paste into your email if you'd like to use them. If your recommender does not receive the email, they can send the form and optional letter of recommendation to [Yawkey@tpi.org](mailto:Yawkey@tpi.org). The form can be found here:

*Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for me for the Yawkey Scholars Program. You'll be receiving another email from "administrator@grantinterface.com" which will include a link. This link will direct you to download the recommendation form and will provide instructions on how to upload your recommendation to my application. The application due date is **Friday, February 19, 2021 at 5 PM.***

*Character Limit: 254*

Thank you for taking the time to serve as a reference for an applicant to the Yawkey Scholars Program. The Yawkey Scholars Program supports low-income students with financial need from Georgetown County, South Carolina. Students selected to receive the scholarship are typically high achieving students who have demonstrated resilience, have high expectations for themselves and what they can accomplish, have the potential to succeed in college and to become successful, caring adults.

Scholars receive a four year, renewable tuition scholarship of \$15,000, one-on-one support from a Yawkey Scholar advisor, and, if eligible, additional flexible financial supports.

Please click below for the recommendation form. The applicant will not be able to read the recommendation you submit, so please provide honest feedback. Once the form is complete, click upload here in order to attach it. Thank you for your time.

### Applicant Name\*

*Character Limit: 25*

### High School\*

*Character Limit: 25*

### Name of person completing this recommendation\*

*Character Limit: 25*

### Email\*

*Character Limit: 25*

### **Position\***

*Character Limit: 25*

### **How long have you known the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 25*

### **In what capacity do you know the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 50*

**Transcript Information:** Please have the transcript information completed by the appropriate school official.

### **Class Rank\***

Please enter the class rank of this applicant. *(For example: Applicant ranks \_\_\_\_ in a class of \_\_\_\_)*

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Cumulative GPA**

Please enter the applicants weighted and unweighted GPA. *(For example: Weighted \_\_\_\_/4.0 and Unweighted \_\_\_\_/4.0)*

*Character Limit: 100*

### **SAT Scores (if applicable)**

Please enter the applicants SAT scores. Please include the critical reading score, the math score, and the total score.

*Character Limit: 100*

### **ACT Scores (if applicable)**

Please enter the applicants ACT scores. Please include the english, math, reading, science, and comp scores.

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Honors and Advanced Placement Courses\***

Please enter the total number of honors courses the student has completed and is currently enrolled in as well as the total number of honors courses offered at the high school.

Please enter the total number of AP courses the student has completed and is currently enrolled in as well as the total number of AP courses offered at the high school.

*Character Limit: 250*

**Recommender Check List:** Please complete the questionnaire below.

### **The applicant's choice of postsecondary educational program is:\***

**Choices**

Extremely Appropriate  
Very Appropriate  
Moderately Appropriate  
Inappropriate

 **The applicant's achievements reflect their ability:\***

**Choices**

Extremely Well  
Very Well  
Moderately Well  
Not Well

 **The quality of the applicant's commitment to school and/or community is:\***

**Choices**

Excellent  
Good  
Fair  
Poor

 **The applicant's ability to set realistic and attainable goals is:\***

**Choices**

Excellent  
Good  
Fair  
Poor

 **The applicant is able to seek, find, and use learning resources:\***


**Choices**

Extremely Well  
Very Well  
Moderately Well  
Not Well

 **The applicant demonstrates curiosity and initiative:\***

**Choices**

Extremely Well  
Very Well  
Moderately Well  
Not Well

 **The applicant demonstrates good problem-solving skills, follows through, and completes tasks:\***

**Choices**

Extremely Well  
Very Well  
Moderately Well



Not Well

 **The applicant's respect for self and others is:\***

**Choices**

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

 **The applicant's leadership qualities are:\***

**Choices**

Excellent

Good

Fair

Poor

 **Comments (optional)**

*Character Limit: 250*

**If you would like, you may also upload a letter of recommendation in support of the applicant. If you plan to submit a letter, you may utilize the guidelines below.**

1. Please describe the student's ability and motivation to succeed in college and become a successful, caring adult who will make a meaningful contribution to society.
2. In what ways do you believe the student will benefit from their involvement with the Yawkey Scholars Program? Please comment on any special life circumstances you are aware of (e.g. family, health, housing, ESL).

 **Letter of Recommendation**

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## *9. Mentor Recommendation*

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### **Your Full Name\***

*Character Limit: 50*

### **Title\***

*Character Limit: 50*

### **Affiliation\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **Relationship to Applicant\***

*Character Limit: 100*

### **How long have you known the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 25*

### **How often do you meet with the applicant?\***

*Character Limit: 50*

### **Attach Letter of Recommendation\***

Please upload a copy of your letter of recommendation.

1. Please describe the student's ability and motivation to succeed in college and become a successful, caring adult who will make a meaningful contribution to society.
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