YAWKEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM HISTORY

The Yawkey Foundation is dedicated to perpetuating the philanthropic legacy of Tom Yawkey and Jean Yawkey, whose eight decades of quiet generosity supported individuals and families in the communities that were closest to their hearts – Massachusetts and Georgetown County, South Carolina. Having awarded more than $500 million to-date in charitable grants to organizations focused on Health Care, Education, Human Services, Youth and Amateur Athletics, Arts and Culture, and Conservation and Wildlife, Yawkey Foundation is committed to preserving and sustaining the charitable values of the Yawkeys by investing in impactful nonprofits providing resources, opportunity, and dignity to the vulnerable and underserved.

In 2005, the Yawkey Foundations established the Yawkey Scholars Program. This program is designed to make college affordable for talented, motivated, low-income, first-generation students from Georgetown, South Carolina. I**t provides a four-year renewable tuition scholarship and other supports to help students achieve academically and go on to be successful and highly productive members of our community. This scholarship seeks to support students who have a significant gap (of at least $10,000 or more) in what it costs to attend college and the financial aid and scholarships the student receives.** Since 2005, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided more than $14 million in scholarship support to over 350 Scholars as they pursue a college education.

THE AWARD:

- Four-year, renewable scholarship to cover tuition, fees, and educational expenses.
  - Award amounts vary based on student unmet need.
  - Eligibility and scholarship amounts will be determined in consultation with the college the student chooses to attend and the financial aid package a student receives from the college. The goal of this scholarship is to fill significant gap in the student's unmet financial need and enable a student to attend the college of their choosing and graduate with a manageable loan burden.
- 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

Residency	• U.S. citizen; **AND** • Permanent resident of Georgetown County, South Carolina
Financial Circumstances	The following are provided as a guideline: • Expected family contribution (EFC) of $15,000 or less (from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA); **AND/OR** • Adjusted gross family income of $80,000 or less (from line 85 of the FAFSA Student Aid Report – SAR). 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 FAFSA SAR.
Mentoring Relationship	• 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 guidance.

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Academic Standing	• Current senior at an accredited high school.
	• Accepted to and plan to attend a **public or private** four-year college or university in South Carolina beginning in fall 2022.
	• Strong academic record or demonstration of significant improvement over time.
	• Ability and motivation to succeed in college.
	• Have a minimum GPA of 3.0 (unweighted)
Community Involvement	• Involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities.
	• Exhibit leadership potential and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to our community.
Other	• First generation college student. *A first-generation college student is defined as a student whose parent(s) have not completed a 4-year bachelor's degree.*

PROCEDURE
Complete applications are due **Tuesday, March 1, 2022 by noon EST**. 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: https://tpi.org/scholarships-college-success/
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. **Essay**
3. **High School Transcript**
4. **Teacher/Guidance Counselor Recommendation** (including test and transcript information from school official)
5. **Mentor Letter of Recommendation** (to be written out by a work supervisor, community leader, coach, teacher or any other non-family member who knows you well)
6. **Financial Aid Award Letter** (if available)
7. Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)' most recent **IRS 1040 Tax Forms**
8. 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 April.
- Scholarship recipients and amounts will be announced in late April/early May.

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

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