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INSTRUCTIONS FOR TFEC ONLINE APPLICATION PROCESS

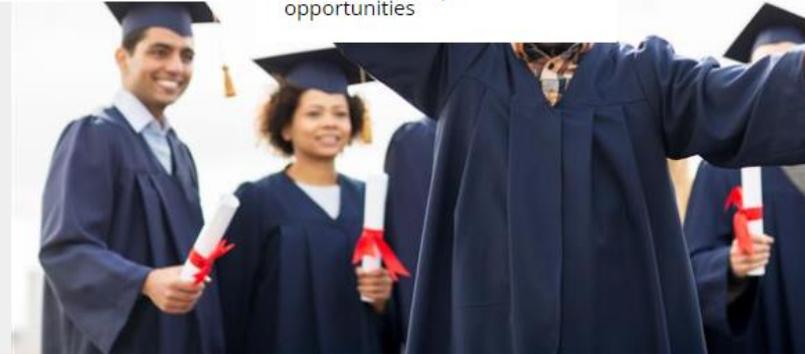
2022 Scholarship Applications

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A brighter future for the next generation of community leaders

Many students have the qualifications and a genuine ambition to further their education, but don't have the means. We believe that accessible education is crucial to the development of a better community.

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- creating a scholarship
- current high school seniors
- current college and graduate students
- students enrolling in a trade school
- can i reapply?
- other scholarship opportunities



STEP 1: SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Begin by visiting www.tfec.org to familiarize yourself with the many scholarship opportunities available through TFEC.

Search for a scholarship by name in the top right corner or Click **find a scholarship** on our navigation page to find opportunities relevant to you.

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Current High School Seniors

Choose your state and city/county from the options below to see what is available in your area.

Current High School Seniors

Select State



Select County



Select School District



STEP 1 continued : SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Click on **Current High School Seniors** to search by county and School District for scholarship opportunities you may be eligible for based on where you live.

Upcoming scholarship

Pennsylvania House of Representatives Scholarship

Graduating seniors and legal residents of PA, with a minimum 3.0 GPA, planning to attend any 4 year college in PA, and demonstrating leadership and community service. Essay Prompt changes each year and will be updated no later than January [Read More](#)

Award: 2 winners/Amount varies

Deadline: March 1

Big 33 Academic Scholarship Fund

The Big 33 Academic Scholarship is open to students in Pennsylvania who are planning to attend a technical school or accredited college or university following high school graduation. Eligible students must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 during their [Read More](#)

Award: Multiple winners / up to \$2,000 each

Deadline: March 1

Joseph L. and Vivian E. Steele Music Scholarship

Students from Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Fulton, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Snyder, and York counties, studying classical music

STEP 1 continued : SEARCH FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Scroll through the **Upcoming Scholarship results** to identify specific opportunities you may be eligible for based on the additional eligibility criteria. Additional criteria may include high school activities and/or planned college major or career goals. Click the fund name to expand the information.

Big 33 Academic Scholarship Fund

The Big 33 Academic Scholarship is open to students in Pennsylvania who are planning to attend a technical school or accredited college or university following high school graduation. Eligible students must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 during their sophomore and junior year of high school. Students must be high school seniors at a public or private school in Pennsylvania.

Deadline: March 1

Award: Multiple winners / up to \$2,000 each

[Click Here for The PDF Application >>](#)

DONATE NOW!

STEP 2 : CLICK THE LINK TO REVIEW THE SUMMARY PAGE

After finding a scholarship you are interested in applying for, click on the link to review the eligibility criteria in detail to ensure you qualify.

The link to the online application, instructions for submitting letters of reference, and detailed information about additional materials to attach to your application are included on this summary page.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. High school senior enrolled in a public or accredited private school in Pennsylvania
2. Has attained a 2.0 cumulative GPA for 10th and 11th grades
3. Planning on attending an accredited institution of higher learning or technical school
4. Students should exhibit such traits as academic achievement, community service, financial need, leadership, obstacles overcome, special talents, unique endeavors

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is online. You can access and submit the application beginning January 1.

[Click here](#) to access the online application.

If you are signing back in to complete your application, please [click here](#).

Before accessing the application, be prepared to attach the following items:

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1. Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in Word document that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.
2. FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. The report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. In addition to the SAR, you may also provide a letter with information you believe will be useful in determining your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?
3. Write a one page essay describing why you deserve a Big 33 Scholarship. Direct comments toward your motivation,

Note: Prepare your attachments before starting the application to speed up the upload process.

STEP 3 : CLICK THE LINK TO APPLY

After reviewing the Eligibility Criteria and How to Apply, click on the link to access the online application. Links are activated each year by January 1.

Be sure to read the How to Apply section carefully. It includes information on materials that must be attached to your application and how to submit your additional materials via email.

Many of the summaries are two pages. Be sure to read through all the information!



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Please Sign In

1. If you have never applied via TFEC's online application system, please use the **New Applicant** link below the e-mail box to create an account login.
2. If you have applied via TFEC's online application system previously and have already created an account log in, please enter your e-mail and password below.
3. If you are creating an online application on someone else's behalf, please use their account login to ensure proper distribution of future correspondence concerning the application.

E-mail

[New Applicant?](#)

Password

[Forgot Password?](#)

Login

Keep Login Information Handy:

If you don't finish an application at once, you have the option to Save & Finish Later. Sign in to return to applications you have started and want to submit.

STEP 4 : ACCOUNT SIGN IN

The **first time** you apply through TFEC's application portal, create an account by clicking "New Applicant?"

If you submit multiple applications, sign in with the log in information you created on your first application.

If you are re-applying for a scholarship this year, sign in with the log in information you created last year. If you forget your password, click "Forgot Password?"



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Eligibility Criteria

Are you a graduating high school senior from a public or private school in PA?

-Select One- ▼

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STEP 5 : ELIGIBILITY QUIZ

Applicants are asked a series of questions pertaining to their eligibility for each specific scholarship.



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Applicant Information

◆ Required before final submission

Please use proper capitalization i.e. John A Smith, not JOHN A SMITH or john a smith

This is the name we will use to refer to you via email, on committee materials, when speaking with your school, and on your award letter / certificate, if selected.

◆ First Name

Middle Initial

◆ Last Name

Suffix

e.g., Jr.

◆ Pronoun

e.g., he, she, they

Legal Name

(If different from the name above, this name will only appear on a scholarship check, if you are selected.)

◆ Address 1

Street Address

Address 2

Apt./Unit #

STEP 6 : APPLICANT INFORMATION

This page captures personal information about you, such as your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, birthdate, and more.



Family Information

Required before final submission

Parent 1 / Caregiver 1

Relationship to Applicant

<None> ▼

Prefix

e.g., Mr., Miss, Ms., Mrs.

First Name

Middle Initial

Last Name

Pronoun

e.g., he, she, they

Employer

Occupation

Address 1

Home Address

Address 2

Apt./Unit #

City

State

PA

Zip

Home Phone

xxx-xxx-xxxx

Work Phone

xxx-xxx-xxxx

Cell Phone

xxx-xxx-xxxx

E-mail Address

Please provide an e-mail address that is checked regularly

STEP 7 : FAMILY INFORMATION

This page captures information about your parents or guardians, siblings, and more. Parent / Caregiver information should reflect your family as closely as possible.



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High School Information

◆ Required before final submission

◆ High School Attended/Attending

High School Address 1 High School Address 2

City State Zip Code

◆ High School Graduation Date ◆ Cumulative GPA ◆ Cumulative Class Rank ◆ Total H.S. Class Size

If you are currently in high school, please provide your school counselor's name and contact information below.

Prefix First Name Last Name
e.g., Mr., Miss, Ms., Mrs.

Phone E-mail Address
xxx-xxx-xxxx

STEP 8 : HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

This page captures information about the High School you are attending or attended.



Post-Secondary Information & Educational Financing

◆ Required before final submission

If you are currently in high school, please list the colleges/universities to which you have applied and indicate your acceptance status.

College/University 1	Acceptance Status
<input type="text"/>	<None> ▼
College/University 2	Acceptance Status
<input type="text"/>	<None> ▼
College/University 3	Acceptance Status
<input type="text"/>	<None> ▼

◆ Year in college for upcoming school year

<None> ▼

◆ Major and minor field of study

◆ Check this box if you plan to be a full-time student.

If you do not plan to be a full-time student, how many credit hours are you planning to take?

◆ Expected College Graduation Date

Please provide educational financing information for the school you will attend in the fall. If you are unsure of what school you will attend, please provide information for your first choice school.

STEP 9 : POST-SECONDARY INFORMATION & EDUCATIONAL FINANCING

This page captures information about the college or university you will attend in the fall. Use the institution you are most likely to attend given your acceptance status and financing options.

Cost of attendance and loan information should reflect one full academic year (Fall AND Spring semesters)



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Attachments

The following requirements must be emailed to scholarshipapplications@tfec.org separately. They will not appear as attachments to your application or prevent you from submitting:

The following requirements must be emailed by your school's counseling office:

Official Transcript.

School Counselor Form. [Click here](#) to download the form.

Please attach the following documents using the drop down menu below. All attachments are a requirement of your application.

Student Resume: [Click here](#) to download the fill-in PDF form that you should complete, save, and attach to your application.

FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR): Please attach the report in its entirety. This report must include the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC). Please be aware that the SAR is **not** the same as the Summary Report. *In addition to the SAR, determine your financial need (e.g., family and student income). Are there extenuating circumstances of which we should be aware? For example, illness in the family, loss of employment, or other relevant information?*

Personal Essay: Write a one page essay describing why you deserve a Big 33 Scholarship. Direct comments toward your motivation, need (financial or otherwise), leadership and academic accomplishments. Describe special talents and special challenges you have overcome to achieve your goals. Essay must be typed, on one-side of one-page.

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Upload Instructions

1. Choose the TITLE of the file you wish to attach from the drop down menu below.
2. Click the BROWSE button to search for the file you wish to upload. Click on the file you want to attach then click OPEN.
3. Click the UPLOAD button to attach the file to this application.
4. Return to the TITLE drop down menu and repeat steps 1-3 for the next document.

Upload

The maximum size for all attachments combined is 25 MB. Please note that files with certain extensions (such as ".exe", ".com", ".vbs", or ".bat") cannot be uploaded.

Title:

File Name: No file chosen

STEP 10 : ATTACHMENTS

This page provides details on how and what must be attached to your online application. You will upload the attachments from this page.

At the top of this page are reminders of how many letters of reference are required and what materials need to be emailed to scholarshipapplications@tfec.org by your counseling office.

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Title:

File Name:

- Student Resume(Required)
- FAFSA Student Aid Report(Required)
- Letter of Extenuating Circumstances
- Personal Essay(Required)



[Save & Finish Later](#) [Review](#)

STEP 10 continued : ATTACHMENTS – UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

Notice the drop down menu with labels for the documents to upload. You will need to upload a document labeled each of the required materials before you are able to submit the application.

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The following requirements must be emailed to [scholarship@...](#)

The following requirements must be emailed by your school's [Official Transcript](#).

[School Counselor Form](#). [Click here](#) to download the form.

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- FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR):** Please attach the report in its entirety, including the [determining your financial need \(e.g., family and student income\)](#). An [example SAR](#) is available for reference.
- Personal Essay:** Write a one page essay describing why you deserve to receive the award. The essay should describe how you have overcome to achieve your goals. Essay must be typed, on one-side of the page, double-spaced.

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Title: Student Resume(Required) ▼

File Name: No file chosen

Open

This PC > OS (C:)

Search OS (C:)

Organize New folder

Name	Date modified	Type	Size
SGGetCurrent	10/18/2019 4:03 AM	File folder	
SWinREAgent	12/16/2021 12:05 AM	File folder	
Apps	9/13/2017 6:31 PM	File folder	
Dell	1/5/2021 10:26 AM	File folder	
Drivers	9/13/2017 6:29 PM	File folder	
drvrtmp	1/5/2021 10:29 AM	File folder	
installer	6/19/2019 7:00 PM	File folder	
Intel	3/26/2021 1:51 AM	File folder	
Intermix_Scripts	2/9/2021 12:00 PM	File folder	
IntermixIT	2/8/2019 10:00 AM	File folder	
MSOCache	9/19/2017 2:46 PM	File folder	
OneDriveTemp	2/22/2021 8:20 AM	File folder	
PerfLogs	12/7/2019 4:14 AM	File folder	
Program Files	12/3/2021 10:01 AM	File folder	
Program Files (x86)	9/15/2021 8:14 AM	File folder	

File name:

All Files



STEP 10 continued : ATTACHMENTS – UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

Find the document you wish to upload from your computer and click Open.



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Uploaded Files

Title	File Name	Uploaded	Size	Remove?
Student Resume	StudentResume.pdf	1/18/2022	238 KB	<input type="checkbox"/>
FAFSA Student Aid Report	FAFSA SAR.docx	1/18/2022	12 KB	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Essay	Big 33 Essay.docx	1/18/2022	12 KB	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total size of uploaded files Available			262 KB	
			25,338 KB	

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STEP 10 continued : ATTACHMENTS – UPLOAD INSTRUCTIONS

As you upload the required materials, they will appear at the top of the page.

You will not be able to successfully submit an application without all the required materials attached.



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Submit

You can review the information you've provided so far and make necessary modifications here. If you're satisfied with the contents of the application, click Submit to forward your application for consideration. If you're not ready to submit your application yet, click Save & Finish Later.

Applicant Information

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◆ Required before final submission

Please use proper capitalization i.e. John A Smith, not JOHN A SMITH or john a smith

◆ Prefix
e.g., Mr., Miss, Ms., Mrs.

◆ First Name

Middle Initial

◆ Last Name

Suffix
e.g., Jr.

◆ Pronoun
e.g., he, she, they

Nickname or Preferred Name

◆ Address 1
Street Address

Address 2
Apt./Unit #

◆ City

◆ State

◆ Zip Code

◆ County

STEP 11 : REVIEW MY APPLICATION & SUBMIT

On this page you are able to review your application, correct any errors, and submit the completed application to TFEC.

You **MUST** click Submit in order to submit the application. The button is located at both the bottom and top of the page.



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Save & Finish Later

Review

Account: felmes@tfec.org | Change E-mail/Password
Last Log in: 11/8/2018 2:19 PM GMT-05:00

Thank you! Your scholarship request has been saved. You should receive an e-mail confirmation shortly.

Applications

Application Name	Project Title	Requested	ID	Last Updated
 ACES Foundation Fund Scholarship Application			68790	11/29/2018
 Example TFEC Application			68549	9/28/2018
 George M. and Mary Jane Leader Fund			68531	9/5/2018

OPTIONAL : SAVE & FINISH LATER

If you are not ready to submit right away, Click Save & Finish Later any time during the application process.

You can sign in to finish your application using the link below:

https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1351

[scholarships](#)

Student Resources

Scholarships are a great way to fill the gap between the cost of college and the financial s
Aid, scholarships or grants from your college, and family support.

In 2020, TFEC offered more than 120 scholarship opportunities and awarded over \$1.3 million in scholarships to 403 local students alone through various scholarship funds administered by TFEC and through management agreements with the Samuel L. Abrams Foundation and the Leon Lowengard and Ray S. Shoemaker scholarships of BNY Mellon, N.A.

Next Spring, that could be you!

Below are some resources the TFEC Scholarship Team put together to get you started.

To Complete a TFEC Scholarship Application:

- [Application forms](#)
 - [Student Resume](#)
 - [School Counselor Form](#)
- [Scholarship Search feature](#)
- [Returning Applicants](#)
- [Step by step instructions \(PDF\)](#)
- [Application Hints / Additional Info \(PDF\)](#)
- [Student Aid Report\(SAR\)](#) — Instructions for how to save the SAR

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[student resources >](#)

[parent resources >](#)

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[checklist for seniors](#)

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[claiming an award](#)

[scholarship match program](#)

OPTIONAL : SAVE & FINISH LATER - RETURN TO APPLICATION

You can also sign in to finish your application using the **Returning Applicants** button on the Student Resources main page.

Remember, you MUST submit the finished application prior to the deadline!



High School Information

◆ Required before final submission

◆ High School Attending

High School Address 1 High School Address 2

City State Zip Code

◆ High School Graduation Date ◆ Cumulative GPA ◆ Cumulative Class Rank ◆ Total H.S. Class Size



Please provide your guidance counselor's name and contact information below.

Prefix First Name Last Name
e.g., Mr., Miss, Ms., Mrs.

Phone E-mail Address
xxx-xxx-xxxx

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REMINDERS

Fields marked with an orange diamond are required before final submission.

To complete the full application: Letters of reference, transcripts, and school counselor forms must be emailed to **scholarshipapplications@tfec.org** by your counseling office. After the deadline passes, you will receive an email confirming all materials were received.

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Applicant Information

ization, i.e. John A. Smith, not JOHN A SMITH or john a smith

First Name Middle Initial Last Name Suffix
e.g., Jr.

Address 2
Apt./Unit #

County State Zip Code



NEED HELP?

You are encouraged to review the Application Hints for guidance or contact our Scholarship Team for assistance by clicking "Contact Us."

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