

The SEED Foundation Scholarship



SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The SEED Foundation Scholarship Committee will award up to **21 scholarships for eligible high school seniors attending a school within the SEED network**. The scholarships are designed to help cover a portion of a SEED School student's unmet need for the cost of attendance at right fit college or university. Unmet need is defined as the difference between the total cost of attendance at a college or university and the student's final financial aid package. These awards are often referred to as **gap scholarships**. **The scholarship will most likely NOT cover the entire difference.**

Pending funding each year, **recipients can renew the scholarship and receive funding for a total of four consecutive years**. The maximum amount of the SEED Foundation Scholarship is determined annually in late spring.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must be seniors graduating in June 2022 at The SEED School of Washington, D.C., The SEED School of Maryland, or The SEED School of Miami. **Applicants who receive the award must immediately enroll the fall after their June 2022 graduation in a full-time undergraduate program at a right fit college or university**. Recipients will need to meet additional requirements before receiving their scholarship (e.g. attend SGI, attend a summer scholarship meeting, provide financial aid award letter, account balance, etc.). Right fit colleges and universities are those that meet SEED's criteria for college fit and match.

APPLICATION and AWARD PROCESS

- Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of their **application form, essays, recommendation, and interview**. Applicants will be notified about decisions in **April 2022**.
- Applicants that submit completed applications by the specified due dates will be eligible to move forward to the 2nd round interview. Applicants will be contacted by The SEED Foundation to arrange for a **panel interview** with The SEED Foundation Scholarship Committee.
- **The SEED Foundation Scholarship application opens January 14, 2022. The application will close March 11, 2022. NO LATE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED. Listed below are directions to complete the process.**
 - **On January 14th, by 5:00pm**, students will be emailed the link to The SEED Foundation Scholarship application. Students must submit ALL sections of the application with correct information **by March 11th, at 5:00pm**, for their application to be considered complete.
 - Once students have successfully submitted their application, they will get an email, from The SEED Foundation Scholarship Committee, confirming their application has been received.

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WHEN IS MY SEED FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COMPLETE?

Submitting The SEED Foundation Scholarship application is **part one** of completing The SEED Foundation Scholarship.

The SEED Foundation Scholarship application sections are:

1. **Personal Information**
2. **Photo (in professional dress)**
3. **Parent/Caregiver Information**
4. **Activities**
5. **Essay Response #1: Activities**
6. **Essay Response #2**
7. **Letter of Recommendation Information**

THE SEED FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY REQUIREMENTS

Please respond to both essays in your application submission.

Essay Response #1: Activities

Please respond to the following essay question in 250 - 300 words in a Microsoft Word document.

Referring to your activities list above, please choose one activity and explain how it has impacted your life.

Essay Response #2:

Please respond thoughtfully to the following essay question in 500-600 words in a Microsoft Word document.

How has your experience at SEED played a role in making you an outstanding candidate for college and The SEED Foundation Scholarship? What other accomplishments have also contributed to your future success in college?

Please take the time to write and edit thoughtful essay responses that meet the above requirements. **Students are strongly encouraged to have a SEED staff member review and provide feedback on their scholarship essays.**

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LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION INFORMATION

It is your responsibility to ensure that your recommender submits their letter of recommendation by the deadline. This is **part two** of completing The SEED Foundation Scholarship application.

You are required to have **ONE letter of recommendation** from a math, English, science, social studies/history, foreign language department or elective teacher.

Applicants should list the name, job title, and contact information for their recommender on the Letter of Recommendation section of the scholarship application. **Please only submit information for a recommender that meets the above requirements.**

- **In order to respect SEED staff members' schedules and additional responsibilities, applicants must contact SEED staff about serving as a recommender by Friday, February 11, 2022. Recommenders WILL be asked if students communicated with them prior to February 11th.**
- Letters of recommendation are due by **5:00 pm on Friday, March 11, 2022** and must be **submitted by the recommender via the online Letter of Recommendation Form.** *All* upper school staff will be emailed the link to the recommender form **by February 1st at 5:00pm.**

The student's scholarship application score will take into account whether or not recommenders were secured by February 11th and recommendation instructions were shared with recommender.

Please note: All recommenders must be current SEED employees. The school leadership team and staff from the college counseling and college transition & success (CTS) offices are not eligible to serve as recommenders. ***Be sure to choose recommenders who can speak to your growth and future aspirations.***

Please email questions to Mrs. Ashley (Murray) Barger on at amurray@seedfoundation.com.