



## 2025 Educational Scholarship Program

The Scott County CDA will award scholarships to students living in CDA-assisted housing and enrolled in a post-secondary education program for the 2025-2026 school year. Vocational, Technical, 2-year, and 4-year college programs are eligible and must be accredited. Essay and letter of recommendation requirements vary between high school seniors, returning students, and non-traditional adult students. Please see the application on our website for a full list of requirements. Available scholarships and potential awards are listed below. The number of awards for each scholarship is dependent on the number of applicants.

- CDA 4-Year College & University Educational Scholarship – Up to \$2,000
- CDA 2-Year Vocational & Technical College Educational Scholarship – Up to \$2,000

\* All awarded scholarships are not to exceed actual school program cost. If additional funds remain available, the scholarship amount may increase.

### **How to apply:**

Applications and full submission requirements can be downloaded at <https://scottcda.org>. Once completed, return the application and all required documents to Scott County CDA via drop box, mail, fax, or email.

### **Application Deadlines:**

The deadline to submit applications for all Scott County CDA scholarships is Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. Applications must be complete and received in full by the deadline. Late submissions will not be accepted.

**If you have questions about scholarship program, please contact: Leesha Eccles at [leccles@scottcda.org](mailto:leccles@scottcda.org) or (952) 402-9022.**



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## 2025 Educational Scholarship Program Requirements

### Available Scholarships:

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- CDA 2-Year Vocational & Technical College Educational Scholarship – Up to \$2,000

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### Eligibility requirements are:

- Applicants must be a resident of a housing unit owned by Scott County CDA or a current participant in a rent assistance program administered by Scott County CDA.
- Applicants must be planning to or are in the process of working toward a certificate, associate's degree, or Bachelor's degree. Scholarships are not eligible for Master's or Post-Graduate degrees.
- The university, college, or vocational program applicants are enrolled or plan to be enrolled in must be an accredited educational program.
- If applying for the CDA 4-Year College & University Educational Scholarship, the applicant must be enrolled in a 4-year post-secondary program beginning no later than Fall Semester 2025 and graduating no earlier than Spring Semester 2026.
- If applying for the CDA 2-Year Vocational & Technical College Educational Scholarship, the applicant must be enrolled in a 2-year Vocational & Technical College beginning no later than Fall Semester 2025 and graduating no earlier than Spring Semester 2026.

### Required documents are:

- A typed essay, 750-1,000 words in length, single spaced, 12pt black font, answering the following questions:
  - Where do you see yourself in the next four years and how will this scholarship help you achieve those goals?
  - What are you doing now to achieve those goals?

### Required documents continued:

- Two letters of recommendation
  - Letters of recommendation should be from someone familiar with the applicant's academic and/or work performance such as teachers, school officials, or supervisors.
  - Letters of recommendation should not be written by the applicant's family or friends.
- If the applicant is a High School Senior, applicant's high school transcript is also required. This needs to be mailed **directly from the high school to our agency**.

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### **Award Distribution:**

Applications will be reviewed by the CDA Scholarship Committee following the April 25<sup>th</sup> deadline. Recipients will be notified by mail of award status and award letters will be mailed no later than the week of May 21st. Amounts awarded may increase depending on the number of applications received, but will not exceed actual program costs.

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### High School Information

This section is required only for current High School Seniors.

Name of High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

### Higher Education Institution Information

Please list the school you have been accepted to study at or are currently enrolled at. If you still waiting on notification of acceptance, please provide which schools you have applied for admission to. Utilize additional blank pages, if necessary.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Status of Admission:  Applied  Accepted  Currently Enrolled

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Anticipated Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Planned Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic or Community Activities and/or Achievements

Describe school or community activities and achievements which provide evidence of your personal motivation and initiative:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

*By submitting this application, I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my ability. I authorize information concerning this application and its required documents be made available to the Scott County CDA's Scholarship Committee. (For High School Seniors only): Additionally, I authorize my academic record and rank provided by my high school be made available to the Scott County CDA's Scholarship Committee*



## 2025 Educational Scholarship Program Requirements

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If applicant is under 18 years of age)*

\*\*All required documents must accompany this application to be eligible for consideration.

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