



# RECEIVE UP TO \$5,000 PER YEAR FOR YOUR EDUCATION!

CSF's Leadership1000 Scholarship can make your college experience more affordable.

**CSF's Leadership 1000 Scholarship provides up to \$5,000 per academic year and is renewable up to a maximum of \$20,000.** If you are a high school senior attending a Washington high school or if you are college student enrolled in CSF College Services (including all former CSF Achievers) and are attending an eligible Washington state college or university as a freshman, sophomore, or junior, you may be eligible for the CSF Leadership 1000 Scholarship.

Scholarship recipients also receive career and financial aid guidance as well as networking opportunities with CSF alumni and scholarship donors.

*This powerful scholarship can be used in pursuit of any major at any of 62 accredited colleges and universities in Washington state.*

## Milestones

Application opens

Application deadline

Supporting documents due

Award notification

## Dates

December 1, 2026

January 30, 2026

February 6, 2026

April 15, 2026



[CollegeSuccessFoundation.org/apply](https://CollegeSuccessFoundation.org/apply)

Scan this code to apply starting December 1st!

# ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria:

## Enrollment plan

- Plan to enroll at least part-time at an eligible Washington state college or university starting Fall 2026.
- Plan to pursue a 4-year degree (you can start at a 2-year college with plans to transfer).

## Residency

- Be a Washington state resident
- Be a high school senior at a Washington state high school and on track to graduate by June 2026.
- Graduated from a CSF high school and enrolled in CSF College Services (includes all former CSF Achievers) attending an eligible Washington state college or university as a freshman, sophomore or junior in fall 2026.

## Academic record

- Have achieved a minimum GPA of 2.50 through Fall 2025 term.
- Have not earned a bachelor's degree yet.

## Financial need

- Have filed a 2026-27 [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) or [WASFA](#) (Free Washington Application for State Financial Aid).
- Have a total family income that does not exceed 70% of Washington state median family income.

Number in Household	Maximum Income (70%)
Family of 1	\$50,500
Family of 2	\$66,500
Family of 3	\$82,000
Family of 4	\$97,500
Family of 5	\$113,000
Family of 6	\$128,500
Family of 7	\$131,500
Family of 8	\$134,500
Family of 9	\$137,500
Family of 10	\$140,500

**HOW TO APPLY:** visit [Collegesuccessfoundation.org/apply](https://Collegesuccessfoundation.org/apply). Applicants may start the application, save work and return to complete it later up until the application deadline. Applicants can also invite 'collaborators' who can assist with the application process. We recommend you enter the name and email address of your recommender as early as possible to give your recommender time to submit a letter for you.

Steps	Dates
Application opens	December 1, 2025
Application closes	January 30, 2026
Unofficial transcripts and letters of recommendation	February 6, 2026

# LEADERSHIP 1000 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION STEP-BY-STEP DIRECTIONS

## Step 1: Eligibility

Make sure to read each question and answer them accurately. This will save you time and effort.

## Step 2: Student Information

Standard questions such as contact information, biodata, ethnicity, gender, etc.

## Step 3: Academic Information

Basic information about your high school and college, your current student status (i.e.; a graduating high school senior or a current undergraduate college student) including GPA, your future student status (i.e.; what year of college you will be in). If already a college student, provide information about your current college and major. If not yet a college student, provide information about your intended college and area of study.

## Step 4: Special Accommodation or Support Services

This is a chance for you to request assistance securing special accommodations or support services on campus.

## Step 5: Activities

Toot your horn! Tell us about extracurricular or volunteer activities as well as personal responsibilities you hold. We also want to know about any job, awards or honors you received.

## Step 6: Family and/or Support Adult Information

Be prepared to know your parent(s)/guardian(s)'s contact information, highest level of completed education as well as their income from the previous year. Note: If selected as a finalist, you will be asked to submit your financial aid award offer for the upcoming academic year for verification purposes. Your school may also verify your eligibility.

## Step 7: Short Answer Questions

There are three short-answer prompts. You need to write at least 300 words for each of the three:

Question 1: What are your future goals, and how do you see college helping you achieve them? What have you done (or are doing now) to prepare for this next step?

Question 2: In thinking about your educational and career goals, tell us about: - a strength that will help you succeed; and - an area you need to improve and the steps you are taking to work on it.

Question 3: Thinking about a challenge you faced, tell us how you dealt with it. What did you learn from the experience and has it influenced your future goals?

**Good practice:** We recommend you type up your answers in a Word document and that you save it regularly so that you don't lose your work. When you are done, you can copy/paste your answers into the application.

**Good reminder:** Remember that this is the only chance evaluators will get to know who you are and what you hope to do with your education.

## Step 8: Agreement/Signature

Almost done! Take time to review all steps of your application. Check for any errors. Make sure you feel you have done your best to tell us in your own voice about you, your experiences and your passions. You can always save your application and complete it at a later date.

## Step 9: Unofficial transcript

If you are in high school, get an unofficial transcript showing grades through Fall 2025 and cumulative GPA. If you are a Running Start student, please make sure your college credits are reflected on your transcript. If you are in college with fewer than 20 college credits, then you will need to submit your college and high school unofficial transcripts showing grades through Fall 2025 and cumulative GPA.

## Step 10: Letter of Recommendation

Enter the name and email address of your chosen recommender. You should choose an adult who has insight into your personal history as well as your academic record. A good option may be a counselor, coach, pastor, supervisor, or teacher who knows you well. A family member, relative, significant other or peer may not serve as your personal recommender.