Scholarship Application Information

Welcome to CFCC! There is an array of CFCC-sponsored and external scholarships for which you may qualify. **You only need to complete ONE application for CFCC-sponsored scholarships, and it is valid for the entire academic year.** We want your attendance at CFCC to be successful and productive. Please read the following instructions and maximize your opportunity to fund the costs of college.

1. Please complete your *admissions* process first. As part of the process, CFCC will mail you a status letter that will have instructions about establishing your myCFCC username and password on our website. Please follow those instructions. **You will need myCFCC credentials to access scholarship applications.**
2. The *scholarship* application will ask for a one-page essay regarding your character, academic goals, financial need and community service. Complete your essay before you fill out the scholarship application, and save the document in **Word** on your computer.
3. Next, go to [www.cfcc.edu/finaid](http://www.cfcc.edu/finaid) and click on the green button that reads “CFCC Scholarship Application”. Sign into the applicant portal with your myCFCC credentials, complete the application and upload your essay. **Please be aware that scholarship applications will be processed after you register for classes.**
4. Most scholarships require a GPA earned at CFCC.
5. **If you are awarded a CFCC scholarship, you will be notified via campus email.**
6. Good news! **This is the ONLY application you will need to complete for CFCC-sponsored scholarships. Academic Works will auto-match you to every scholarship for which you qualify.**
7. More good news! After completing your application, you will see a list of scholarships with additional requirements. Perhaps they require a reference letter, or perhaps they are specific to your county of residence, your GPA or your program. There are many possibilities and opportunities. You have the ability to drill into each scholarship, determine if you qualify, upload documents, request a reference letter, and add the scholarship opportunity to your original application.
8. Many scholarships are based on financial need. We can best determine need based on information you provide at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). This is the same application you fill out for Federal Pell Grants and student loans. Even if you do not qualify for grants and do not intend to take out loans, it is still to your benefit to complete this application.
9. This application process covers CFCC-sponsored scholarships. There are many outside scholarship opportunities, as well. Please go to [www.cfcc.edu/finaid](http://www.cfcc.edu/finaid) and click on the green button titled “**External Scholarship Opportunities**” to view a list of external opportunities.
10. Please contact the scholarship technician in the Financial Aid office at [scholarships@cfcc.edu](mailto:scholarships@cfcc.edu) for assistance.

**Scholarships will not be awarded before the payment periods posted in the catalog.**

**Preferred 2013-2014 Application Deadline: August 26, 2013**