YAWKEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM HISTORY

The Yawkey Foundations are committed to continuing the legacy of Tom and Jean Yawkey by making significant and positive impacts on the quality of life of children, families, and the underserved in the areas the Yawkeys called home, New England and Georgetown County, South Carolina.

Education was an area of particular concern for Tom and Jean Yawkey. They understood its ability to alter the course of young lives. In honor of the Yawkeys' commitment to education, in 2005 the Yawkey Foundation Board of Trustees established the Yawkey Scholars Program to help talented and motivated disadvantaged young people meet the rising costs of undergraduate education.

Over the past eleven years, the Yawkey Scholars Program has provided $10 million in tuition supports to 298 Scholars as they pursue a college education in Massachusetts and South Carolina.

THE AWARD

- Four-year, renewable scholarship to cover tuition and fees.
  - Maximum annual scholarship is $25,000. Average scholarship awarded in 2017 to new scholars in South Carolina was $5,111.
- Yawkey Advisor for each student to provide support throughout their four years of college.
- Opportunities Fund – flexible financial supports to allow Scholars to participate in enriching activities and meet other academic needs in order to achieve their full potential in college.
- Resources and network to help Scholars achieve their full potential.

ELIGIBILITY

Yawkey Scholars Program recipients must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Residency	- U.S. citizen; AND - Permanent resident of Georgetown County, South Carolina
Financial Circumstances	- From a low-income family with unmet financial need[1]. Low-income family is defined as: - Expected family contribution (EFC) of less than $5,000 (from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid – FAFSA); OR - Adjusted gross family income of $60,000 or less from most recent IRS form 1040. All applicants must submit a copy of pages one and two of the parent(s)' or guardian(s)' most recent IRS form 1040 and a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the FAFSA.
Mentoring Relationship	- Engaged in a meaningful, sustained mentoring program or ongoing relationship with an adult role model. - A mentoring relationship may include a formal mentoring program, an after-school program, or a trusting relationship with an adult who is a teacher, coach, employer, pastor or clergy member, or other non-family member whom the student depends on for advice or counsel.
Academic Standing	- Current senior at an accredited high school in South Carolina. - Accepted to and plan to attend a competitive **public or private** four-year college or university in South Carolina beginning in Fall 2018. - Strong academic record or demonstration of significant improvement over time. - Ability and motivation to achieve in college.
Community Involvement	- Involved in a balance of community, school, and work activities. - Exhibit leadership potential and a desire to make a meaningful contribution to our community.

[1] Eligibility and scholarship amounts will be determined in consultation with the college the student chooses to attend.

PROCEDURE

Complete applications are due **March 1, 2018 by noon**. Only complete applications submitted online will be reviewed. Please follow instructions carefully.

To access the application, click here: https://www.grantinterface.com/yawkey/common/logon.aspx.

1. Prior to completing the application, please be sure you meet all **eligibility requirements** (academic and financial). Ineligible applications will not be reviewed.

   Review Application: Please review the questions and required attachments in advance to be sure you have access to all the information you will need to complete the application. A PDF version of the application is available for download at: http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program

2. **Required Documents:** Instructions on how to submit required attachments are included in the online application (options include uploading electronic files, scanning and uploading, or using a fax-to-file feature).

3. **Recommendations:** Make sure you give your recommenders ample time to complete the recommendations. Your two recommenders must upload their recommendation forms and letters to your online application. Instructions are included in the application.

4. If you have **questions**, contact us at yawkey@tpi.org

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following materials are required. Only complete applications submitted online will be considered. (Required documents #2 and #3 can be downloaded at: http://www.tpi.org/scholarship/yawkey-scholars-program

1. **Complete Application Submitted Online**
2. **Extracurricular and Community Activities Form** (includes work, school, community and volunteer experience)
3. **Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form** (to be filled out by a teacher or guidance counselor)
4. **Mentor Letter of Recommendation** (to be filled out by a teacher, work supervisor, community leader, coach, or any other non-family member who knows you well)
5. **Essays** – One long and three short
6. **High school transcript**
7. **Transcript Information from School Official** (Section 1 of Teacher/Counselor Recommendation Form)
8. Pages 1 and 2 of parent(s)' most recent **IRS 1040 tax forms**
9. Complete **Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA (if available)**. This document will be approximately five pages long. You must submit the ENTIRE document.

TIMELINE

- Selected applicants will be invited for interviews in April.
- Scholarship recipients and amounts will be announced in late April/early May.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS: Please contact us at yawkey@tpi.org