
ABBOTT FUND COMMUNITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM

Abbott Fund has established a scholarship program to assist high school seniors in Abbott operating areas who plan to pursue a science-related major in college or vocational technical programs in the United States or Puerto Rico. Scholarships are renewable for up to three additional years of full-time study at any accredited postsecondary institution of the student's choice.

This scholarship program is administered by Scholarship Management Services®, a division of Scholarship America®. Scholarship Management Services is the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship and tuition reimbursement programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Abbott Fund Community Scholarship Program must be –

- High school seniors who are maintaining a minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 scale and attending one of the following high schools:

Casa Grande Union High School	Casa Grande, AZ
Temecula Valley High School	Temecula, CA
Chaparral High School	Temecula, CA
Great Oak High School	Temecula, CA
North Chicago High School	North Chicago, IL
Waukegan High School	Waukegan, IL
Zion-Benton Township High School	Zion, IL
Sturgis High School	Sturgis, MI
Fort Hayes High School	Columbus, OH
Linden McKinley High School	Columbus, OH
Fernando Suria Chavez High School	Barceloneta, PR
Juan Ponce de Leon High School	Florida, PR
Altavista High School	Altavista, VA

- Planning to enroll in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school in the United States or Puerto Rico and planning to pursue a science-related major for the entire upcoming academic year.

Children of Abbott employees are not eligible for this program.

AWARDS

Up to fifteen (15) \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded each year. Awards may be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first. Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic performance (maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) in a full-time course of study pursuing a science-related major and continuation of the program by Abbott Fund.

Awards are for undergraduate study only.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application in English and mail it along with a complete transcript of grades to Scholarship Management Services no later than **March 15**. Grade reports are not acceptable.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, answer all questions as completely as possible. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of academic record, potential to succeed, leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, a statement of educational and career goals, and an outside appraisal. Financial need as calculated by Scholarship Management Services must be demonstrated for the student to receive an award. Please review Instructions for completing the Financial Data section of the application.

Selection of recipients is made by Scholarship Management Services. In no instance does any officer or employee of the Abbott Fund play a part in the selection. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Applicants will be notified in early May. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf of the Abbott Fund. Payments are made in equal installments on August 15 and December 30. Checks are mailed to each recipient's home address and are made payable to the school for the student.

OBLIGATIONS

Recipients have no obligation to the Abbott Fund. They are, however, required to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes in address, school enrollment, or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

REVISIONS

Abbott Fund reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and to make changes at any time including termination of the program.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

Abbott Fund Community Scholarship Program
Scholarship Management Services – Kim Thompson
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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL DATA SECTION OF THE APPLICATION

The Financial Data section of the application should be completed by the parent or guardian. Information should be from a completed tax return or based on estimated information to be filed with the IRS.

1. **State of Residence** is the state where the parents reside and pay state income tax.
2. **Adjusted Gross Income** can be found on IRS FORM 1040 and is gross income reduced by specific adjustments allowed by law.
3. **Total Federal Tax Paid** includes the total amount of **federal** income tax to be paid as reported on IRS FORM 1040. This is **not** the amount withheld from employee's paychecks. (The amount withheld should be adjusted by any refund or additional taxes due.) Do **not** report state income tax.
4. **Total Income** of parent(s) should be reported individually. Provide information for both natural parents, when possible. **If the student resides with only one parent**, financial information **must** be received from the parent who claims the child as a dependent for tax purposes. If a parent has remarried, the spouse's information is required if the spouse is a legal guardian of the student, or claims the student as a dependent, or the student is included in the spouse's benefit plan. **If necessary, two Financial Data sections may be submitted by the student.** A copy of the Financial Data section may be made in order for one to be completed by each parent.
5. **Untaxed Income and Benefits** include any other income or benefits not included in the adjusted gross income figure. Do not include untaxed contributions to retirement plans.
6. **Medical and Dental Expenses** include only those expenses not paid by insurance. Do not include premium payments.
7. **Total Cash, Checking, Savings, Cash Value of Stocks, etc.**, include liquid assets that can be used for educational expenses. **Do not include** IRA, 401k, or other retirement plan funds.
8. **Total number of family members living in the household** and primarily supported by the reported income may include:
 - the applicant
 - the applicant's parents
 - other children living in the household
 - dependent college students living away from home
 - other people who live in the household and receive more than half of their support from the reported income
9. **Marital status** is the current status of the person from whom the financial information is submitted.
10. **Of the total number of family members on line 8, number of students attending college** includes family members attending a two- or four-year college, university, or vocational-technical school at least half-time. Include the applicant in this number. Do not include parents.

NOTE: Any exceptions to providing financial information as instructed above must be submitted to Scholarship Management Services in writing.