



Yawkey Scholars Program

THE PROGRAM

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 which 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 for students with significant financial need from Eastern Massachusetts and Georgetown County, South Carolina. These need-based awards are given to students with unique life circumstances that have made study and achievement challenging and who have had a significant, meaningful experience through participation in a mentoring relationship during high school. Scholarship awards may only be used for full-time, degree-seeking study at certain four-year, private, accredited colleges and universities.

Since 2005, the Yawkey Scholars Program has awarded more than \$2 million in need-based scholarships to 80 high school students who excelled in high school while also having a meaningful experience through participation in a mentoring program.

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ELIGIBILITY

Applicants to the Yawkey Scholars Program must meet the following eligibility requirements:

Residency

- U.S. citizen.
- Permanent resident of one of the following counties in the United States: Barnstable, MA; Bristol, MA; Dukes, MA; Essex, MA; Middlesex, MA; Nantucket, MA; Norfolk, MA; Plymouth, MA; Suffolk, MA; Worcester, MA; or Georgetown, SC.

Financial Circumstances

- Students who are from a low-income family and whose Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is no greater than \$5,000.
- Note that all applicants must submit with their scholarship application 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) that the applicant receives after filing the FAFSA.

Life Circumstances

- Students who have faced significant obstacles and life circumstances that have made study and achievement challenging.

Mentoring Program

- Students who have participated in a meaningful, sustained mentoring program or ongoing mentoring relationship during high school. 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 and counsel.

Academic Standing

- Students who are starting their college program in the fall of 2009.
- Students who have excelled academically during high school and have a strong potential for success.
- Students who will be or are successful graduates of accredited high schools that are located in any of the geographic areas specified above for applicant residency.
- Students who demonstrate the ability and motivation to achieve in college.
- Students who are accepted by and plan to enroll full-time at any of the following eligible colleges and universities:

Colleges in Massachusetts (for Massachusetts and South Carolina residents):

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| ▪ Assumption College | ▪ Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health |
| ▪ Atlantic Union College | ▪ Merrimack College |
| ▪ Babson College | ▪ Mount Ida College |
| ▪ Becker College | ▪ Newbury College |
| ▪ Bentley College | ▪ Northeastern University |
| ▪ Boston College | ▪ Pine Manor College |
| ▪ Boston University | ▪ Regis College |
| ▪ Brandeis University | ▪ Simmons College |
| ▪ Clark University | ▪ Stonehill College |
| ▪ College of the Holy Cross | ▪ Suffolk University |
| ▪ Curry College | ▪ Tufts University |
| ▪ Emerson College | ▪ Wellesley College |
| ▪ Emmanuel College | ▪ Wentworth Institute of Technology |
| ▪ Endicott College | ▪ Wheaton College |
| ▪ Gordon College | ▪ Wheelock College |
| ▪ Lasell College | ▪ Worcester Polytechnic Institute |
| ▪ Lesley University | |

Colleges in South Carolina (for South Carolina residents only):

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| ▪ Anderson University | ▪ Furman University |
| ▪ Claflin University | ▪ Newberry College |
| ▪ Coker College | ▪ Presbyterian College |
| ▪ Columbia College | ▪ Wofford College |
| ▪ Converse College | |

AWARDS

- The Yawkey Scholars Program will award scholarships of up to \$20,000 per year based on the level of demonstrated financial need after considering all available federal, state, and other grants and scholarships.
- Awards will be made after an applicant is accepted at an eligible college or university.
- Awards must be used beginning in the fall term.
- Scholarships will be renewed for up to three additional years or until a bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first, provided the student is in good standing at the same institution, remains enrolled full-time, primary residence remains in any of the geographic areas specified above for applicant residency, and financial need does not change substantially.
- Grants will be payable to the institution the student is attending and must be applied only to tuition for undergraduate study.

APPLICATION

Interested students must complete the application and mail it to Scholarship Management Services postmarked no later than **April 15** with the following required materials:

- Current, complete official high school transcript of grades, including a clear explanation of the school's grading scale (grade reports are not acceptable)
- SAT and/or ACT scores
- Essay
- Recommendation form from a counselor or teacher
- Recommendation form from the student's mentor
- Copy of pages one and two of parent(s)/guardian(s)' IRS Form 1040
- Copy of Student Aid Report (SAR) that student receives after filing FAFSA (**do not** send the FAFSA)

Applicants will receive acknowledgment of receipt of their application. If an acknowledgment card is not received within three weeks, applicants may call Scholarship Management Services to verify that the application has been received.

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. Recipients will be required to provide a copy of their college acceptance letter and financial aid award letter immediately upon receipt. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by Scholarship Management Services and the Yawkey Foundation.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Scholarship recipients are selected based on financial need, academic record, leadership and participation in extracurricular and community activities, work experience, ability to overcome challenges and obstacles, involvement in a mentoring program or relationship, essay, and recommendations.

All applicants will be notified by June whether or not they are selected to be a recipient. Recipients will be required to submit their college letters of admission and financial aid to verify eligibility for and determine the amount of the award.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarship Management Services processes scholarship payments on behalf the Yawkey Foundation. 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 are required to supply Scholarship Management Services with their school's admissions letter, financial aid award letter, and complete transcripts when requested and to notify Scholarship Management Services of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information. All information may be shared with the Yawkey Foundation.

PROGRAM REVISIONS

The Yawkey Foundation 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. Any program revisions would not affect existing commitments to Yawkey Scholars.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Questions regarding the scholarship program should be addressed to:

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