



Universal Scholarship Application Guide for Applicants

This guide will walk you through the process of applying for scholarship opportunities through the Community Foundation of the North State's Universal Application. The Universal Application can be found on the Community Foundation of the North State's main Scholarship webpage at <https://cfnorthstate.org/grant/scholarships/> or on any scholarship fund page.

1. To access the Universal Application, you will need to have an account and be logged in. To log in or create an account, click the blue '**Log on**' or '**Create New Account**' button underneath the password text box. ****High School students: When creating your new account, DO NOT use your High School e-mail address!**



Logon

<p>Email Address*</p> <input type="text"/>	<p>Welcome to the Community Foundation of the North State's online scholarship portal.</p> <p>New Users: Please click on "Create New Account" to complete the registration process and create your logon credentials.</p> <p>TIP: This email is the one we will use to communicate with you if we have questions, which sometimes require immediate response. Be sure to use an email that you check regularly.</p> <p>Existing Users: Please enter your credentials and log in. If you forgot your password, please use the "Forgot your Password?" link to the left to reset your password.</p> <p>Not Sure? If you think you have already registered in the system, do not create a new account. Please email nikki@cfnorthstate.org to receive your username.</p> <p>Need help? Click here for instructions and video tutorials.</p> <p>Questions: Email nikki@cfnorthstate.org.</p>
<p>Password*</p> <input type="password"/>	
<p> <input type="button" value="Log On"/> <input type="button" value="Create New Account"/> </p> <p>Forgot your Password?</p>	

2. Once you are logged in, click the '**Apply**' link at the top of the page to see a list of available scholarships. The Universal Application will be the first opportunity listed.

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Apply



Applicant Dashboard

3. Click the blue 'Apply' button on the opportunity title bar to begin an application.

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Apply

Enter Access Code

Enter Code

If you have been provided with an Access Code, you may enter it in the box at the top of the page.

Quick Search

2023 Universal Application

Accepting Submissions from 11/01/2023 to 03/13/2024

Apply

This is a universal application process. To apply, you will be asked to complete an eligibility question form to determine the scholarships for which you are eligible. When you are done, you will receive a confirmation message letting you know which scholarship opportunities you are eligible to apply for and what required supplemental questions you need to complete. When applying, you will not qualify for every opportunity and will only see the questions and tasks associated with the opportunities you are eligible for. Click [HERE](#) to see a list of all included scholarship funds for 2023.

Required questions are marked by an asterisk (*). If at any time you need to save your answers and complete the application later, click on the SAVE APPLICATION button at the bottom of this form. A message will appear at the top of your screen indicating the application has been saved. To submit a completed Application, click the SUBMIT APPLICATION button at the bottom of this form.

Please note that all scholarship applications are due by **March 13, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. PDT (MIDNIGHT)**. Scholarship Criteria can be found at <https://cfnorthstate.org/grant/scholarships/>. **If you have questions or have technical issues, please contact Nikki Espinosa at nikki@cfnorthstate.org**

Preview

4. The first part of the application is an Eligibility Question form. This form will match you to the scholarship opportunities that you're eligible for; **it's very important to read each question thoroughly so you are matched to as many opportunities as possible**. Once you submit this form, you will not be able to edit any of your answers without the assistance of a CFNS team member.

Process: 2023 Universal Application

Contact Info Request Documents 0 Related Requests

Opportunity Name	Status
Application	

Question List

Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT.

Fields with an asterisk (*) are required.

Eligibility Questions

Answer the questions below to be matched to scholarship opportunities. Once matched you will need to fill out additional forms to apply for each opportunity. You will NOT be considered for any scholarships by submitting this form, you must complete additional tasks for all opportunities.

Eligibility Questions
Each of the following questions directly relate to one or more of our scholarship opportunities. **In order to be correctly matched to the maximum number of scholarship you are eligible for, please read each question thoroughly.** Once submitted, you will not be able to edit this form without the assistance of a CFNS staff member. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact us at nikki@cfnorthstate.org.

At the bottom of the form, you will see a blue **'Submit Application'** button. Clicking this button will submit your Eligibility Questions and take you to the next part of the application process. **All scholarship opportunities require the completion of additional tasks (supplemental questions).** *If you do not complete the supplemental questions and only submit the Eligibility Questions, you will not be considered for any scholarship opportunities.*

Authorization Statement*

You must complete the previous sections BEFORE verifying the statement below.

By agreeing to this statement, I verify that I have read all the eligibility criteria and meet all criteria. I certify the accuracy of this completed form and all accompanying documents and, if asked, agree to provide proof of this information. I also give permission to this scholarship provider to share this information with the scholarship review committee. If selected to receive this scholarship, I authorize both the college of my attendance and this scholarship provider to exchange any information necessary in the administration of the scholarship including, but not limited to, financial aid information, registration information and grades. I also authorize the publication of my name in scholarship announcements to the public. I understand that by submitting this application I am not guaranteed to receive any award or scholarship and that all submitted applications and accompanying documents become the sole property of this scholarship provider, and I agree to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the scholarship provider for any acts, failures to act, or omissions of the scholarship provider, its employees or volunteers.

I Agree

Signature*

By typing my name in this box, I agree to the above statement:

Instructions

STOP! Read before you click submit:

- Just a reminder - This is the universal application. Once you sign your name above and click 'Submit Application', you will be automatically directed to a Confirmation Page with a list of scholarship opportunities for which you are eligible and the ones which will ask for supplemental information.
- Once on the Confirmation Page, click 'Continue'. Then click on each listed scholarship opportunity to write essays, request Letters of Recommendation, or submit other required information.
- Click 'Save Application' to hold your answers and come back to the application. Click 'Submit Application' when you have completed the information for that scholarship.
- **You MUST click 'Submit Application' at the bottom of EACH supplemental page for the individual scholarship application to be considered complete.** If you choose not to submit information for a specific scholarship opportunity which requires supplemental information, you will not be considered for that scholarship unless you submit the supplemental information.

Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT.

Abandon Request

Save Application

Submit Application

5. Once you submit your Eligibility Questions, you will be taken to the **Confirmation Page**. On this page, you will see a list of all opportunities that you have been matched to. Because all opportunities require additional tasks, you will see each opportunity listed twice. To go to the next part of the process, click the blue **'Continue'** button at the bottom of the page. *You may also decline to apply for any scholarships.

Confirmation

Your Application has been submitted.

Based on your answers, you are eligible for the following:

2023 Umpqua Bank Kenneth R. Gifford, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
The Umpqua Bank Kenneth R. Gifford, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program (formerly Columbia Bank) awards ten, \$1,000.00 scholarships each year. High school seniors attending school in Siskiyou, Shasta, Tehama, Glenn, Colusa, Placer, Sacramento counties may apply. The Umpqua Bank Kenneth R. Gifford, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Program awards ten, \$1,000.00 scholarships each year.

2023 Tri Counties Bank Scholarship - Income Based
The Tri Counties Bank Income-Based Scholarship seeks to advance higher education for economically-challenged, community-minded students. Tri Counties Bank competitively awards [60] \$1,500 scholarships to graduating high school seniors with a SAI of \$0 or less (up to -\$1500), attending a trade school, a 4-year college/university, or community college. Awards will be made to high school seniors who demonstrate a keen interest in public service, community engagement and business entrepreneurship.

2023 Prudence Rose Kennedy Scholarship - Enterprise High School Award
This fund, in memory of Prudy Kennedy, retired City Clerk for the City of Mt. Shasta, was established through her bequest to benefit and support the advancement of medical, educational, social, environmental and artistic purposes. This scholarship opportunity is for High School seniors graduating from Enterprise High School in Redding, CA.

2023 Key Club Scholarship
The Key Club Scholarship was established by the Redding Kiwanis to fund Key Club Scholarships for graduating seniors from Foothill, Enterprise, and Shasta High schools. Key Club International is the high school organization sponsored by Kiwanis International. This scholarship is centered around active service to their school and community. Students must be an active, dues paying member of their high school Key Club.

2023 Top of the State Scholarship
Two different application opportunities available to: 1) college or university bound Shasta & Tehama county high school students who have played golf in high school or junior golf programs and 2) previous award recipients from this fund. The mission of the Top of the State Board of Directors is to provide educational scholarships for Shasta & Tehama county high school students who have played golf in high school or junior golf programs, and are planning to pursue degrees at 2 or 4 year colleges.

2023 Powering Redding's Future College Scholarship
Redding Electric Utility (REU) is proud to offer students in the Redding community awards from the REU Powering Redding's Future Scholarship and Grant Fund Program. The primary goals of REU's Powering Redding's Future program is to encourage Redding's youth to consider a college/university or technical school education that may lead to career opportunities in the electric utility industry, preferably with REU.

2023 Jack Schrader Scholarship
The Jack Schrader Scholarship Fund honors Jack's 65 years of work as an educator with strong interest in education, science and vocational training. The Jack Schrader Scholarship will support scholarships to Shasta County graduating High School seniors pursuing Education, Science, and/or Vocational Training.

2023 Tri Counties Bank Scholarship - Merit Based

Tri Counties Bank offers a Merit-Based scholarship opportunity for graduating higher education-bound high school students who display outstanding achievements in academics, community service, or business entrepreneurship. Tri Counties Bank competitively awards [20] \$1,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors attending a community college, trade school, or 4-year college/university.

2023 Diane M. Gerard Scholarship

The Diane M. Gerard Scholarship Fund honors Diane's strong public spirit as a citizen of Redding and Shasta County. As it was Diane's earnest pleasure to serve others, she devoted much of her life to active civic work and served on several organizational boards of directors. The scholarship is open to all majors, with priority given to students majoring in Liberal Studies, Elementary Education, or Early Childhood Education.

We will ask for supplemental information for the following:

2023 Umpqua Bank Kenneth R. Gifford Jr. Memorial Scholarship

2023 Tri Counties Bank Scholarship - Income Based

2023 Prudence Rose Kennedy Scholarship - Enterprise High School Award

2023 Key Club Scholarship

2023 Top of the State Scholarship

2023 Powering Redding's Future College Scholarship

2023 Jack Schreder Scholarship

2023 Tri Counties Bank Scholarship - Merit Based

2023 Diane M. Gerard Scholarship

Continue

6. The 'Continue' button will take you to the application form for the first opportunity you were matched to. There will be a list of all the opportunities you were matched to at the top of the page, and the status of your application for each opportunity.

Application

Opportunity: 2023 Diane M. Gerard Scholarship

Opportunity Name	Status
2023 Diane M. Gerard Scholarship	Application Draft
2023 Jack Schreder Scholarship	Application Draft
2023 Key Club Scholarship	Application Draft
2023 Powering Redding's Future College Scholarship	Application Draft
2023 Prudence Rose Kennedy Scholarship - Enterprise High School Award	Application Draft

Eligibility Application Application Packet Question List

Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT.
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Supplemental Questions

FAFSA Submission Summary Upload*
Please upload a copy or provide a screenshot of your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) from your financial aid application (FAFSA or California Dream Act application). Your SAI number must be displayed on the document or screenshot.
*Accepted file types: PDF, JPEG, PNG.
Upload a file [2 MIB allowed]

Student Aid Index (SAI)*
What is your Student Aid Index (SAI) as summarized on your FAFSA Submission Summary?
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Diane M. Gerard Scholarship

7. The first part of the application for each opportunity will be the 'Application Tasks' section. Most of the questions within this section are shared by all opportunities. This means that you will only need to answer most of the questions once and your answers will automatically be copied over to your application for each opportunity. There will be some questions that are unique to each opportunity. Once you've

answered all the questions for an opportunity, you will see a blue **'Submit Application'** button at the bottom of the page. **You will need to click this button for EACH opportunity you would like to be considered for.**

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APPLY

Please tell us about a challenge or obstacle you have overcome or are currently facing. How did you cope? How will you use this experience to help you overcome some of the challenges you may face in college, and what do you think those challenges might be?

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Diane M. Gerard Scholarship*

If you have an interest in teaching children, please discuss your interests, especially any experiences (paid or unpaid) you have working with children. If you are not planning to teach children, please type N/A in the response area.

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Transcripts

Upload your most recent CUMULATIVE transcript below.*

Be sure that the document displays your name, the name of your school, and ALL of your completed coursework to date as well as your term and cumulative GPA.

Upload a file [1 MIB allowed]

Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT.

Abandon Request Save Application **Submit Application**

8. To confirm that you've submitted all your applications successfully, click the house icon at the top of the page, just to the right of the CFNS logo. This will take you to your Applicant Dashboard, where you can easily see all the opportunities you've been matched to and the status of your application for each opportunity.

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APPLY

Application

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9. Applications that you have not yet completed will be labeled as '**Assigned**' and you will see an 'Edit Application' link. An application that has been submitted successfully will be labeled as '**Submitted**' and have a 'View Application' link. The first opportunity on the list will be the '2023 Universal Application' - this will already be labeled as 'Submitted.' To be considered for any scholarships, you must have a 'Submitted' label on BOTH the Universal Application AND on each scholarship opportunity you would like to be considered for.

2023 Universal Application					
Application	Submitted	11/09/2023		View Application	Third Parties: 0/0
2023 Tri Counties Bank Scholarship - Income Based					
Application Decision	Assigned Undecided	11/09/2023	Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT	Edit Application	Third Parties: 0/0
2023 Tri Counties Bank Scholarship - Merit Based					
Application Decision	Assigned Undecided	11/09/2023	Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT	Edit Application	Third Parties: 0/0
2023 Umpqua Bank Kenneth R. Gifford Jr. Memorial Scholarship					
Application Decision	Assigned Undecided	11/09/2023	Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT	Edit Application	Third Parties: 0/0
2023 Diane M. Gerard Scholarship					
Application Decision	Submitted Undecided	11/09/2023		View Application	Third Parties: 0/0
2023 Jack Schreder Scholarship					
Application Decision	Assigned Undecided	11/09/2023	Due by 03/13/2024 11:59 AM PDT	Edit Application	Third Parties: 0/0

10. Please allow approximately three (3) months for review following the application deadline. Notifications will be made to both awardees and non-awardees by email after the review period.
11. If you have any questions or technical issues, please email info@cfnorthstate.org or call 530-244-1219.