



Empowering Through Public Service

FECDC 2025 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

THIS PACKET CONTAINS:

- General directions and definitions
- Scholarship description, eligibility, and checklists
- Document to upload with your application
 - Statement of Support by Guidance Counselor (last page)

GENERAL DIRECTIONS:

- Read each scholarship group to determine your eligibility.
 - Specify the scholarship group you are applying for on the attached Scholarship Requirements checklist and *include* this document with your application.
 - Selecting a scholarship group will make you eligible for consideration for all scholarships within that group. ***You may apply for more than one scholarship group.***
- Include a picture with your packet (***Your senior yearbook photo is preferred.***)
 - The photo may be included as a separate JPEG file along with your application PDF file.) The photo File should read: **Last name_First name**
- Present your information neatly and accurately.
- **Application Deadline is March 15, 2025**
- To apply, email your application to scholarships@fecdc.com as a PDF file. The document name should read as follows:
 - Last name_First name.FECDC2025
 - Ex: Smith_Jane.FECDC2025
 - ***Applications submitted in any other format will be disqualified.***

MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (Applicable to all scholarships unless stated otherwise):

- Be a current senior on track for graduation in the year of application
- Be currently enrolled in a public, private, or charter high school located in Metro Atlanta
- Be actively pursuing admission to an accredited college or university during the academic year immediately following high school graduation.
- Demonstrate a commitment to academic excellence, public service, and collaborative pursuits to improve the quality of life for others.

Fortitude Educational and Cultural Development Center, Inc.
2025 Scholarship Application

Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: GA Zip Code: _____

E-mail: _____

Social media (IG, TikTok, X, etc.): _____

Phone number (home/cell) _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Number (home/cell): _____

High School Name: _____

High School Address: _____

Signature: _____

SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

Check the scholarship group you are applying for and upload it with your application.

Applicant Name: _____

Group A: Multiple Scholarships

Scholarship amount: \$1,000.00 - \$5,000.00

Group A scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses both items below:
 - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
 - Share insights into a successful approach applied to tackle a personal challenge you've faced, detailing how this resilience will contribute to your success in college and beyond.

□ Group B: POTA ESTEL COSTON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP AMOUNT: \$2,500.00

This scholarship has been established to honor and maintain the legacy of The Honorable Pota Estel Coston; the first African American female elected to the Fayette County Commission. Accordingly, the Pota Estel Coston Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to students who demonstrate academic excellence, outstanding leadership skills, personal fortitude, superior collaborative and interpersonal skills, and a dedication to enhancing the quality of life for others

Group B scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- Must be an African American student who is a **current resident** of Fayette County, Georgia.
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses both items below:
 - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
 - Share insights into a successful approach applied to tackle a personal challenge you've faced, detailing how this resilience will contribute to your success in college and beyond.

□ Group C: Barbara Bigelow Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Amount: (2) \$1,000.00

The Barbara Bigelow Memorial Scholarship is awarded annually to an African American female student interested in pursuing studies in pre-medicine or pre-law who demonstrates strong academic excellence and has a passion for serving others in her community.

Group C scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
- Must be an African American female student who is a **current resident** of Fayette County, Georgia, or Fulton County, Georgia
- Plan to pursue studies in pre-medicine or pre-law
- A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses the following:
 - Explain your motivation for pursuing a pre-medical or pre-law path, identifying the factors shaping your interest. Discuss the influences that have guided your decision and elaborate on how a medical or legal career offers you the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to your community.

□ Group D: Harvey Newton Memorial Scholarship

Scholarship Amounts: \$2,500.00

Group D scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- Have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 based on verification documents provided by a school counselor.
 - Must be an African American student
 - Plan to pursue studies in business or pre-law.
 - A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses the following:
 - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
 - Examine a successful approach that will aid you in establishing a business or seizing a business opportunity aimed at enhancing the well-being of others.
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□ Group E: P.A.M.M LEGACY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship Amount: \$2,500.00

Group E scholarship requirements (in addition to the minimum scholarship requirements) must:

- An African American Female student who resides in a single-parent or single-guardian home.
 - A written essay of 250 words or less that addresses the following:
 - Explain how engaging in volunteer or community service has influenced your character and the valuable lessons you've gained from such experiences.
 - How has your experience of growing up in a single-parent or single guardian home shaped your perspective on education, resilience, and future goals?
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SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST (for a completed application):

- Copies of College/University Letter(s) of Acceptance (3 max)
- Essay
- School Transcript (Unofficial is acceptable)
- Completed statement of support by Guidance Counselor
- Resume/Additional activity sheet/Brag Sheet
- Photo

The **DEADLINE** for all applications is **March 15, 2025**

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email on April 4, 2025. Recipients are expected to attend the FECDC 2025 Pinnacle Leadership Awards Reception on Sunday, May 4, 2025, and the FECDC 2025 Pinnacle Leadership Awards Luncheon on Saturday, June 28, 2025, both at the Atlanta Airport Marriot Gateway Hotel. Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the college or university where you are enrolled in August 2025.

Statement of Support by Guidance Counselor

To be completed by your school counselor

(This signed form must be submitted with your application)

I hereby affirm that this application meets the criteria set forth by this scholarship program and that I support this application to the FECDC Foundation.

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| Student Name: | | | |
| Student GPA | | | |
| Name of Guidance Counselor Submitting Application: | | | |
| High School: | | | |
| Email Address: | | Phone Number: | |
| Signature of Guidance Counselor: | | Date: | |

The last page of the packet