

Scholarships 2022

Most SouthCoast Community Foundation scholarships are available through our online scholarship portal. Unless otherwise noted, scholarships are available through the Universal Application, which automatically pairs eligible students with all available scholarships. You will also find additional scholarship opportunities accessible from our online portal which require separate applications.

Universal Application

Open January 1 – March 31

Albert F. Carr Scholarship

The Albert F. Carr Scholarship Fund of the Community Foundation was established to provide scholarships to New Bedford High School graduating seniors who plan to attend MIT or will pursue an engineering degree at a four-year college or university.

Ann M. Pappi Memorial Scholarship

The Ann M. Pappi Memorial Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarships to students graduating from Wareham High School. Preference is given to first generation college students, but this is not required. Awards are based 50% on academic performance and 50% financial need.

Carlin Lynch Scholarship

The Carlin Lynch Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide financial aid to students who are graduates (or graduating seniors) of Dartmouth High School, who will be attending an accredited two- or four-year college or university, or an accredited technical education program in a specific field relating to an occupation leading to employment. Students in the top 25% of their class are eligible to re-apply.

CB's Character Blessings Scholarship

The CB's Character Blessing Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was created to provide scholarships to college bound student athletes graduating from New Bedford High School who have displayed strength of character within their team, school, and/or community.

Charles J. Lewin Interfaith Scholarship

The Charles J Lewin Interfaith Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to encourage seniors of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, and Plymouth counties of Massachusetts to attend college. This scholarship is weighted 50% on financial need, 30% on academic performance, and 20% on personal circumstance.

Christine Saulnier Pimental Scholarship

The Christine Saulnier Pimental Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual scholarships to local adults who wish to improve their professional standing by furthering their education in any of the following fields: life sciences, computer sciences, veterinary sciences, and related fields.

College Club of New Bedford, Inc. Scholarship

The College Club of New Bedford, Inc. Fund provides scholarships to young women who are graduates or graduating seniors of the following high schools: New Bedford, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical, Bishop Stang, Dartmouth, and Fairhaven.

Daniel P. Bergeron Scholarship

The Daniel P. Bergeron Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established by Maureen and Russell Bergeron to honor the memory of their late son, Daniel P. Bergeron. The fund provides annual college scholarships to selected Fairhaven High School graduating seniors. These scholarship(s) are awarded to students with financial need and interests in sports and/or music.

David C. DuBois Scholarship

The David C. DuBois Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation honors the memory and legacy of David DuBois, as well as his life-long commitment to fellow mariners and to the maritime industry. Financial awards will be distributed to deserving students who are enrolled in a post-secondary school course of study in a maritime field, such as marine surveying, marine transportation, marine engineering, naval architecture, naval engineering, marine safety, or environmental protection.

David Cappannari Scholarship

The David Cappannari Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide tuition assistance to graduating Plymouth high schools' seniors who plan to attend college.

Ditchfield Family Scholarship

The Ditchfield Family Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarship awards to Lynn English High School graduates who are Highland area residents of high need and high achievement. Awards will be made to students who are or will be attending a post graduate vocational program or an accredited two- or four-year college or university. Recurring scholarships are possible.

Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

The Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was created to award exemplary work by New Bedford area high school seniors who reside in New Bedford and are in pursuit of college study in the fields of Political Science, Public Policy, Organizational Leadership, Business Administration, Sustainability, or related majors. This scholarship is being awarded in memory of and to honor the late Dr. Frederick M. Kalisz, Jr. who lived his passion for public service.

Dr. Paul and Elaine Chervinsky Scholarship

The Dr. Paul and Elaine Chervinsky Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual scholarships to students graduating from New Bedford High School who will be attending a four-year college or university. Scholarships are considered on a basis of 65% financial need and 35% academic performance. Recipients must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale to be eligible.

Edward D. Thomas Trust Scholarship

The Edward D. Thomas Trust Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual scholarships to deserving accepted high school seniors of Foxborough High School.

Ellery R. Sherman Scholarship

The Ellery R. Sherman Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide a minimum of \$1,000 scholarship to one or more graduating seniors of New Bedford High School. Student must have attended the John Avery Parker School and awards will be given to the highest-ranking members of their graduating class.

Eric C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship

The Eric C. Johnson Memorial Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was created to provide scholarship awards to members of Apponequet's senior class who are planning to continue their education at a college or trade school. The following factors are taken into consideration in determining recipients: financial need, community service, involvement in at least one activity (band, sport, or club), a demonstration of service to others, and a minimum of a "C" average maintained.

Fairhaven Centurion Scholarship

The Fairhaven Centurion Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established in 2006, the school's 100th anniversary, to provide annual college scholarships to selected Fairhaven High School graduating seniors. The Fairhaven Centurion Scholarships are awarded on a basis of demonstrated financial need and academic performance.

Francis S. Ferreira Scholarship

The Francis S. Ferreira Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual scholarships to Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School graduating seniors, and prior graduates, attending a two- or four- year college or university and pursuing an engineering or computer science degree.

Frank and Eleanor Gracie Family Scholarship

The Frank and Eleanor Gracie Family Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual college scholarships to selected New Bedford High School graduating seniors who plan to attend a two- or four-year accredited college or university. This scholarship is awarded with consideration of both academic achievement and financial need.

Frank D. Sylvia Trust Scholarship

The Frank D. Sylvia Trust Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established by Frank D. Sylvia to honor the memory of his late son, Frank P. Sylvia. The Fund provides annual scholarships to deserving high school seniors with financial need who are residents of Dighton or Somerset.

George C. Decas Scholarship

The George C. Decas Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation provides scholarship awards to one or more graduating high school seniors residing in the town of Wareham, Massachusetts. Awards are made at least once annually. Awards made from the fund will provide support to recipients over four years, pending successful completion of each consecutive fall academic semester.

George E. Keeler Scholarship

The George E. Keeler Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to honor the legacy of the founder of the manufacturing company, Tech-Etch, Inc. It provides scholarship awards to encourage students, from Plymouth and Bristol counties, to pursue an undergraduate engineering degree and a career in manufacturing. Awards are based 50% on need, 25% on academic performance, and 25% on demonstrated interest.

George Earl and Katherine Hartley Church Scholarship

George Earl and Katherine Hartley Church Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation provides annual scholarships to selected Acushnet, Rochester, Marion, and Mattapoisett, Massachusetts graduating seniors as well as any graduating senior from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School, who wishes to pursue an LPN, RN, or BSN Nursing Degree while attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university.

Georgia and Constantine Decas Family Scholarship

The Georgia and Constantine Decas Family Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarship awards to one or more graduating high school senior(s) residing in the town of Wareham, Massachusetts. Awards are made at least once annually. Awards made from the Fund will provide support to recipients over four years, pending successful completion of each consecutive fall academic semester.

Jacobs Family New Bedford High School Scholarship

The Jacobs Family New Bedford High School Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation provides 5 four-year scholarships, up to \$35,000. The Scholarships are distributed to graduating seniors from New Bedford Global Learning Charter School (1), New Bedford High School (3), and Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (1). Recipients must attend an accredited college or university and major in science fields including computer science, mathematics, and engineering.

John A. Conway MD Scholarship – Funding Old Rochester Regional High School in 2022

The John A. Conway MD Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarship awards to accepted high school seniors at Wareham High School or Old Rochester Regional High School (alternating annually) who excel in Math or Science or plan to pursue a degree in the STEM field at an accredited 4-year college or university. Scholarship recipients shall be selected based on 50% academic performance and 50% financial need.

Katelyn Dunner Fund

The Katelyn Dunner Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide tuition assistance to graduating Plymouth North High School seniors during their first year of college.

Katherine Hassan Penton - New Bedford Class of 1948 Scholarship

The Katherine Hassan Penton - New Bedford Class of 1948 Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarship awards to New Bedford High School graduating seniors pursuing a business degree at an accredited college or university. Katherine Penton was a high honors graduate of New Bedford High School and she and her late husband were successful in business having owned a fishing boat and residential real estate properties.

Kathleen Joyce Nelson Scholarship

The Kathleen Joyce Nelson Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to honor the memory of Kathleen Joyce Nelson. The Fund awards scholarships to college bound seniors at New Bedford High School who are planning a career in public service and who have had to fight cancer or have been involved with the cancer-stricken community.

Ladies' Branch of the New Bedford Port Society Scholarship

The Ladies' Branch of the New Bedford Port Society Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation provides awards to students whose families have documented ties to the sea or are the descendants of seamen. Scholarships may also be distributed to students who intend to major in maritime sciences, or plan to attend a maritime academy. Eligible students must reside in Acushnet, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Rochester, or Westport.

Leo R. and Muriel A. Lanouette Scholarship

The Leo R. and Muriel A. Lanouette Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarship awards to electrical engineering, computer science, or nursing students who have completed their first year at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Preference will be given to students enrolled in such disciplines who have matriculated from high schools in the greater Fall River or New Bedford areas.

Lipsky-Whittaker LGBTQ Scholarship

The Lipsky-Whittaker LGBTQ Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to New Bedford High School graduates who have been accepted into a full time post-secondary program. Students need to have been raised in LGBTQ households or identify as LGBTQ and have demonstrated their commitment to addressing issues of homophobia and LGBTQ inequality in their schools and/or community.

Louis M. Rusitzky Scholarship

The Louis M. Rusitzky Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual college scholarships to selected New Bedford High School graduating seniors who plan to major in business and related fields for tuition assistance during the first year attending a four-year accredited college or university.

Luther B. Bowman Scholarship

The Luther B. Bowman Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to accepted high school seniors of Westport High School who plan to attend a two- or four-year accredited college or university.

Mary Quinn Scholarship

The Mary Quinn Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarships to one or more graduating senior(s) from Plymouth North High School for tuition assistance while attending a two- or four-year accredited college or university.

Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira Scholarship

The Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established by Kathleen and Matthew Oliveira to honor the memory of their late son, Matthew "Matty" Ryan Oliveira. The fund provides annual scholarships to accepted high school seniors from Fairhaven High School for tuition assistance at a two- or four-year college or university.

Nate King Memorial Scholarship

The Nate King Memorial Scholarship Fund was created to provide a minimum of a \$500 scholarship to one or more graduating seniors from New Bedford High School's swim team for tuition assistance while attending a two- or four- year accredited college or university.

New Bedford Half Marathon Committee

The New Bedford Half Marathon Committee Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide college scholarships to graduating seniors who are runners participating in track, cross country or a related interscholastic athletic program from New Bedford High School, Dartmouth High School, or Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School.

New Bedford High School Class of 1960 Scholarship

The New Bedford High School Class of 1960 Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was created to provide annual college scholarships to one or more Greater New Bedford graduating seniors with one or more parent(s) or grandparent(s) who are graduates of New Bedford High School with preference given to those whose parent or grandparent are alumni of the Class of 1960.

New Bedford Woman's Club Scholarship

The New Bedford Woman's Club Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarships for tuition assistance during the first year at a two- or four-year accredited college or university. Scholarships are for graduating seniors of New Bedford High School or Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School based on 50% financial need and 50% academic performance.

Paul and Deborah Durland Scholarship

The Paul and Deborah Durland Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarships to students from Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational for attendance at accredited 2- and 4- year colleges, graduate school, or trade programs. Students are eligible to receive this scholarship for all the years they attend post-secondary school. Criteria: Minimum GPA of 2.0, 60% based on financial need, 20% extracurricular activities or part time job, 20% teacher references.

Paul F. Vecchi Memorial Scholarship

The Paul F. Vecchi Memorial Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual scholarships to Plymouth North and Plymouth South High School graduating seniors.

Samuel and Solomon Rusitzky Entrepreneurial Education

The Samuel and Solomon Rusitzky Entrepreneurial Education Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was created to provide annual college scholarships to selected New Bedford area adult workers seeking to improve their professional standing by pursuing higher educational opportunities related to their profession. The scholarships are awarded for tuition assistance while enrolled in a two- or four-year accredited college or university.

Sgt. Ronald Bumpus Memorial Scholarship

The Sgt. Ronald Bumpus Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors from Wareham High School in their pursuit of higher education at a U.S. based accredited two- or four-year college or university. Preference will be given to students pursuing a degree in physical education, physical therapy, or a related field. Eligible candidates are those with a demonstrated financial need and personal circumstance.

The Amy Edwards Second Wind Scholarship Fund

The Amy Edwards Second Wind Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation is available for women who are seeking a way to improve their ability to find meaningful employment and to create positive change within their communities, a "second wind." This scholarship is for women enrolling in courses at Bristol Community College or UMass Dartmouth.

The TJA Fund – Jordan Alves Memorial Scholarship (TJA)

The TJA Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual college scholarships for Dartmouth High School students. One \$2,000 scholarship, in honor of Jordan Alves, will be awarded to an accepted high school senior at Dartmouth High School who plays soccer.

The TJA Fund - Trevor Alves Memorial Scholarship (TJA)

The TJA Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide annual college scholarships for Dartmouth High School students. One \$2,000.00 scholarship, in honor of Trevor Alves, will be awarded to an accepted high school senior at Dartmouth High School.

Thomas O. and Sarah F. Jackson Trust Award Scholarship

The Thomas O. and Sarah F. Jackson Trust Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide tuition assistance on an annually rotating basis to graduating Silver Lake, Carver, and Plymouth High School seniors during their first year of college. This year, recipients will be selected from Carver High School. Recipients must attend either the Massachusetts Institute of Technology or the University of Massachusetts, and preference is given to students majoring in an agricultural course of study.

Thomas S. Hathaway Scholarship

The Thomas S. Hathaway Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide tuition assistance for college, professional, or scientific educations at Harvard University. Scholarships will be awarded, based on financial need, to one or more students residing in Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, New Bedford, Mattapoisett, Marion, Rochester, Wareham, or Westport.

Van Sloun Foundation Scholarship

The Van Sloun Foundation Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation will award two 4-year scholarships annually, of no less than \$1,000 per year, to a graduating high school senior of Westport High School and Dartmouth High School.

Westport and Beyond – The Erika Hall Memorial Scholarship

The Erika Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to grant scholarships to Westport High School or Westport residents who graduated from sister schools (i.e., Diman Regional, Bristol County Agricultural, Bishop Connolly, or Bishop Stang High School). All scholarship applicants must be planning on attending a two- or four- year college or university.

William Tucker Keene Memorial Scholarship

The William Tucker Keene Memorial Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to students who understand that an education is one of the only things in life that can never be stolen or taxed.

Additional Scholarship Opportunity

See application on our website

Somerset Scholarship

The Somerset Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarships for tuition assistance to Somerset resident students planning to attend a two- or four-year college or university. One goal of the Somerset Scholarship Fund is to assist those students who may not normally qualify for other scholarships.

Outside Scholarships Opportunities

These scholarships are administered outside the Community Foundation

Colton-Khoo Scholarship

The Colton-Khoo Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation will be awarded to graduating Oliver Ames High School students who exemplify the Easton Public School core value of respecting and valuing diversity.

Dean Cassell Golf Scholarship

The Dean Cassell Golf Scholarship Fund was established to provide financial assistance to Kittansett Club employees to further their education in preparation for a career in the golf industry.

Gosnold Community Scholarship

The Gosnold Community Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide tuition assistance to individuals who have contributed to the Gosnold Community and who have demonstrated financial need to support their education pursuits.

Gregory G. Misodoulakis Scholarship

The Gregory G. Misodoulakis Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by his family to honor the memory of Gregory Misodoulakis. The annual scholarship is awarded to a graduating senior from Apponequet Regional High School who has demonstrated a strong commitment to the school community and who will pursue a liberal art and/ or education degree. Please contact the Apponequet High School guidance office.

Joseph X. Vasconcelos Memorial Foundation Scholarship

The Joseph X. Vasconcelos Memorial Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established in loving memory of Joseph X. Vasconcelos. Scholarships from this fund will be awarded to graduating high school seniors from Wareham High School.

Webb Family Scholarship

The Webb Family Scholarship Fund of the SouthCoast Community Foundation was established to provide scholarships to Franklin High School graduating seniors for tuition assistance while attending a four-year college or university.