

CRITERIA FOR EAF® GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP



Please read all instructions carefully before completing an application form.

TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION, PLEASE COMPLY WITH ALL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE AWARD YOU ARE SEEKING.

MERIT	FINANCIAL NEED-BASED	THRIVE	LAUNCH
<p>Merit scholarships are typically awarded to students with academic excellence, athletic, or artistic achievements. These scholarships are awarded to students who have high grades, leadership roles, and involvement in community service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student • Sophomore or beyond (undergraduate students) • Currently enrolled in an accredited degree granting institution or accepted if applying as a graduate student. • Minimum GPA of 3.0 (B average) • Demonstrates community service and involvement 	<p>Financial need-based scholarships are defined as financial aid given to students on the basis of financial need. Students may qualify for need-based scholarship funds if they come from low-income backgrounds, and qualification is usually determined based on family income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student • Sophomore or beyond (undergraduate students) • Currently enrolled in an accredited degree granting institution • Minimum GPA of 2.5 (C+ average) • Demonstrates community service and involvement 	<p>A new award category, Thrive scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students who have a financial gap in tuition and need assistance to move to the next level of their education or to graduate from college. These awards will not exceed \$1,000 per student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student • Sophomore or beyond • Currently enrolled in an accredited degree granting institution or accepted if applying as a graduate student. • Minimum GPA of 2.5 (C+ average) • Demonstrates community service and involvement 	<p>A new award category, Launch scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate students who typically do not qualify for either the merit-based or needs-based scholarships. These students are experiencing a financial shortfall and need support to pursue their education. These students may also have success in athletic or artistic achievements and demonstrate leadership.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time student • Sophomore or beyond (undergraduate students) • Currently enrolled in an accredited degree granting institution • Minimum GPA of 2.5 (C+ average) • Demonstrates community service and involvement

NOTE: These are one-time awards. Please do not apply if you have received a general scholarship from EAF in the past. You may apply to more than one, however, you can only receive one general scholarship.

ADDITIONAL THRIVE AWARD INFORMATION: Thrive awards are capped at \$1,000 and are meant to help students clear small final balances owed to their schools prior to graduation.

A COMPLETE ONLINE APPLICATION CONTAINS:

Undergraduate:

- Completed online application form including personal statement.
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (must not be dated earlier than **January 2025**)
- Official transcript(s) from all colleges that you have attended with cumulative GPA listed. Please open, scan, and add as an attachment.
- Financial Needs Analysis (**if applying for a Financial Needs Award**).
- Copy of tuition bill that shows less than \$1,000 owed to graduate or move to the next academic level (**if applying for a Thrive (Gap) Award**).

Graduate:

- Completed online application form.
- Documentation of Project/Research, scholarly pursuit etc. (Two (2) typed pages max.)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation (must not be dated earlier than **January 2025**).
- Official transcript(s). Please open, scan, and add as an attachment.
- Financial Needs Analysis (**if applying for a Financial Needs Award**).
- If first time Graduate student, please include a copy of your **acceptance letter**.

**Incomplete applications or those that do not meet minimum criteria (i.e., outdated recommendation letter), will be disqualified at the time of application submission.*