



SILA Foundation Post-Secondary Scholarship Program FAQ

Do you allow paper application submissions?

No, only online applications are accepted for our scholarship program.

When will you be opening the online application?

Online applications are available each year from April 1-May 31.

Can I attach an unofficial transcript to my application?

Yes, however, if you are chosen for an award official documentation MUST be submitted before any funds are dispersed.

I will not be enrolled full-time until the Fall, do I still qualify?

Yes, our scholarships are based on the fall/spring academic years.

May I submit more than one letter of reference?

Yes

What should the letter of reference address?

The letter of reference should address your characteristics as a student, employee (if applicable), volunteer, and overall as a person at the discretion of the author. The letter should come from a person who can best describe your characteristics and work ethic, whether in school or during employment. The letter may be provided to you to attach to your scholarship application, or the letter may be sent directly to us to be attached to your application by sending it electronically to scholarships@silafoundation.org or mailing it to us at the address below. Please note, all documentation must be received no later than May 31 to be eligible.

How are the Reference Letters reviewed?

Each letter is read by all members of the review committee.

I am an international student, do I qualify for your scholarship?

No, we do not currently offer scholarships for international students.

I attempted to apply for the scholarship online, but I am experiencing issues. Will I be allowed to apply in a different manner?

No, only online applications are accepted during the annual application window from April 1st-May31.

Does the Bruce Saenger Memorial Course Grant apply to college students?

No, this program is designed to assist insurance and securities professionals with enhancing their education.

I have been admitted to a graduate program, do I qualify for your scholarship?

Yes

Will you be awarding a scholarship for the spring semester?

No, our scholarships are based on the fall/spring academic years not semesters.



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If I am chosen, will the funds be sent directly to my school?

Yes, checks are mailed directly to the college.

If I am chosen, how long before the funds are sent to my school?

Generally checks are mailed out in September.

After the application window closes, how long does the application review process take?

The review processes takes 60-90 days. Winners are notified as soon as decisions are final.

Do you notify all students of the decision?

Yes, all students are notified of the Committee's decision.

What if I'm a recipient but am unable to submit the requirement documentation before the deadline?

We cannot allow exceptions to the deadline, a runner-up would be awarded the scholarship.

I was awarded one of your scholarships in the past, may I apply again?

Yes

Is this scholarship just for high school students?

No

I have a few questions about the scholarship program, who do I contact?

Please submit questions directly to our Scholarship Committee by emailing them at scholarships@silafoundation.org

Will the winners be posted on the SILA Foundation website?

Yes

I will not be attending school full-time until fall, do I have to wait until I'm fully registered to apply for your scholarship?

No, you do not have to wait because our scholarships are based on the fall/spring academic school year. The required documents will need to be submitted before any funds are dispersed.

How to I apply for a scholarship?

The Post-Secondary College Scholarship Application is located on the SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS page on our website, www.silafoundation.org.

Do you need a transcript that is a sealed one sent directly to you or will one that I can print off online work for you guys?

Official online transcripts are acceptable provided they include the school and student information.



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Yes

Is there a certain form that you need for employment verification or is just a letter from my boss acceptable?

A letter from your boss is acceptable.

If you are a high school senior do you have to provide work hours?

No, you are still consider a full-time student.

Who should I ask to write my letter of reference?

The letter of reference should address your characteristics as a student, employee (if applicable), volunteer, and overall as a person at the discretion of the author. The letter should come from a person who can best describe your characteristics and work ethic, whether in school or during employment. The letter may be provided to you to attach to your scholarship application, or the letter may be sent directly to us to be attached to your application by sending it electronically to scholarships@silafoundation.org or mailing it to us at the address below. Please note, all documentation must be received no later than May 31 to be eligible.

I am technically enrolled in my Master's program but will not be signing up for classes until summer which is after your deadline, can I still apply?

Yes, the scholarship is open to graduate students. When applying be sure to attach your final transcript from your Bachelor's degree (be prepared to submit your fall enrollment if you are chosen), also attach employment verification to verify working hours (if applicable).

I am enrolled in Business, not Business Administration, am I still eligible?

Yes, General Business is an acceptable path to apply for the scholarship.

I am enrolled to be in an accredited MBA program in September of this year. I noticed in the requirements it says I must be enrolled with a 3.0 GPA or better, however, my program has not started yet. Am I still eligible?

You will need to attach your final transcript from your Bachelor's degree and then submit your fall enrollment if chosen. Also include a letter of employment to verify any working hours.

My letter of reference is a year old, can it still be used?

As long as the letter is less than one-year old it qualifies.

I am a law student, do I qualify for your scholarship?

Yes

Is demonstrated financial need a necessary component of a selected candidate?

The scholarship committee will review all aspects of the application. This will include academic achievement, personal narrative, and financial need.



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I won't have my Fall schedule until after the application is closed, can I still apply?

Yes, attach current transcript with application. If chosen for an award, official fall schedule will be required before any funds are dispersed.

I don't have a 3.0 GPA, can I still apply for this scholarship?

No, the minimum GPA required for this scholarship is 3.0.

What would you like the letter of reference to include or describe? Who normally writes them (I'm assuming it can't be a family member)?

The reference letter should describe you, your abilities, your accomplishments, whatever can be added to describe your character. We prefer they not be written by family members. We suggest asking teachers, employers, community leaders, and counselors.

I'm pursuing my doctoral education in the fall. Can I apply for your scholarship as a doctoral student?

Yes, pursuing your doctoral education does qualify you for our Post-Secondary College Scholarship.

I am currently enrolled in a certificate program at a community college. Am I eligible to apply?

Yes, as long as you meet the definition of a full-time student.

My school follows trimesters, do I still qualify?

Yes, as long as you meet the definition of a full-time student.

I am emailing to inquire what the full-time employment verification letter specifically needs to state and who it must be written by?

We prefer a letter written and signed by your employer or direct supervisor upon company letterhead stating that you are employed full-time at their business. You may scan the letter as to attach to your application.

I have submitted my application and am curious how long the review process takes; and, will I be notified of the decision either way?

The review process may take up to 60-90 days, so we anticipate sending an email to notify all applicants of our decision before September 1st. If chosen, funds can be expected to be released directly to the school some time mid-September.