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UNIVERSAL Scholarship Application

INSTRUCTIONS

for local CFRC scholarships

2026/27

APPLY AT:
www.randolphcountyfoundation.org/scholarships

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One application to apply for over 90 scholarship opportunities for graduating seniors held at CFRC.

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The Community Foundation of Randolph County Scholarships

The Community Foundation of Randolph County oversees numerous scholarship funds, which provide dozens of award opportunities to full-time and part-time degree-seeking students who are high school graduates of a Randolph County school corporation:

Monroe Central Junior/Senior High School
Randolph Central (Winchester Community High School)
Randolph Eastern (Union City Junior/Senior High School)
Randolph Southern Junior/Senior High School
Union High School

Scholarship opportunities are also available for:

A displaced worker from Randolph County
A non-traditional student who worked in the glass or mold industries
A non-traditional student who attended Monroe Central High School
A student from New Castle High School in New Castle, Indiana
A student from Mississinawa Valley High School in Union City, Ohio
A student who resides within the Union School District

To save you time and energy, we have developed a universal online application that matches you directly with the scholarship for which you are eligible.

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Dates to Remember

December 1, 2026

Application available online at randolphcountyfoundation.org/scholarships



January 20, 2027

Application deadline 4:00PM

Mid-Late May 2027

Scholarship recipients will be notified either at their school's honor/awards night or by the Community Foundation.

July 1, 2027

Once scholarship recipients can provide their college Student ID Number, they must submit a College Information Form to the Community Foundation by this date, **or the scholarship(s) will be awarded to an alternate student.** *Please note that you have the option to defer your scholarship for up to one academic year if you desire.*
To submit your College Information Form, please visit:
randolphcountyfoundation.org/scholarships/college-information-form/

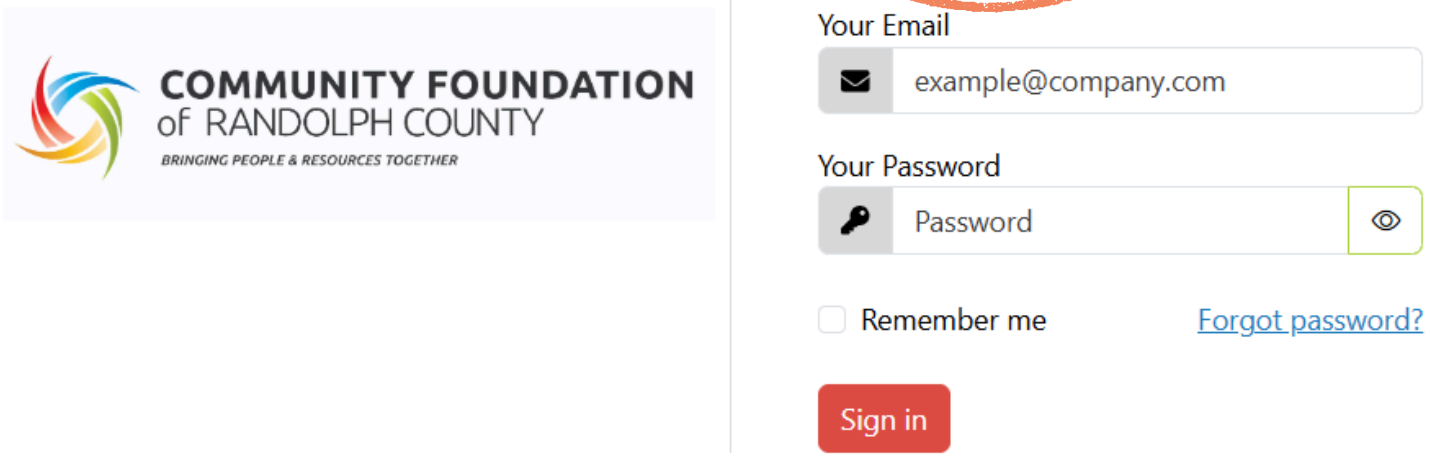
Late July - Mid August 2027

The Community Foundation will mail scholarship checks to colleges/universities.

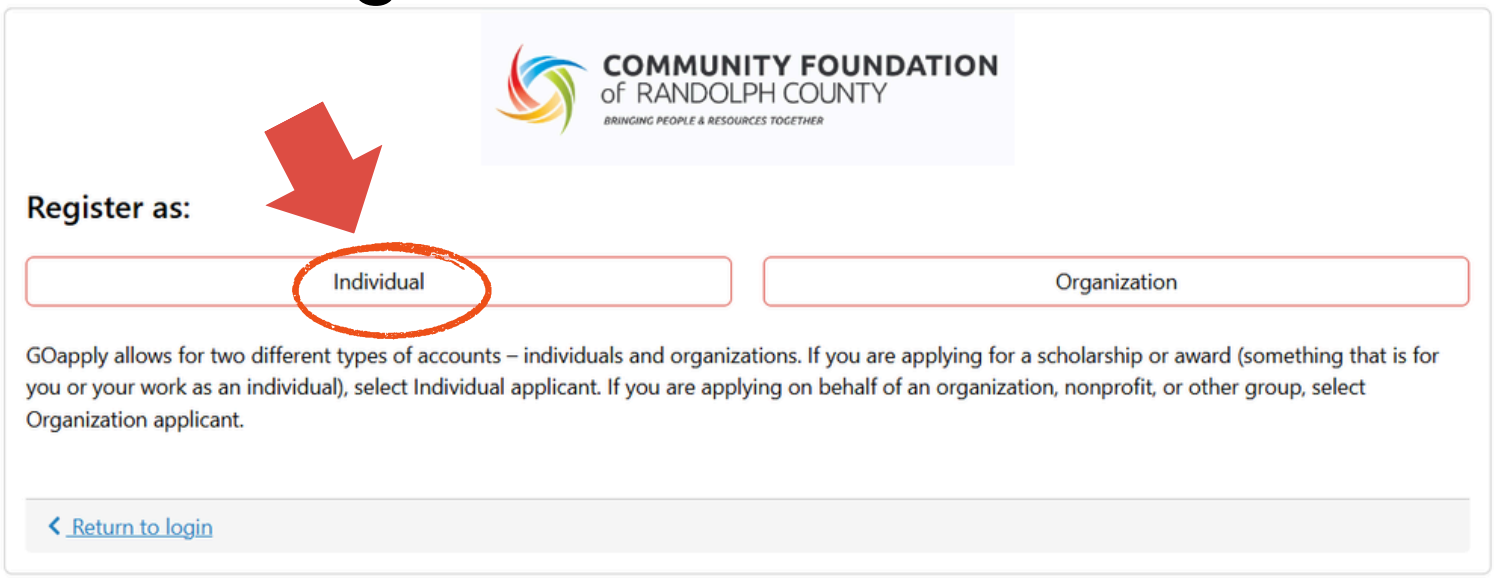
Scholarship Application on GOapply

Create an account

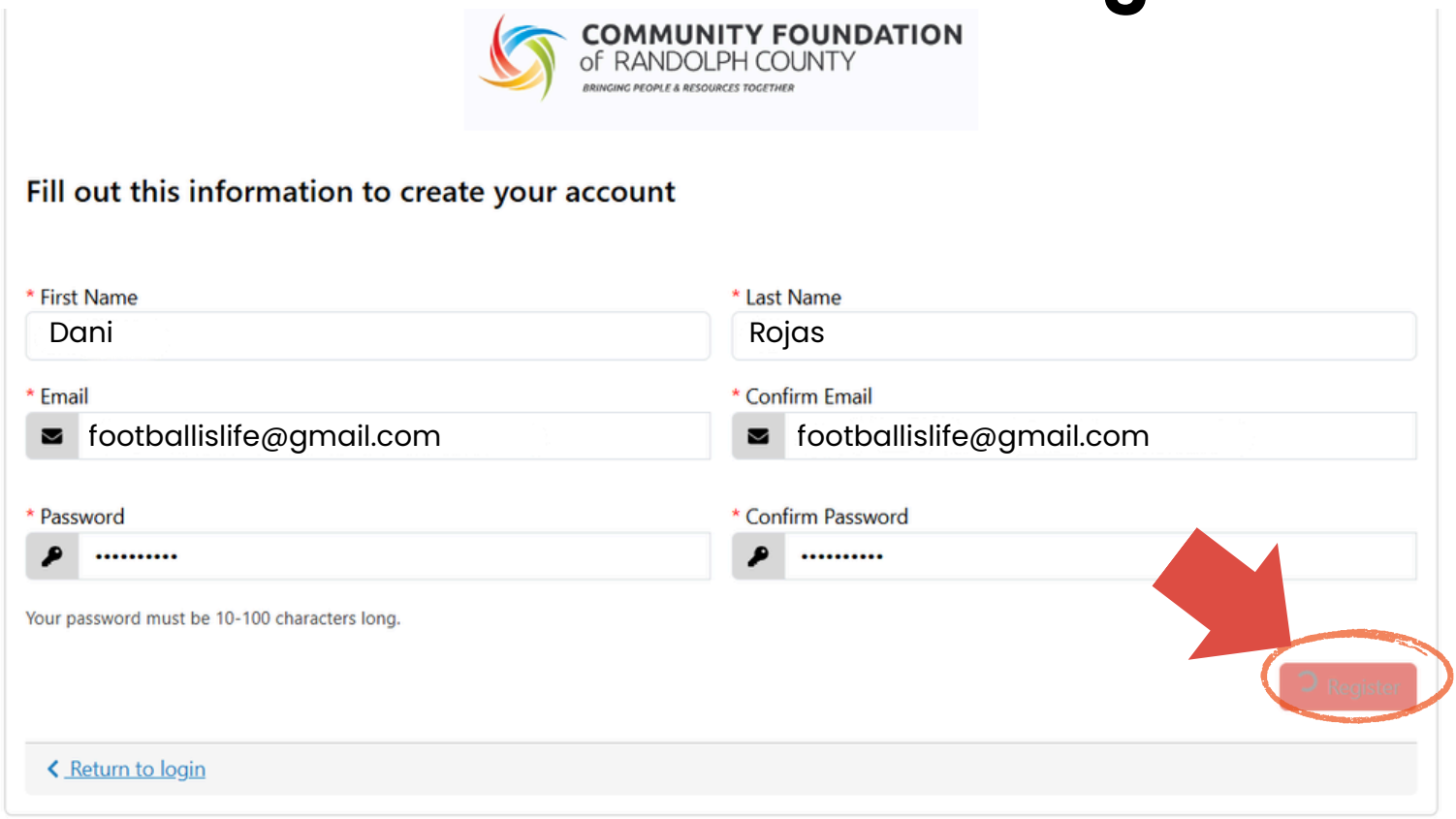
If you applied to our Lilly Scholarship Application, then you have already created an account. Jump to page 5, and sign in to your account!



Register as an individual

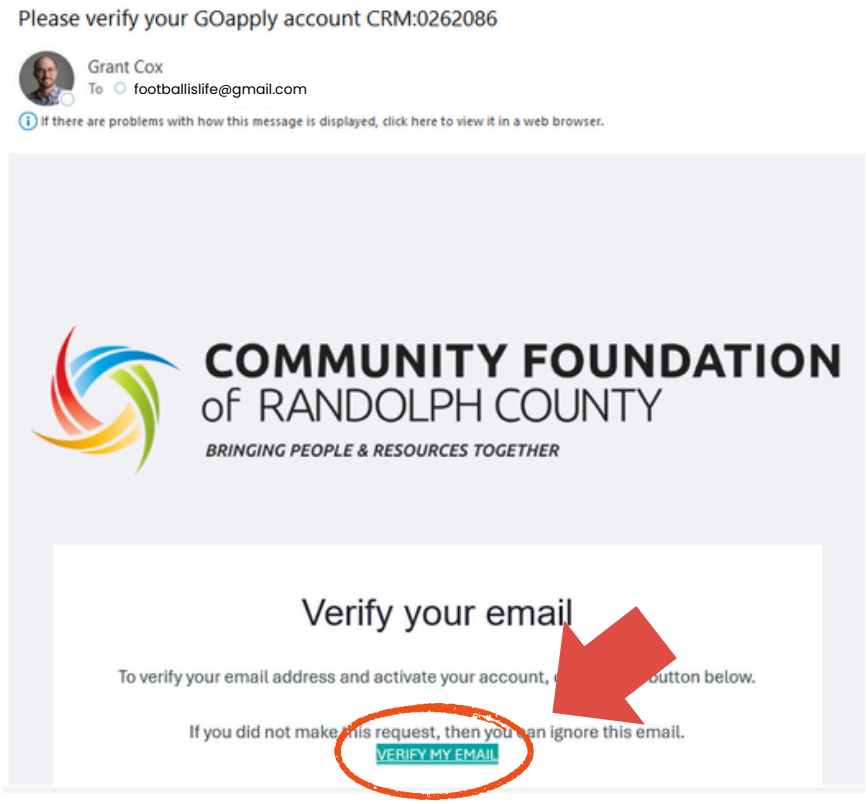


Fill In Your Info and Click Register

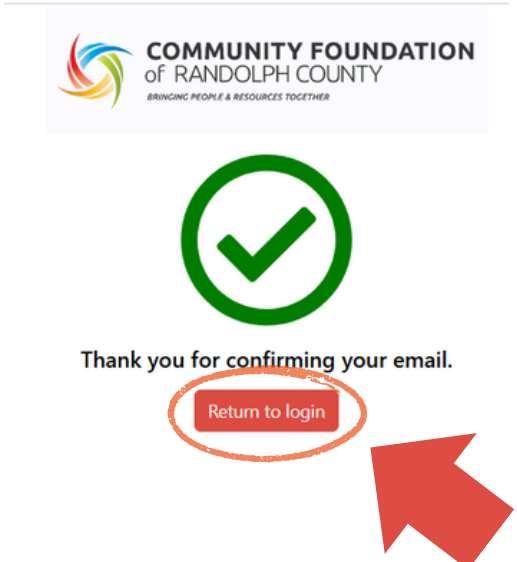


Verify Your Email

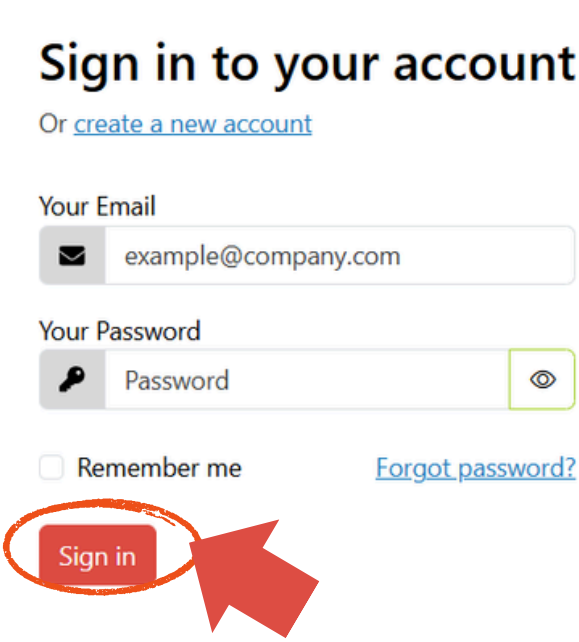
After clicking “Register”, you’ll receive an automated email asking to verify your GOapply account. Find that email and click “VERIFY MY EMAIL.”



Confirm Email Verification & Sign In

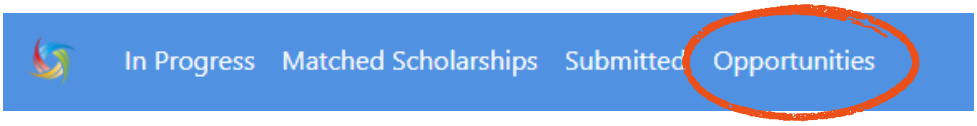


After clicking "VERIFY MY EMAIL", you'll follow that link and click "Return to login"

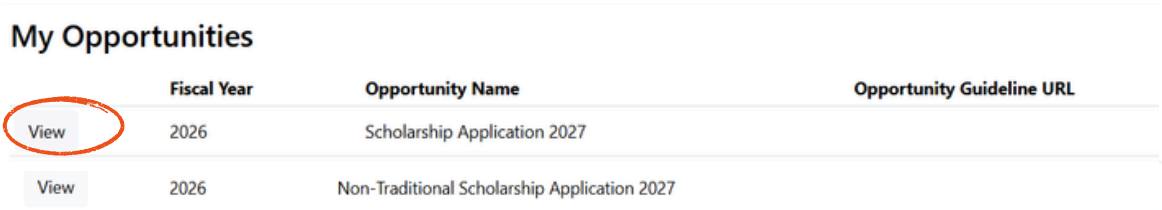


You'll then sign in using the email and password you just created.

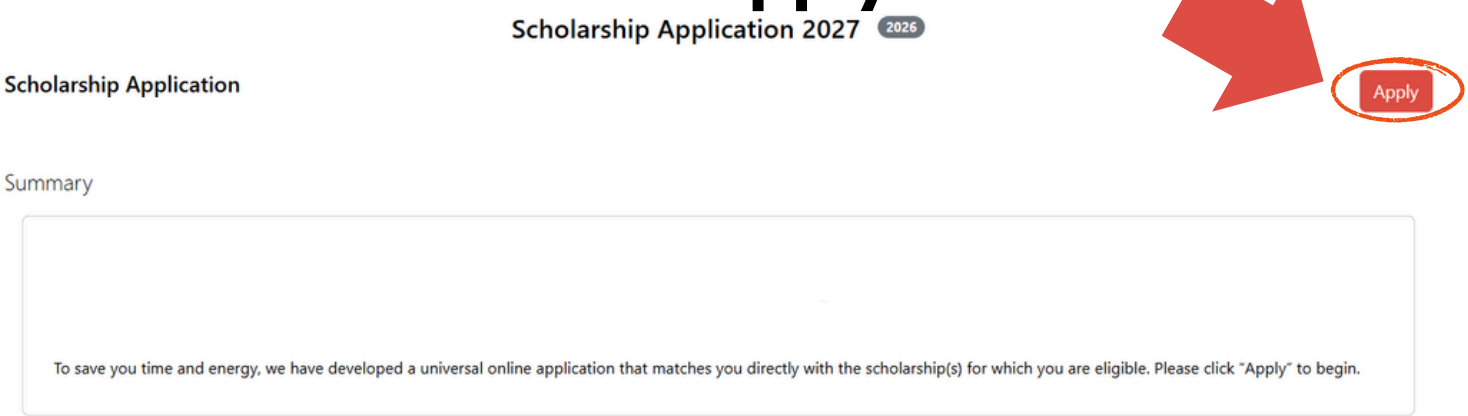
Find Scholarship Application in Opportunities



After you sign in, you'll click on Opportunities at the top of the page. Within "My Opportunities", you'll find the scholarship application. Click "View".



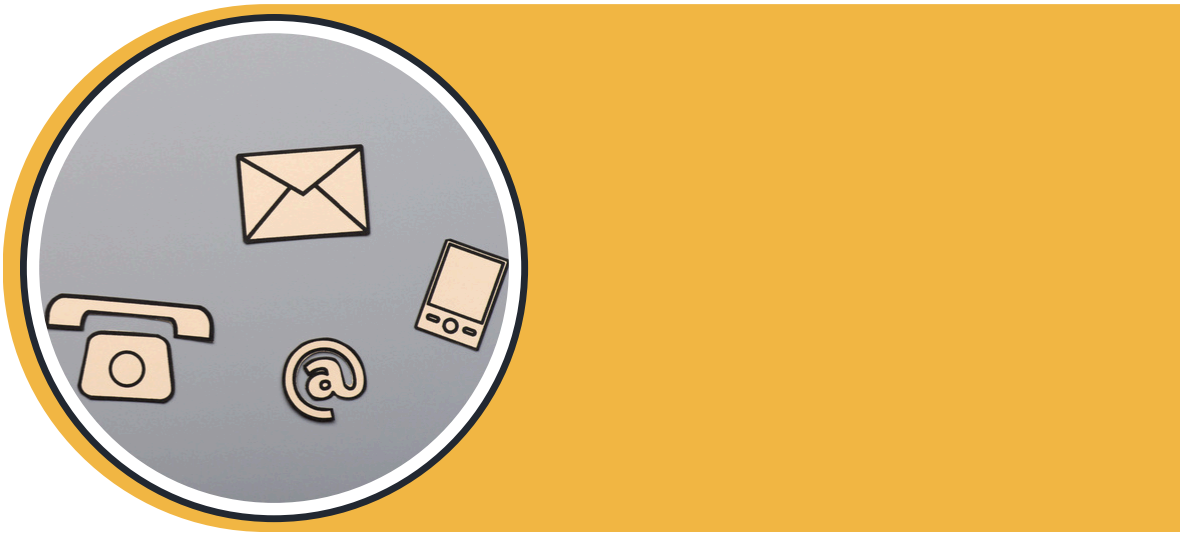
Click "Apply"



What to Expect
10-Step Application

Step 1:
Contact Information

Let's get the easy stuff out of the way! Name, address, phone number, email, etc.



Step 2:
College/University Information

It's exciting to think about your next steps! In this section you'll answer what type of school you plan on attending, name of the college/university, type of degree you're pursuing, etc.

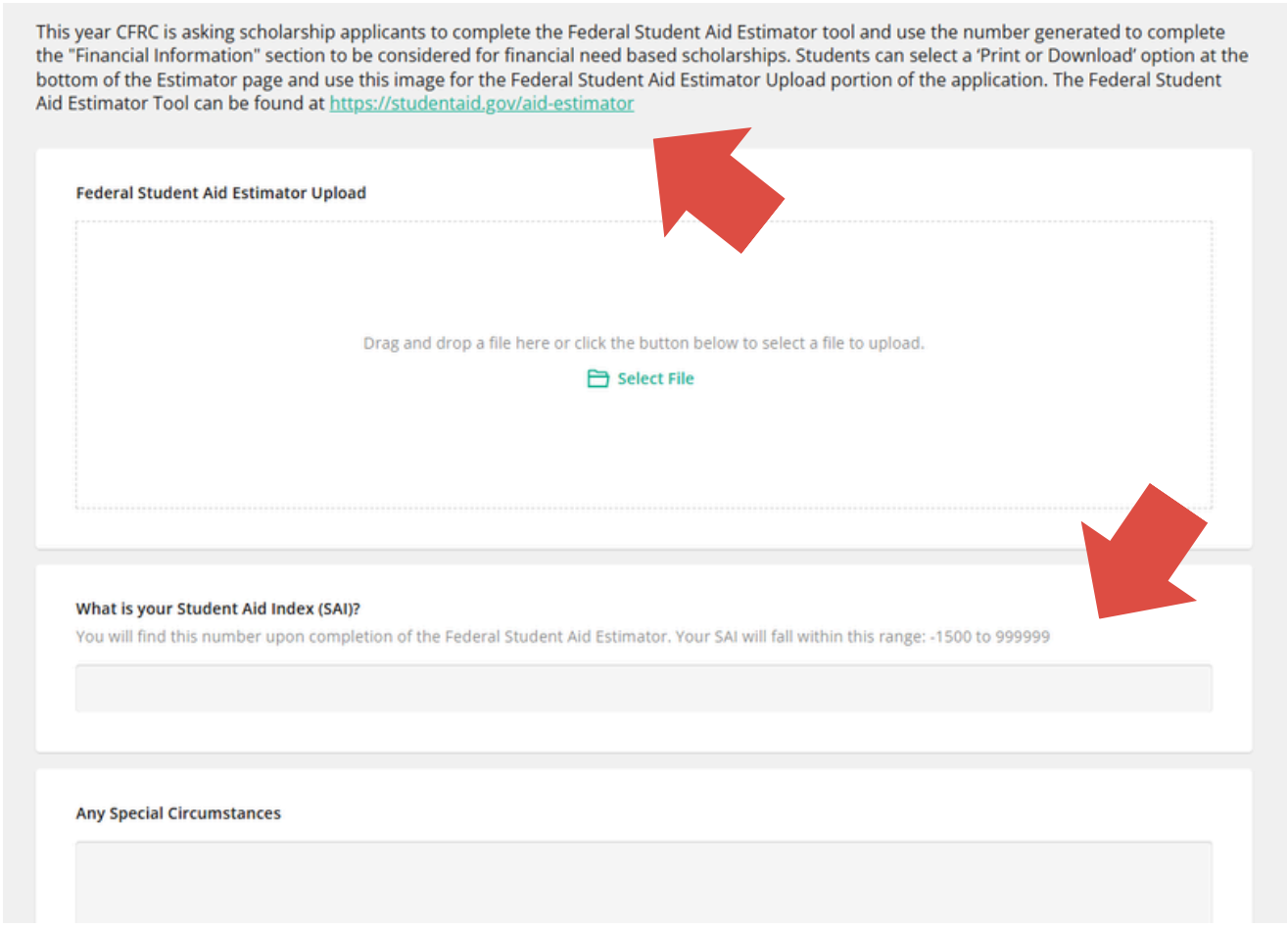
Step 3: Financial Information

Financial Need (Optional)

Only financial need based scholarships utilize this information. While there are many scholarships that have financial need as a requirement, we also oversee many that do not. We encourage you to complete this section for your opportunity to meet the criteria for as many scholarships as possible.

Federal Student Aid Estimator

You'll be asked to use the Federal Student Aid Estimator tool, which can be found at: www.studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/.
Students can select "Print or Download" at the bottom of the Estimator page, and use this image for the Federal Student Aid Estimator Upload portion of the application.
The Student Aid Estimator will provide you with a Student Aid Index (SAI). Please type that number in.



Any Special Circumstances

We encourage you to utilize the text box to include any circumstances that should be considered when determining financial need.

Step 4:

High School Information

Answer some basic questions about the high school you attend and your grades.
Make sure you select the correct high school you are attending, as the application has logic in place, and will reveal/hide many questions based on your high school.



Step 5:

SAT/ACT Scores

Fill in SAT/ACT scores.

These are not required! If you haven't taken the SAT/ACT, please skip this page and continue the application.

Step 6:

Activities, Awards, Honors, Community, Civic, Church, Volunteer, and Work History

We know you're involved in lots of activities! This page gives you the opportunity to highlight everything you're involved in.

Step 7:

High School Involvement

Answer primarily True-False questions about what you've participated in during your high school career.

Step 8:

Area(s) of Study

What do you intend to major/minor in or study?



Step 9:

Additional Information

These Yes-No questions are scholarship-specific, and help to determine which applicants qualify for specific scholarships.

Step 10:

Essays and Letters of Recommendation

Only 1 essay is required. You'll be asked to type up to 4 essays directly into the application, and upload up to 2 letters of recommendation.

Information on Essays

Future Goals Essay **(Required)**

- Please type an essay about the goals you hope to reach in the future.

Important Qualities/Attributes (Optional)

- Please type an essay sharing your thoughts about the qualities of attitude, initiative, incentive, worthiness, citizenship, cooperation, and the importance of these attributes.

Leadership (Optional)

- Please type an essay about leadership and how you've proven to be a leader in your high school career.

Karen Hardwick Scholarship Essay (Optional)

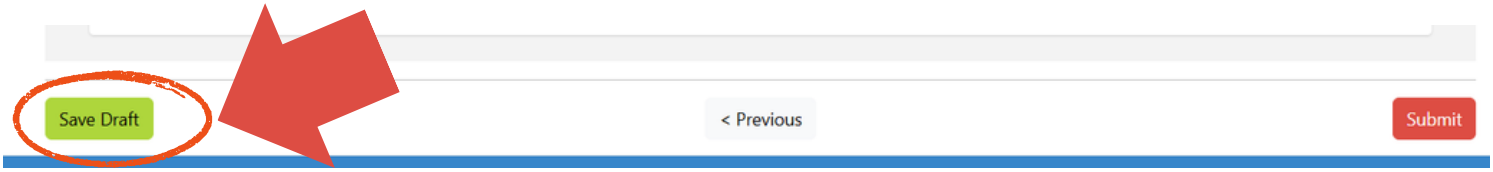
- ONLY MONROE CENTRAL STUDENTS ELIGIBLE. Please type an essay about your character, as modeled by Karen Hardwick. Karen, a graduate of Monroe Central High School, worked at the school for many years, teaching responsibility, honesty, and work ethic. She was also involved in the community, active in the Parker City United Methodist Church, served on the Church Council, and assisted with VBS and Youth Group. She was also dedicated to service, spending many hours alongside the friends she made serving.

Letters of Recommendation (Optional)

Some of the scholarships require 1 or 2 letters of recommendation to be considered. We encourage you to obtain 2 letters of recommendation so you can be considered for those scholarships.

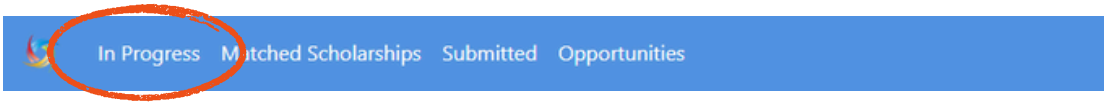
Can I start the application today but finish later? YES!

At any point during the application, you can click the “Save Draft” button

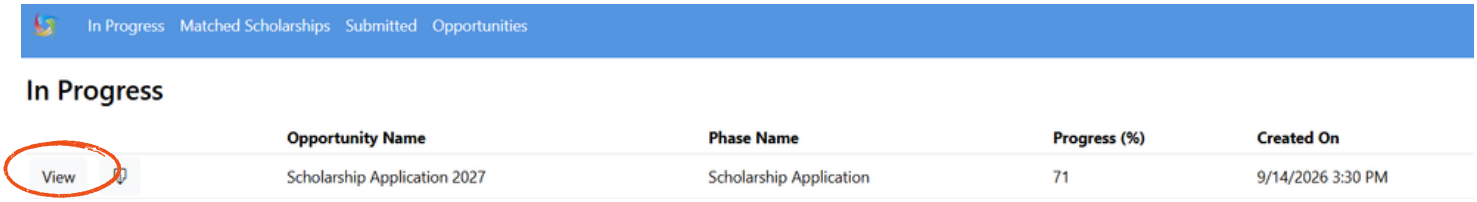


Return to the Sign In page, enter your email and password, and pick up your application where you left off!

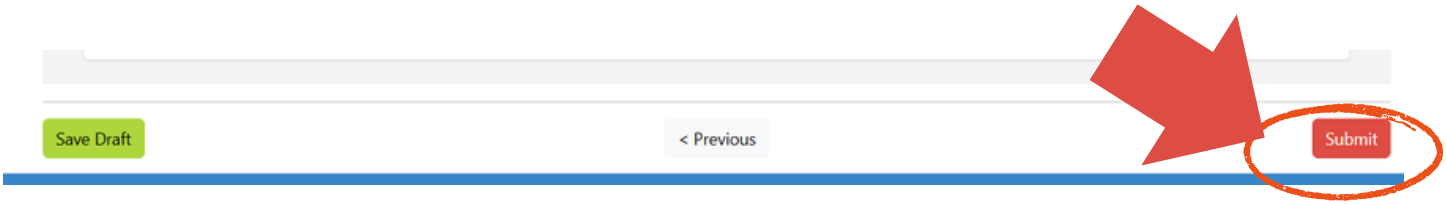
To continue your application, you will find it in the “In Progress” tab.



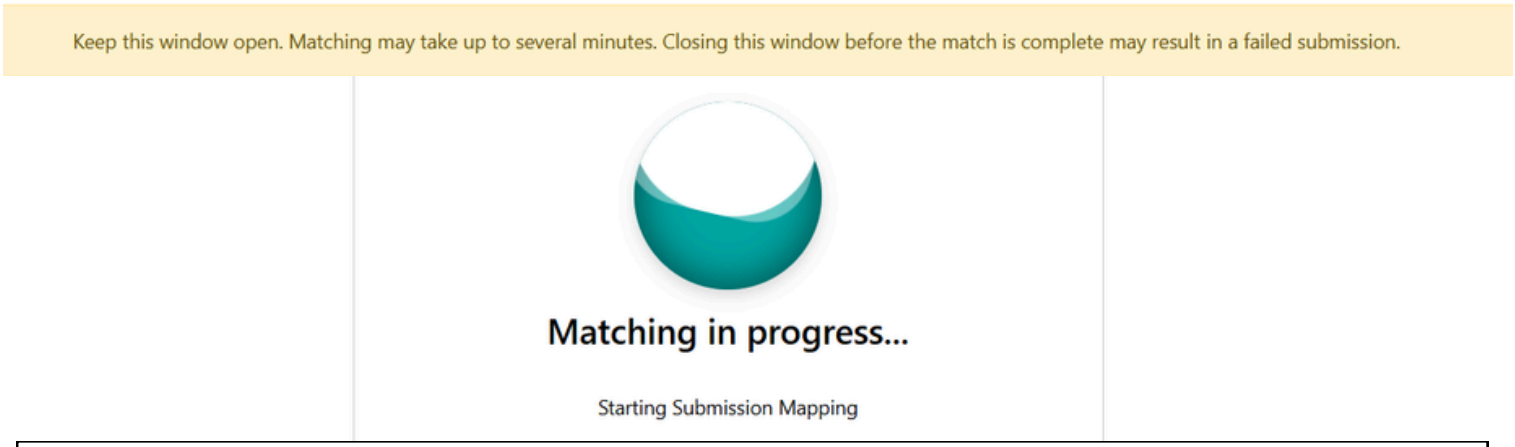
You’ll see your application is “In Progress.” Click “View” to pick up your application where you left off.



When You're Finished, Click "Submit"



Please be patient during the matching process. It could take several minutes. **Do not close or refresh this window.**

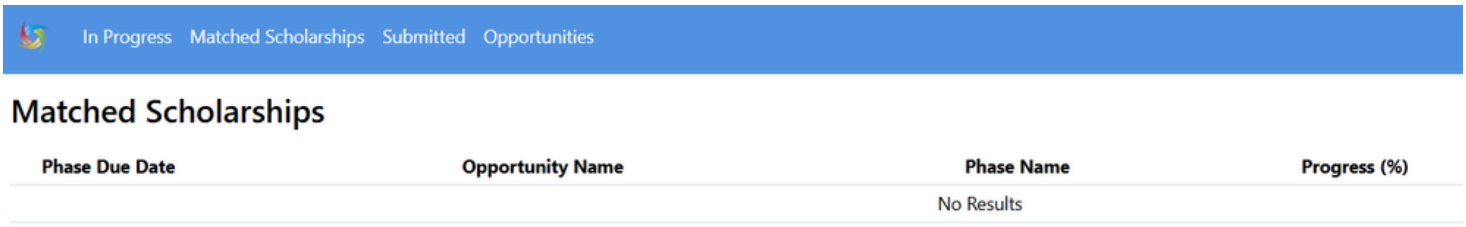


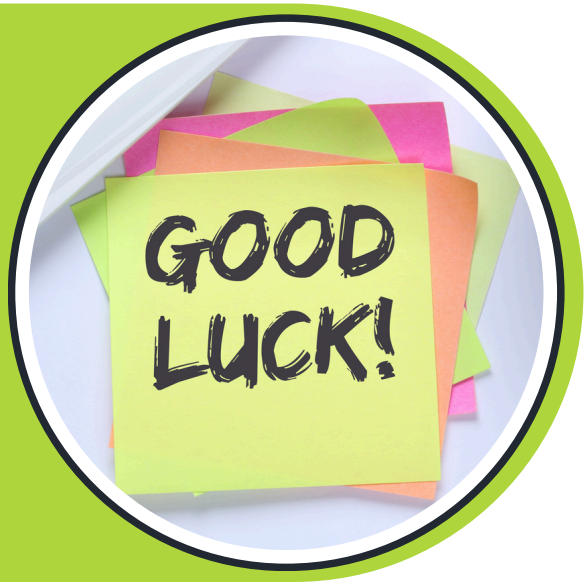


Then click "Submit All".

After you “Submit All” you <u>will not</u> see your matched scholarships under the “Matched Scholarships” tab.

Don’t worry! Your application has been received, and your application will be considered for all the scholarships you checked the boxes for.





You’re Done!

Thank you for applying, and good luck!

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