



2023 Liberty Square Student Scholarship Fund | Application Guidelines

Deadline: Friday, April 28th at 4 p.m.

Notification of Award: Thursday, June 1st

Annual Award Amount: Up to \$5,000 (eligible applicants can reapply yearly)

History

The Related Group established the fund in 2018 to reflect its broad commitment to revitalizing Liberty Square, built in 1937 and one of the nation's oldest public housing projects. As lead developer for the Liberty Square Rising redevelopment, the company seeks to transform the homes and community for hundreds of residents. The scholarship fund will enable students with high aspirations who live, or whose immediate family lives in Liberty Square to pursue their future goals by supporting their post-secondary education.

Submission + Deadline

- Applicants must submit an application through the Miami Foundation's online grants application portal. To access the online portal, please visit miamifoundation.org/scholarships carefully review the registration instructions.
- If an application is missing information, The Foundation will **not** inform the applicant nor review the application. Mailed, faxed or emailed applications **will not** be accepted.
- Applications must be submitted online by **Friday, April 28th at 4 p.m.**

Eligibility

In order to qualify, applicants must:

- Currently or previously resided in or have a parent or guardian who resides in Liberty Square or Lincoln Gardens
- Demonstrate high aspirations, perseverance and service to the community
- Fit one of the following categories:
 - a) A high school senior graduating in 2023 who plans to pursue a college degree and has at least a 2.5 GPA
 - b) A high school senior on track to earn your high school diploma or GED in 2023 who plans to pursue a career-path vocational certification program
 - c) A high school graduate planning to pursue a college degree and has at least a 2.5 GPA
 - d) A high school graduate planning to pursue or already enrolled in a career-path vocational certification program and have a 2.0 GPA

Selection Criteria

A Scholarship Advisory Committee will review and rate the applications and make final decisions on scholarship awards. The following criteria will be considered in evaluating applicants:

- Essay Questions
- Academic Performance
- Financial Need
- Letter of Recommendation



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This is a template of the application that shows the information you will need to submit online. Mailed, emailed or faxed applications **will not** be accepted. Use this as a worksheet to gather the information you will need to provide online. To submit your application, go to miamifoundation.org/scholarships.

We recommend that you complete all questions that have character count limits in a word processing program first, paying careful attention to the character count limits - which include spaces - and then copy and paste your responses into the online application.

Personal Information:

Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Middle Name: _____
Date of Birth: _____		Gender: _____
Address: _____		
Preferred Phone Number: _____		
Email Address: _____		
Do you currently reside or in the past have resided in Liberty Square or Lincoln Gardens? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No, but I have a parent/guardian who does/did		
If No, which of the following lives/lived in Liberty Square or Lincoln Gardens? <input type="checkbox"/> Parent <input type="checkbox"/> Guardian		
Please provide address of Parent/Guardian: _____		

School + Academic Information:

I am currently enrolled in: <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> Career-path Certification Program	
High school attending or graduated from: _____	Graduation Year: _____
High school seniors: Post-secondary school you plan to attend:	
Acceptance status: <input type="checkbox"/> Accepted <input type="checkbox"/> Pending	
Proposed college major or career-path certification: _____	
High school graduates: Post-secondary school you are enrolled in:	
College major or career-path certification you are pursuing: _____	
Number of years remaining for graduation or completion: _____	
Current GPA: _____	

Financial Information:

How much are tuition, books and fees per year at the college/university or program you plan to attend in the upcoming academic year? \$ _____

Will you have additional room and board expenses to attend? Yes / No If Yes, how much per year? \$ _____

Please provide your family's estimated combined annual income: \$ _____

Household Member Size: Adults 18 and over _____ Children under 18 _____

Have you submitted a 2023-24 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)? Yes / No

If yes, please UPLOAD your FAFSA 2023-24 Student Aid Report

Have you received a Financial Aid Award Letter from the college/university/program you plan to attend? Yes / No

If yes, please UPLOAD your Award Letter

Have you applied for/received other forms of financial aid (Grants, Scholarships, Loans, etc.)? Yes / No

If yes, please list what has been awarded or is pending.

Name of Financial Aid	Amount	Status: (Awarded / Pending)
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

Essay Questions:

These questions will help the selection committee learn who you are, your aspirations and what motivates you. Please be authentic with your responses. There is a 1,000 character limit, including spaces, for each question.

- Your Story:** Tell us about the family and Liberty Square/Lincoln Garden community you come from, what makes them unique and how they have shaped your life.
- Aspirations:** Tell us about your future aspirations in terms of the kind of career and life you want to have and the type of person you want to be. What obstacles stand in your way?
- Perseverance:** Tell us about a challenge you faced to achieving a goal important to you. What did you learn to help you overcome future obstacles and achieve your goals?
- Community Service:** Share an example of how you have given back to your community that is particularly meaningful to you.

Other Required Attachments to be uploaded online along with the application:

- Letter of Recommendation (1):** Please submit **one** letter of recommendation from a teacher, community leader, or advisor. Upload as a single PDF document. The letter(s) should speak to your character and primary strengths.
- Unofficial Transcript:** Please upload an unofficial transcript as a single PDF. Do not send the transcript separately.

Other: How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity?

Certifications: In submitting the online application you certify the following:

1. **Financial Aid Displacement:** I understand that an award at this time may affect the financial aid package provided by my college or university. I certify that I have consulted with my school's Financial Aid Office to gather any pertinent information to ensure that if I were to receive an award it would not reduce the amount my school would contribute under its aid package

2. I certify that all the information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If asked by any authorized official of The Miami Foundation, I agree to give documentation for information given on this form. I realize that this proof may include a copy of a U.S. tax return. I realize that failure to comply with a request for further information may prevent the applicant from being considered. I understand that the financial information will be confidential, for review solely by The Miami Foundation and selection committee.