

Scholarship Information

Scholarships will be released on May 1, 2023 for the 2023 – 24 Fall and/or Spring semesters and most of them must be used during the school year awarded. **Students only complete one online application and will be matched to scholarship opportunities available specifically for them.**

Steps for Applying

Fill out general application on AwardSpring - [Scholarship Applications](#)

- make sure to include transcripts or other supporting documents
- make sure to answer all parts of the application even if you feel they don't apply to you

Once the application is completed any scholarships you are eligible for will show up on your dashboard asking you to "Complete Followup".

- Followup usually consists of a 200 word essay question and, in some cases, a reference letter

Scholarships for 2025-26 will only be available after the May 1st release date and will only show up on your dashboard at that time. You will not be able to submit after the due date on the scholarship.

Notification by email will be sent August 1, 2023 and you should check your dashboard at that time to find out what tasks you need to complete, prior to actual receipt of funds on your student account. All awards require a thank you letter and picture which will be shared with the donor.

External Scholarships on Sauk Financial Aid page - [External Scholarships](#)

- While we provide links for external scholarships, Sauk has no information other than what is provided and no control over the award process of these scholarship funds.

FAQ

When are scholarship applications accepted?

Applications for the fall 2023 semester will only be available after the May 1st release date.

Which scholarships are best for me?

When you complete the application, you are automatically matched to any scholarships you are eligible for.

Do I need to do anything else once I have filled out the general application?

You will need to submit the follow up which is usually an essay, but may include letters of recommendation, or proof of service in the military. **These items must be received prior to the due date or you will not be eligible.**

What is the deadline to apply for scholarships I am eligible for?

The deadline for completion of all scholarship requirements is June 30, 2023.

FAQ's Continued...

Do I have to be registered at Sauk to apply?

Yes, you do have to be registered to apply and you must use your sauk email to apply.

If I have money left at the end of the school year can I take it with me if I transfer to another school?

Awards must be used during the school year awarded and any leftover funds will be returned to the Sauk Valley College Foundation.

If I have money left at the end of the school year, can I use it for the following year at Sauk?

Scholarships are to be used for the school year awarded (Ex: fall 2023, spring 2024 and summer 2024 semesters) and will not roll to the next year without prior approval from the Foundation.

What can scholarship funds be used for?

Typically, funds are placed on the students account to be used for tuition, books, fees, and class supplies. Other expenses, such as computers or books and supplies purchased from outside vendors, may be reimbursed with prior approval from the Foundation and paid receipts.

I am already eligible for Pell funds, should I still apply?

Yes. Scholarship funds are applied first, which means you may get more of your Pell money returned to you which can be used for other needs such as living expenses, transportation costs, etc.

Will this be the only opportunity to receive scholarships for the school year?

No. There will be another opportunity on October 1, 2023.

All opportunities and due dates will be announced through email and social media, so keep your eyes open!

While this will be the largest release of the school year, I advise students to make a point of checking their AwardSpring dashboard frequently to see if there are any opportunities available. BOOKMARK this page: <https://svcc.awardspring.com>

When and how are scholarship awards announced?

Emails will be sent for both awards and denials by August 1, 2023.

Questions?

Most questions or difficulties encountered during the application process can be answered very quickly and easily over the phone or by email. Contact Angie Delhotal at 815-835-6329 or by email at foundation@svcc.edu