



2018 CHELCO College Scholarship Checklist

Item	Complete or N/A
Signed application	
Transcripts	
Test Scores	
Essay	
Financial information	

Instructions:

Return completed application and required documentation to

**CHELCO
ATTN: Communications
P.O. Box 512
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32435**

- **Deadline for applications: Feb. 15, 2018**
- **Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.**
- **Applicant must reside in a residence serviced by CHELCO.**

Questions? Call 850-307-1121



2018 CHELCO College Scholarship Program Rules

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Procedure:

- Three, one-time scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded.
- Applications will be accepted January 1 through Feb. 15. Scholarship winners will be announced in April.
- Applications will be screened by three judges from colleges in the area.
- Finalists will be interviewed by the judges, who will select the three winners.

Selection Criteria:

- Scholastic achievements as determined by applicant's grade point average (GPA) and college test scores.
- Applicant's involvement in school and community activities includes demonstrating leadership, service diversity and achievement.
- Applicant's ability to communicate career and life goals in a letter and interview will be considered.
- Applicant's need for financial aid.

Eligibility:

- Applicants must be either a member of CHELCO or the spouse/dependent child of a CHELCO member. Applicants must live in a residence served by CHELCO.
- Applicants may be graduating high school seniors or adults accepted or enrolled in college or technical institution of higher education.
- Students who have received CHELCO scholarships through the Northwest Florida State College Foundation are not eligible. Previous winners of the CHELCO College Scholarship are not eligible.
- **High school seniors** must have a minimum 3.0 GPA and must provide college test scores (ACT, SAT). GPA must be certified by the guidance counselor.
- **Adults currently attending college** must have a 2.5 GPA and provide a certified transcript.
- **Adults enrolling in college for the first time** must either A) submit a high school transcript with a minimum 2.50 GPA if they have been out of high school less than five years or (B) provide college acceptance test scores (i.e. Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT) or other college placement test) or (C) submit a college transcript from previous attendance within 3 years with a minimum 2.50 GPA.



Limitations

- Applicant must be accepted or enrolled in an accredited college, community college, technical school or continuing education institution at the time of the application.
- Scholarships are one-time awards and are not renewable. A scholarship recipient may not apply in future years.
- Scholarship funds must be claimed within 12 months of the award date, unless an extension is requested and granted by CHELCO administration.
- Scholarship funds are paid directly to the educational institution for credit to the student’s account. If a student does not use the funds, they must be returned to CHELCO.
- For high school seniors, scholarships are awarded in the spring but are contingent upon successful and timely graduation.

Applications must be accompanied by:

- Applications will be judged as submitted. Completed application with appropriate signatures required. Incomplete applications will not be considered.
- Certified high school, college transcript and/or college placement test scores.
- 300-500 word essay on how being selected for the CHELCO College Scholarship would benefit your goals in life and career.
- **Free Application for Student Federal Aid (FAFSA) award letter or most recent IRS income tax return.**
- Applicants submitting school and community service activities should be descriptive in leadership positions and duties performed. See examples below.

<u>Not acceptable</u>	<u>Acceptable</u>
Coats for Christmas	Distributed and collected boxes at 30 local businesses for Coats for Christmas program through United Way.
Relay for Life	Raised and donated \$150 for Relay for Life team.



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Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

☞ If you are a high school senior, complete the following:

Parent/Guardian who is member of CHELCO _____

Parent/Guardian CHELCO Account Number _____

☞ If you are an adult (18 or over), is the above address served by CHELCO?

Whose name is the account in? _____

What is the Account Number? _____

Your relationship with account holder (if not you) _____

Name of High School _____

College or University You Plan to Attend _____

Address: _____

College/University _____ Community College _____ Vo-Tech _____ Accredited? Yes _____ No _____

Intended Major: _____ Minor: _____



Personal Achievements – School Activities

Attach a list of activities or organizations you have participated in related to school, such as plays, student council, athletics, music, clubs, etc. Also list the years you were involved and your official role in the organization or activity.

Personal Achievements – Non-school Activities

Attach a list of organizations or activities in which you participated, years of participation and any leadership roles held. List community service activities and the type of work you did. List community service in hours per project. Also list undocumented community service hours (e.g. church activities, activities outside school service projects).

Work Experience

Attach a description of your work experience during the past four years. Include place of employment, position, length of employment and hours worked per week.


Parental approval

We have examined this application and the records are true, complete and accurate. We do hereby grant permission for the release of the required scholastic records.

(Applicant) _____ Date: _____

(Parent or Guardian) _____ Date: _____



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Scholastic Record *(To be completed by high school principal/ counselor or college advisor)* Please attach a transcript of applicant's grades, signed by school official. *High school transcripts should be for grades 9-11, plus the first semester of the senior year.*

High School students (3.00 minimum)

Cumulative GPA (4.0 scale) _____ Weighted or Unweighted?

SAT score _____ Out of _____ maximum

ACT Score _____ Out of _____ maximum

Adults/Returning students (2.50 minimum):

Current college GPA _____

Or

College placement test score _____ Name of test _____

I have no current GPA _____

If you have not been in school in the past five years, you can apply for a scholarship; however, the funds will not be awarded until you complete a semester of coursework, which includes a minimum of two courses, and receive at least a 2.50 GPA.

Other Academic Achievements, Honors or Awards

School Official _____ Title _____



Financial Assistance Questionnaire

Parent/Self Information

***All applicants must submit financial documentation.**

Income, expense, and asset data for the last calendar year. Please have your parent(s) (if applicable) or self provide the following information. They must also indicate whether the information is from:

- _____ A completed tax return – IRS Form 1040
- _____ Estimates based on current income information to be filed this year.

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| 1. Adjusted gross income | \$ _____ |
| 2. Total U.S. income tax paid | \$ _____ |
| 3. Income earned from work by: | |
| Father | \$ _____ |
| Mother | \$ _____ |
| Self if emancipated | \$ _____ |
| 4. Cash, savings, bonds, stocks, checking accounts, certificates of deposits, notes, etc. | \$ _____ |
| 5. Student's savings | \$ _____ |
| 6. Other grants or scholarships already awarded to student | \$ _____ |

Additional information:

Date of FAFSA application _____

Estimated Family Contributions (EFC) \$ _____

The parents' (self) current marital status is:

_____ single _____ married _____ separated _____ divorced _____ widowed

Total number of family members who will be attending a post-secondary school at least half time during the next school year, including applicant. _____

Ages of siblings/children _____

Please report any unusual family or personal circumstances that you feel warrant attention:
