



CDFU Scholarships 2024

Who can apply?

CDFU scholarship funds assist the further education of students pursuing post-secondary fisheries related fields or trades.

Applicants meeting all criteria compete for awards up to \$2,500 paid directly to qualified college, university, or trade programs.

The Scholarship Selection Committee completes a competitive review to score applications and award recipients based on uniform criteria (outlined below).

2024 Scholarship Awards

Applicants will be competing for one of 3 scholarships as follows:

- **\$2,500 award - The Robert H. Blake Memorial Scholarship**
- **\$2,500 award - The Rocky Stone & Sully Sullivan Memorial Scholarship**
- **\$2,500 award - The Steven R. Smith Memorial Scholarship**

Selection for scholarship awards:

An appointed CDFU Scholarship Selection Committee will complete the final review, scoring and awarding of scholarships. All applications will be reviewed using uniform review criteria. The selection committee is made up of a variety of non-biased community members. Awarding is based on the application and awarding criteria only. Personal associations or prior knowledge of any applicants are not taken into consideration. This is not a means-based scholarship. **Late or incomplete applications will be disqualified.**

When are applications due?

Applications must be submitted via email to the scholarships@cdfu.org by **11:59pm Sunday, April 14th, 2024 for spring disbursement.**

Applications will be considered year round and evaluated quarterly, for additional opportunities to pursue post secondary education.

When will awards be announced?

Awardees will be contacted either by their school counselor or directly mailed a letter advising of their success after the committee meets and determines the awardees following the application deadline (usually by mid-May).

Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified of their application status.

Awardees applying off-cycle will be reviewed each quarter.

How to apply:

Interested applicants must meet eligibility requirements and complete the required application form available via online application only [here](#).

Components of the application include:

- ❑ **APPLICANT INFORMATION:** Complete the required fields
- ❑ **ACADEMIC TRANSCRIPTS:** Attach copies of your most recent academic transcripts. Transcripts must clearly show your current or cumulative GPA. If your transcripts are not available at the time of submitting your application, print out an unofficial transcript and ask your course advisor or school to sign them. Alternatively, you can request for your official transcripts to be sent directly to CDFU.
- ❑ **RESUME or CV:** This should give an explanation of your objectives, skills, education, employment, hobbies and interests and should include any work experience, volunteer work, or extra-curricular activities you have participated in.
- ❑ **LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** This can be from a supervisor, colleague, advisor, or person with whom you have worked with. Letters must describe your character and demonstrate faith that you will succeed in your studies.
- ❑ **ESSAY:** Explain in one typed standard 8.5x11 page how your experience/exposure to the commercial fishing industry has shaped your life, influencing your decision to pursue continued education.
- ❑ **LETTER OF ACCEPTANCE:** This should be an official letter from college/school/ university/vocational institution/technical college you are enrolling in. If you are a returning student, attach copies of transcripts or letters that clearly show you are enrolled in future classes.

APPLICATION REVIEW CRITERIA

The following scoring criteria will be used to evaluate your scholarship application.

Post Secondary Fisheries Related Goals (50 pts)

Applications are evaluated to understand how education goals relate to the commercial fishing industry in PWS and Alaska. Reviewers consider degree fields and trades, including supplementary industry like diesel mechanics, welding, etc.

Current CDFU Member or Dependent (10 pts)

Weight is given to those directly affiliated with CDFU.

Essay (15 pts)

The essay should reflect how the commercial fishing industry has affected the applicant's life and/or community and how those experiences influenced educational goals. Grammar, construction, spelling and flow will be taken into consideration. Essay should be no longer than one page. Credit will be given to applicants that have a strong history of commercial fishing life experiences.

Letters of Recommendation (15 pts)

Letters should put an emphasis on applicants' strength of character (i.e. motivation, discipline, accomplishments) promising success in obtaining stated educational and career goals, and should attempt to positively justify the applicants' suitability for a scholarship.

Resume/CV (5 pts)

Credit will be given to applicants that have a strong history of commercial fishing experience, and/or work or volunteer in activities relating to the fishing industry.

Applicant Grade Point Average (GPA) (5 pts)

Based on cumulative high school or most recent College GPA.

QUESTIONS?

Please direct all scholarship application questions to:
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