



**Local Scholarship Information**

**2023-2024**

**NEW** for the 2023-2024  
scholarship season -

**EVERY** CHS Local Scholarship  
Application can be completed  
**ONLINE!!**

# PART 1: Branch County Community Foundation

All students wishing to apply for **ANY** local scholarship must first complete the Branch County Community Foundation online application.

The online application portal opens  
**December 1, 2023**

Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2024.**



## PART 2: Coldwater High School Local Scholarships

Once you have completed the Branch County Community Foundation online application, you will

- **Read the Descriptions for ALL CHS Local Scholarships**
  - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1S1oipCgFmKiyiKum32bowC3DqsoYp-VixpaLt4rumNc/copy>
- **Access the CHS Local Scholarship Online Application**
  - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-OCjwm5zLVC6LgpjaSHekdQigvZWR397qun5carrFok1n1Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-OCjwm5zLVC6LgpjaSHekdQigvZWR397qun5carrFok1n1Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)
- **Complete all 4 Sections of the Google Form** including uploading the required supporting documents (found later in this presentation)

Deadline to apply is **March 1, 2024**

# Early Middle College (13th Year) **STOP!**

If you will be in a college program while still enrolled in high school during the 2023-2024 school year, **you are not yet eligible to apply** for scholarships.

Early Middle College students will apply for scholarships **with next year's senior class.**

# What you need **BEFORE** you begin

1st

## Complete the FAFSA

1st - Click [here](#) to create an FSA ID

2nd - Click [here](#) to begin FAFSA

Every student applying for a scholarship must fill out FAFSA even if you do not qualify for aid.

2nd

## Resume

The Community Foundation and BACC require a very specific resume

The CHS Local Scholarship Donors will accept the resume of your choice

3rd

## High School Transcript

Request the most current transcript by emailing your counselor once grades are finalized after 1st semester (**IN FEBRUARY**)

This does **NOT** need to be official

Transcripts can **NOT** be "locked"

last

## Personal Statement

The Community Foundation requires a specific Personal Statement

The CHS Local Scholarship Donors want a one page statement that helps them get to know you and your goals. A story of you.

# Let's get started!

**Part 1:** Complete the Online BCCF Application



# Online Application **Links**



<https://www.brcofoundation.org/scholarship-applications>

## **BCCF Scholarship List**

Click [here](#) for the list of scholarships available through the Branch County Community Foundation

## **Resume**

Click [here](#) for the resume format. You **MUST** use this resume format for your resume on the Branch County Community Foundation Scholarship Application. If you do not use this exact format, your application will not be eligible for consideration for any Scholarships through the Branch County Community Foundation. Make sure to include your name, the personal statement with the suggestions listed in sample copy, any activities in school and out in the community.

## **How to Apply Instructions**

Click [here](#) for the step by step instructions. Click [here](#) and scroll down for an additional video tutorial. Please make sure to read the instructions thoroughly and call the Branch County Community Foundation if you have any questions on any of the steps listed in the instructions.

## **Recommendation Form**

Click [here](#) for the Recommendation Form. This form must be uploaded to the online application when prompted. A fillable PDF version can be found [here](#). Please make sure to allow ample time to receive the recommendation back from your references to submit by March 1, 2024.

## **BCCF Contact Information**

Contact the Branch County Community Foundation anytime with your questions:

2 West Chicago Street, Suite E1  
Coldwater, MI 49036  
Phone: (517) 278-4517  
[info@brcofoundation.org](mailto:info@brcofoundation.org)



# Scholarship FAQ

Click [HERE](#) to access more helpful information about the scholarship process



# **Part 2:** Complete Your ONLINE Application for the CHS Local Scholarship Donors

**Let's start with what is required...**

# Step 1 -

**Read** the descriptions for **each** scholarship

Click **HERE** to determine if you meet the criteria to apply

**\*\*Only apply for those scholarships in which you qualify\*\***

# Step 2 -

**Access the CHS Local Scholarship  
Online Application**

**Click [HERE](#) to access the online  
application**

# Step 3 -

**Complete all 4 Sections of the  
online application  
on the Google Form**

Including uploading the required supporting documents  
Including uploading additional essays if required


# Required File Uploads

- **Completed Branch County Community Foundation Online Application PDF**
- **High School Transcript PDF** - Containing GPA, Rank, and SAT scores
- **FAFSA EFC/SAI Report PDF** - Student Aid Index Report generated once you have completed FAFSA, **1st page only**
- **Resume PDF** - Maximum 2 pages
- **Personal Statement PDF** - Maximum 1 page
- **Letter(s) of Recommendation PDF** - At least 1 written letter no more than 6 months old

# Completed BCCF Application

**Save** your completed BCCF online application as a PDF once you have submitted it to BCCF, then **upload** this to Section 2 of the online CHS Local Scholarship Application.

Please note: Completing this form does not guarantee a scholarship. An expression of interest or the provision of an application should not be considered a guarantee of funding. All scholarship requests go through a complete review process before any funding decision is made. Not all applicants will receive a scholarship award.

 **BRANCH AREA LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

**Applicant Information**

Full Name:	Cardinal Girl	Gender:	Female
Street Address:	2019 Western Ave		
City:	Coldwater	State/Zip:	MI 49036
Phone Number:	517-000-0000	County:	Branch
Email:		Date of Birth:	2/1/1996
Citizenship:	US Citizen	Previous scholarship recipient?	No
		Residence:	Coldwater

**Educational Information**

High School Information Education:

Name of School Issuing Diploma:	Coldwater
Other High School:	
High School Grad Status:	High School Senior
High School Diploma Year:	2020
High School GPA:	4.0

Career/Technical Education:

Name of School Issuing Certification:	N/A
CTE Program(s) completed:	N/A
Career Pathway:	N/A

Post-Secondary (College) Education (if any):

Name of Institution:	Kellogg Community College
Did you attend part-time or full-time?	Part-time
Course of Study:	Education
# Years attended:	1
College GPA:	4.0

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# EFC/SAI - Student Aid Index Report

A summary report will follow once you have completed your FAFSA. Download this report as a PDF to upload to Section 2 of the online CHS Local Scholarship Application.

**Please only add the 1st page  
of the report!!**

*Example Student Aid Report*

**Processed Information**

**Federal Student Aid FAFSA**

Form Approved  
OMB No. 1845-0047  
Pub. Exp. 12/31/2012

**2012-2013 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)**

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	01/11/2012	XXX-XX-1234 JO 01
Processed Date:	01/11/2012	EFC: 7256 DRN: 4557

**Comments About Your Information**

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 7256. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work study, and possible funding from your state and school.

**WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW** (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

If you have now completed your 2011 tax return, you should correct your information to reflect the income and tax information reported on your tax return. Click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page to make the correction. You may be able to retrieve your tax return information directly from the IRS. If you have not yet completed your tax return, you must correct this SAR to reflect the income and tax information reported on your tax return once it is filed.

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page. You must use your Federal Student Aid PIN to access your record online. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243). If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online or call 1-800-4-FED-AID and ask a customer service representative to make the change for you.

**FAFSA Data**

Assumed fields, based on the data you entered, are marked with an "\*" (asterisk) sign.

1. Student's Last Name:	JOHNSON
2. Student's First Name:	ANNA
3. Student's Middle Initial:	M
4. Student's Permanent Mailing Address:	123 HOMETOWN STREET
5. Student's Permanent City:	ANYTOWN
6. Student's Permanent State:	MA
7. Student's Permanent ZIP Code:	02115
8. Student's Social Security Number:	XXX-XX-6789
9. Student's Date of Birth:	03/04/1994



# BACC Scholarships

CHS students who attend the Branch Area Careers Center  
are eligible to apply for the BACC Scholarships.

Click [here](#) to access the BACC Scholarship Application instructions and descriptions.

Applications are due [March 1, 2024](#) at 3:00 p.m. to the BACC Student Services Department.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the  
Branch Area Careers Center Student Services Department at  
(517) 279-5729.

# Outside Scholarships



These are scholarships that have been posted in the **Daily Bulletin** or have recently been sent directly to you through **email**.

A SEPARATE APPLICATION is needed for each scholarship listed.

You will **NOT** use the BCCF nor the CHS Local Scholarship Application.

**YOU** are responsible for returning these applications to the individual / organization **YOURSELF**. These applications **WILL NOT** be returned to the Guidance Office. You will most likely **MAIL** these applications or submit them **ONLINE**.



# Reminder...

Application Deadline  
for the BCCF, CHS Local, and  
BACC Scholarships is

March 1, 2024 @ 3:00pm  
NO late submissions will be accepted



# Good Luck!

## Any questions?

Coldwater High School Guidance Office, Jessica Krzyzanski

Phone: (517) 279-5932 ext. 7014 Email: [krzyjl@ccscards.org](mailto:krzyjl@ccscards.org)

Website with scholarship link: [www.coldwaterschools.org/chs](http://www.coldwaterschools.org/chs)



# Contact Information

**For more information, please use the following resources:**

**Branch County Community Foundation**

**Phone: (517) 278-4517 Email: [info@brcofoundation.org](mailto:info@brcofoundation.org)**

**Office: 2 W. Chicago Street, Coldwater, Michigan**

**Website with scholarship link: [www.brcofoundation.org](http://www.brcofoundation.org)**

**Branch Area Careers Center, Josie Smith**

**Phone: (517) 279-5729 Email: [SmithJ@branch-isd.org](mailto:SmithJ@branch-isd.org)**

**Website with scholarship link:  
<https://branch-isd.org/bacc/bacc-scholarships/>**