

## 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/1S10ipCgFmKjyiKum32bowC3D gsoYp-VixpaLt4rumNc/copy
- Access the CHS Local Scholarship Online Application
  - https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-OCjwm5zLVC6LgpjaS HekdQjqvZWR397qun5carrFok1n1Q/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



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#### 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.

### Complete the FAFSA

1st - Click here to create an FSA ID

2nd - Click <u>here</u> to begin FAFSA

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

#### Resume

The Community Foundation and BACC require a very specific resume

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

### **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"

### Let's get started!

Part 1: Complete the Online BCCF Application



### **Online Application Links**



### https://www.brcofoundation.org/scholarship-applications

### **BCCF Scholarship List**

Click <u>here</u> for the list of scholarships available through the Branch County Community Foundation

### Resume

Click <a href="here">here</a> 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 <u>here</u> for the step by step instructions. Click <u>here</u> 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 <a href="here">here</a> for the Recommendation
Form. This form must be uploaded to
the online application when prompted.
A fillable PDF version can be found
<a href="here">here</a>. 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

### Scholarship FAQ

Click <u>HERE</u> 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 <u>HERE</u> 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

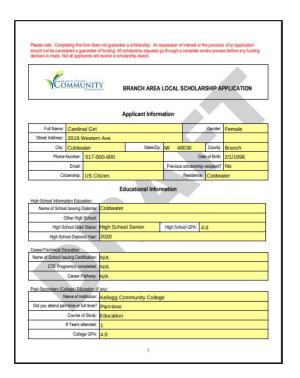
Including uploading the required supporting documents Including uploading additional essays if required

### 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

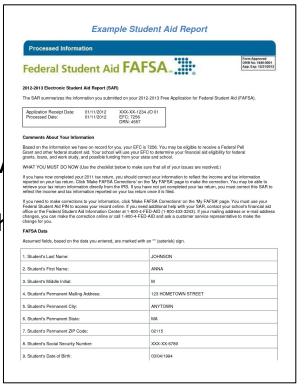
Save your completed BCCF online application as a PDF once you have submitted it to BCCF, then upload this to Section 2 of the online CHS Local Scholarship Application.



# 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!!



### BACC Scholarships

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

Click <u>here</u> 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 <u>Deadline</u> 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: <a href="mailto:krzyjl@ccscards.org">krzyjl@ccscards.org</a> Website with scholarship link: <a href="mailto:www.coldwaterschools.org/chs">www.coldwaterschools.org/chs</a>



### **Contact Information**

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

**Branch County Community Foundation** 

Phone: (517) 278-4517 Email: info@brcofoundation.org

Office: 2 W. Chicago Street, Coldwater, Michigan

Website with scholarship link: www.brcofoundation.org

**Branch Area Careers Center, Josie Smith** 

Phone: (517) 279-5729 Email: Smith J@branch-isd.org

Website with scholarship link:

https://branch-isd.org/bacc/bacc-scholarships/