



# 2020-2021 TETON COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

## *FAQs FOR TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS*

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This year we've made a number of changes designed to help make the scholarship application process easier for students, families, and the busy teachers and administrators who support them.

### **WHEN ARE APPLICATION ACCEPTED?**

12pm on Monday, November 16, 2020 through 5pm on Friday, February 12, 2021

### **HOW DO STUDENTS APPLY?**

Students apply using Kaleidoscope, a scholarship-specific app that can be accessed at [FundForPublicEducation.org/scholarships](https://FundForPublicEducation.org/scholarships).

### **WHAT SCHOLARSHIPS ARE AVAILABLE?**

TCSP provides a Scholarship Booklet each year that details each award, its requirements, its sponsors, and its value. The Booklet can be found in the guidance counselors' office or online at [FundForPublicEducation.org/scholarships](https://FundForPublicEducation.org/scholarships).

### **WHICH STUDENTS SHOULD APPLY?**

All of them! We have scholarships available to fit every student and every academic path.

### **IS THE APPLICATION ACCESSIBLE TO SPANISH-SPEAKING STUDENTS?**

Yes. We offer the online application and the TCSP Scholarship Booklet in both English and Spanish.

### **HOW DO I NOMINATE A STUDENT FOR A SPECIFIC AWARD?**

We have a small number of scholarships that require teachers to provide a nomination before a student can be considered. You will receive information on the scholarships that are nomination-based from Annie Riddell at the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole ([ariddell@cfjacksonhole.org](mailto:ariddell@cfjacksonhole.org)).

### **HOW DO I PROVIDE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION FOR MY STUDENTS?**

Students request recommendation directly through the Kaleidoscope app. You'll receive an email with directions to cut and paste your letters into an online form, as well as score students in a range of areas. If you have any trouble, please contact Jennifer Jellen at the Fund for Public Education ([jennifer@fundforpubliceducation.org](mailto:jennifer@fundforpubliceducation.org)).



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### **WHAT BASIC DOCUMENTS OR INFORMATION WILL STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE WHEN THEY APPLY?**

- Recent transcript
- Cumulative GPA
- Highest ACT and/or SAT score
- A copy of their FAFSA Student Aid Report; students who cannot complete the FAFSA, may substitute the TCSP Financial Need Statement, available at [FundForPublicEducation.org/scholarships](http://FundForPublicEducation.org/scholarships)
- A list of the colleges or vocational programs to which they are applying, including estimated tuition and living expenses
- A list of any jobs, activities, sports, or volunteer opportunities in which they have participated

### **WHAT OTHER DOCUMENTS MAY BE REQUIRED?**

Some scholarships require students to submit additional essays, information about their involvement in specific activities, examples of artwork, etc. These requirements are listed both in the TCSP Scholarship Booklet and in the Kaleidoscope app.

### **HOW DO WE ENSURE EQUITY AND FAIRNESS FOR EVERY STUDENT?**

We've made a number of changes to ensure equity for all. Applications are now blinded through the majority of the review process; work experience, extra curricular activities, sports, and volunteerism are now equally weighted; and we've removed all citizenship restrictions.

### **WHAT ROLES DO THE FUND FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION AND THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF JACKSON HOLE PLAY IN SCHOLARSHIPS?**

These two nonprofit foundations work in partnership with TCSD#1 to administer the program, ensuring that donors get the full benefit of their generosity and that school staff are free to focus on what matters most—the students.

### **HOW DOES SOMEONE START A NEW SCHOLARSHIP?**

Potential donors are welcome to contact Jennifer Jellen at the Fund for Public Education (307-732-9414/[jennifer@fundforpubliceducation.org](mailto:jennifer@fundforpubliceducation.org)) or Annie Riddell at the Community Foundation of Jackson Hole (307-690-5284/[ariddell@cfjacksonhole.org](mailto:ariddell@cfjacksonhole.org)), and they'll gladly provide more information.