

# SUNY Niagara Scholarship Portal FAQ's

The SUNY Niagara Scholarship Portal is a scholarship search and application tool for currently enrolled SUNY Niagara students. It is powered by Academic Works, a third-party scholarship management system.

Students who complete the general application in the Scholarship System will be automatically considered for several scholarships across campus based on qualifications such as major, academic merit, financial need, and service to the community.

## **Q: What are "opportunities" in the scholarship system?**

**A:** "Opportunities" means scholarships.

## **Q: Do I need to complete a FAFSA in order to apply?**

**A:** Yes. A FAFSA for the current aid year must be completed before students apply. The SUNY Niagara scholarship system takes information from the FAFSA to complete the general application.

## **Q: How can I make sure I'm considered for scholarships?**

**A:** Enrolled students should complete the general application in the SUNY Niagara Scholarship System and provide any supplemental materials required for scholarship consideration. Scholarships require a current Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be filed each year.

Students will need to complete the application each academic year, and will be notified with an email to their student email account when the new application is open. By completing the general application, students will automatically be considered for every scholarship available to them in the system.

## **Q: What is the deadline to submit a scholarship application?**

**A:** The deadline dates for the General Application change from year-to-year, and will always be updated on the main Scholarships site when available: <https://sunyniagara.edu/scholarships/>

**Q: How do students receive confirmation of their application submission?**

**A:** Currently enrolled SUNY Niagara students who submit an application will see a "submitted" status on their My Applications tab in the scholarship portal. Students who have an incomplete general application will be directed there upon login until the general application is complete.

**Q: How do scholarship recipients receive notification of award offers?**

**A:** If selected, students will be notified by an email to their student email account.

**Q: How do scholarship recipients respond to their award offer?**

**A:** Students who have been awarded a scholarship must accept their scholarship online through the SUNY Niagara scholarship portal. Students should follow the instructions as prompted to review the scholarship offer and click "Accept" under the appropriate scholarship. After this, a thank-you letter is required to be sent to the donor of the scholarship awarded. This letter is sent through the system as well.

**Q: How do scholarship recipients receive their scholarship funds?**

**A:** Scholarships are awarded as part of a student's financial aid package and applied as credits on the student's Banner account for the semester of the award. Once all charges are paid for, any extra leftover funds would be sent to a student in a refund.

**Q: Will a scholarship affect my financial aid awards?**

**A:** The Office of Financial Aid may adjust your financial aid package if you receive additional scholarship awards. According to federal regulations, a student's total financial aid may not exceed the estimated cost of attendance or need. Please contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#) if you have a question about a pending scholarship offer and its impact on your financial aid.

**Q: Can international students receive scholarships?**

**A:** Currently enrolled SUNY Niagara International students can receive scholarships and complete the general application in the SUNY Niagara scholarship portal.

## **Q: For what scholarships am I being considered?**

**A:** SUNY Niagara is fortunate to have dozens of scholarships available through the NCCC Foundation to help students achieve their academic goals. By completing the General Application, applicants will automatically be considered for several scholarships based on general application answers and the student's FAFSA.

## **Q: Who reviews scholarships and how are recipients selected?**

**A:** Each scholarship has its own eligibility and selection criteria. Applicants who meet the eligibility criteria are considered by a scholarship review committee.

## **Q: What other scholarships can I apply for?**

**A:** Not only does SUNY Niagara offer scholarships funded by the NCCC Foundation, but we also participate with many other outside programs. If you have completed your general application through the SUNY Niagara scholarships system, we encourage you to look at scholarships outside of SUNY Niagara as well. You can view these Scholarships here: <https://sunyniagara.edu/scholarships-outside-of-suny-niagara/>

For any other questions, please reach out to our office here:

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