



Central Office Scholarships: Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply for Central Office scholarships?

- Any mentee that has participated in TeamMates for a minimum of three years and is currently matched with a mentor their senior year of high school.
 - *Note:* If you have a mentee that was matched with a mentor and unfortunate circumstances forced the match to close prior to mentee's graduation, and the Program Coordinator is unable to re-match the mentee, contact Jaci McKeever for guidance.
 - *Note:* Students must utilize the scholarship the following fall from when they apply.
- Any former mentee that did not complete the scholarship application their senior year may apply once before the age of 25. They must also meet the qualifications outlined in the first statement.

What are the Central Office scholarships?

- Through our Central Office, we have 18 donor scholarships and 31 college partner scholarships for our mentees.
 - The donor scholarships are funded through our Central Office and paid out directly to the post-secondary institution at the start of each semester/term.
 - The college partner scholarships are funded directly through the post-secondary institutions and will be applied to the student's account at the start of each semester/term.

When and where does a student access the application?

- The application is open between Oct. 1, 2022 and Jan. 20, 2023.
- Mentees can access the online application through our website: <https://teammates.org>
- Mentees will complete one application and will be considered for all scholarships for which they are eligible.
- On the application, mentees should indicate all post-secondary institutions they have applied to or may be applying to.
- The application keeps track of completion progress so mentees can make changes throughout the application time period.

How are scholarship applicants evaluated and when are they notified of the results?

- Scholarship applications will be reviewed and scored using the following rubric scale:
 - 4 Essay Questions (80 pts), Academics: GPA and Transcripts (10 pts), Letter of Recommendation (10 pts)
- Awards will be determined based on highest score and college recommendation (for our college partnership scholarships).
- Late February and early March, scholarship award recipients will begin to be notified via email and the Program Coordinator and mentor will be included in the communication.

Why should I encourage our senior mentees to apply, and how can I best support them in the scholarship process?

- Scholarships are free money for our students to pursue their education.
- TeamMates has wonderful donors and college partners that believe in our mission and commitment to support youth to reach their full potential.
- Our Central Office scholarships are **only** available to our TeamMates mentees.
- Encourage your mentees to take their time on the essay questions, share their story and work with their mentor on completing the application.
- As a Program Coordinator, you can reach out to our Central Office to set up a scholarship presentation for your mentees. The presentation will go over the scholarship application process and provide tips on completing the scholarship application. We can set these meetings up to be virtual or in person.

How can a chapter set up their own local scholarship?

- Many of our chapters offer local chapter scholarships for their students in addition to the Central Office scholarships.
- We have established a Local Scholarship Committee Handbook to assist chapters with setting up scholarships. The handbook provides procedural and legal guidance as well as a sample scholarship application. It can be found in Civicore under "resources".
- It is important to note that chapter scholarships must be paid directly to the post-secondary institution and can never be paid directly to the student.

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