



National Office
Scholarships & Support Resources

<https://teammates.org/teammates-plus/scholarships/>

Support for High School Mentees

- National Office Scholarships
- College & Career Readiness Guide/Career Exploration
- Gallup CliftonStrengths
- TeamMates+ Post-Secondary Mentoring

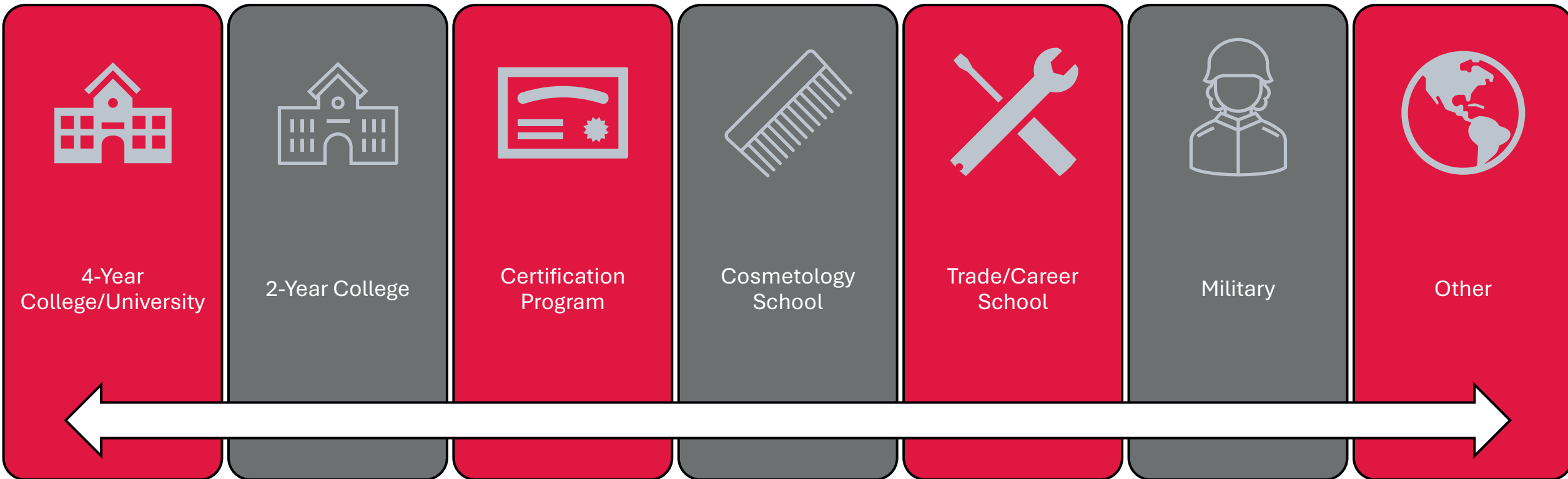
National Office Scholarships

Eligibility Requirements

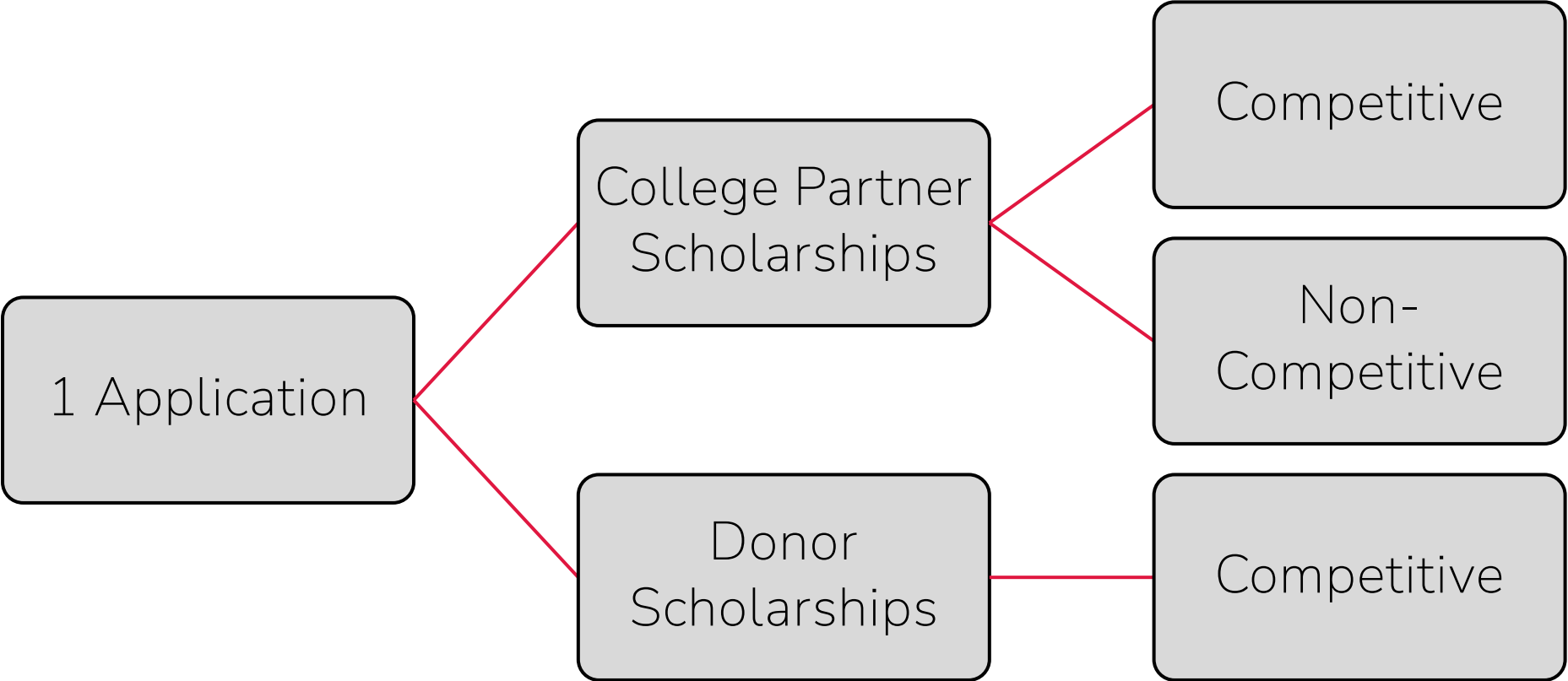
- Must be a high school senior.
- Must have participated in TeamMates for a minimum of 3 years.
- Must be a current mentee regularly meeting with their mentor (some exceptions may be approved by the TeamMates National Office).
- Must utilize the scholarship beginning in the fall of 2025.
- Some scholarships may have additional eligibility requirements (refer to the 2024-2025 Scholarship Packet for full details).
- *Note: If the mentee does not apply during their high school senior year, they are allowed to apply later (until the age of 25 even if they are not a current mentee at that time). However, mentees can only apply one time.*

Post-Secondary Education

Scholarships can be applied to any type of post-secondary education/training program.



Types of Scholarships



Full Tuition



75 – 95% Tuition



Community Colleges



McCook Community College



Additional 4-Year Colleges/Universities



Donor Scholarships

Gary Scharf Memorial Scholarship	Suzanne Moormeier Memorial Scholarship	Amira Johnson Scholarship	Annette Woodhead Scholarship
Mike Donaldson Memorial Scholarship	Osborne Opportunity Fund Scholarship	Lee & Angie Jacobsen Scholarship	Gigi Inness Scholarship
Michele Northrop Memorial Scholarship	TeamMates New Generation Scholarship Fund	Dr. and Mrs. Larry Stuckey Scholarship	Tom Miller Scholarship
Al Papik Memorial Scholarship	John & Terri Connell Scholarship	TeamMates Hopes & Dreams Scholarship	Rodgers Family Scholarship
Steve Erwin Memorial Scholarship	Suzanne Osborne-Hince Scholarship	Gayle Norris Scholarship	Julie Wente Scholarship
Jaci McKeever Scholarship	Sue Kennedy Scholarship	Dennis & Janis Wells Scholarship Fund	Bill & Linda Kosch Scholarship

Competitive

For College Partner & Donor Scholarships

- Evaluation Criteria:
 - Academics (GPA & Transcript) = 10 points
 - Essays = 80 points
 - Letter of Recommendation = 10 points
- College partners/donors also provide input in the evaluation.
- Tend to be higher value scholarships.

Non-Competitive

For College Partner Scholarships

- Evaluation Criteria:
 - All admissions/scholarship application materials for the college partner must be completed.
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- Indicate on admissions application that you participate in TM.

Guaranteed Non-Competitive Scholarship

Notes:

- *Non-Competitive Scholarships: College partner will reach out directly to you if you are awarded this scholarship.*
- *Colleges/universities typically do not stack academic (tuition) scholarships.*

Scholarship Application (CommunityForce)

- Timeframe:
 - Application Opens: Oct 1
 - Application: Deadline: Jan 20
- Application available at:
 - <https://teammates.org/teammates-plus/scholarships/>
- Create an account:
 - Personal email (not school email)
 - Password
- Save your work:
 - Click the “Save” button at the bottom of the application sections frequently to make sure your work gets saved.
 - You will be able to save your work and come back to work on it later.

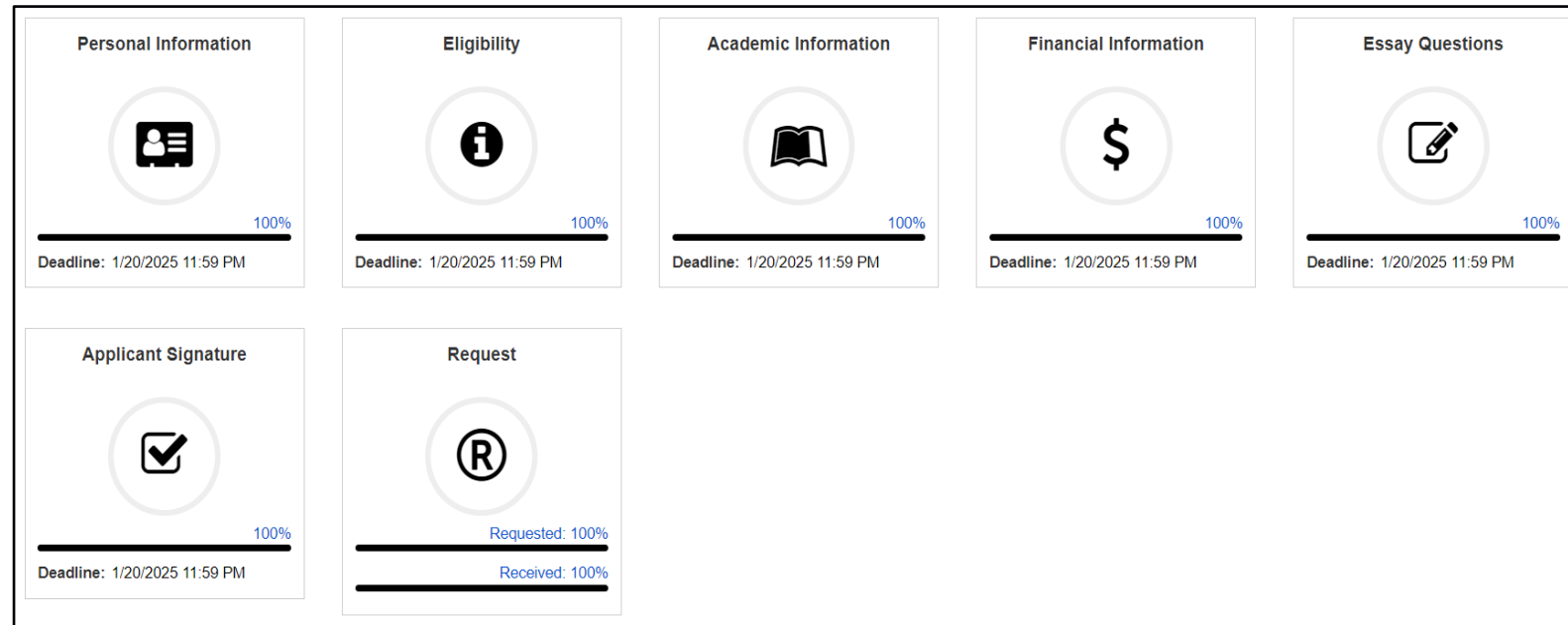
Note for College Partner Scholarships

Each college partner specifies the date by which you must submit their admissions application. Refer to the scholarship packet for details.

Application Sections

- Personal Information
- Eligibility
- Academic Information
- Financial Information
- Essay Questions
- Applicant Signature
- Request (Letter of Recommendation)

Application Dashboard in Community Force



Helpful Tips

- Personal Information:
 - Enter in a personal email (not a school email).
- Eligibility:
 - Indicate which colleges you are interested in attending.
- Academic Information (10 points):
 - Upload a copy of your academic transcript (either unofficial or official transcript is okay).
 - Transcript document should be in Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, or PDF format
- Financial Information:
 - FAFSA information (it's okay if you are unsure)

Helpful Tips: Essay Questions

4 questions x 20 points each = 80 points total

Word limit per essay: 300 words

1. Consider the school and/or community related activities that you have participated in during high school. Activities may include, but are not limited to: school clubs/organizations, athletics, leadership programs, career-focused programs, community service/volunteering, employment, or other activities.

Describe your experiences from the one or two activities that were most meaningful to you. What did you do/contribute as a participant? What did you learn/gain from participating in these activities?

2. Describe in detail a success story you have achieved during high school. Discuss how you persevered through adversity to accomplish this success. What strengths were you able to utilize and develop as part of this success story—provide specific examples. (Note: Your success story can be either school related or non-school related, but it must be something you accomplished while in high school.)

3. What are your educational goals and career aspirations? What steps will you take to accomplish these ambitions including the type of education you will need to pursue and what experiences/skills you will need to gain? If you are undecided on your educational goals and/or career aspirations, what steps will you take to determine them?

4. How has your experience with the TeamMates Mentoring Program impacted your life and what are your plans to give back in the future?

Helpful Tips: Essay Questions

- Break the task into smaller pieces.
 - Start early. Tackle a little bit at a time.
- Keep a backup copy.
 - Type your essays in a separate document.
 - Paste it into the application later (make sure it pastes into the application correctly).
- Organize your essay.
 - Read the questions early and take time to gather your thoughts/ideas.
 - Introduction, Body, Conclusion (create an outline if it helps you)
- Share your story.
 - Be thoughtful in your answers.
 - Include important details and specific examples.
- Seek feedback.
 - Share your essays with your mentors and others for feedback.
 - Revise your essays to make them as strong as possible.
- Proofread
 - Check for spelling, grammar, and clarity.
 - Is your essay conveying the message you want to share?

Helpful Tips

- Applicant Signature
- Request (Letter of Recommendation) (10 points):
 - Ask your mentor or someone who knows you in an academic or professional context (teacher, coach, supervisor, etc.) if they will be your recommender.
 - Give your recommender plenty of time (at least 2 – 4 weeks) to write a letter for you.
 - Follow the instructions within the application to send the letter of recommendation request to your recommender. You will need your recommender's email.
 - Notify your recommender that they will receive an email from CommunityForce with instructions.
 - Be sure to go back into your application and make sure the letter has been completed. You will only be able to tell if the letter has been completed—you will not be able to view the letter itself. If needed, politely remind your recommender.
 - Send a thank-you note to your recommender.
- Remember: Final Review and Submit

Additional Resources for Nebraska Students

- EducationQuest Foundation: <https://educationquest.org/>
 - College Planning, FAFSA, Scholarships, and More
- Susan Thompson Buffett Scholarship: <https://buffettscholarships.org/>
- Salvation Army D.J.'s Hero Awards Scholarship: More information to come
- TeamMates Local Chapter Scholarship: Ask your Program Coordinator
- Available at : <https://teammates.org/teammates-plus/scholarships/>
 - College & Career Readiness Guide
 - Scholarship Packet
 - Sample Application
 - Scholarships Information Document
 - Scholarship Webinar

Additional Resources for Iowa Students

- Iowa College Access Network (ICAN): <https://www.icansucceed.org/>
 - College/Career Planning, FAFSA, Scholarships, and More
- TeamMates Local Chapter Scholarship: Ask your Program Coordinator
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Additional Resources for Wyoming Students

- College & Career Ready – Wyoming Dept of Edu: <https://edu.wyoming.gov/college-career-ready/>
- Daniels Scholarship Program: <https://www.danielsfund.org/scholarships/daniels-scholarship-program/overview>
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Additional Resources for South Dakota Students

- Dakota Dreams: <https://ourdakotadreams.com/>
- South Dakota Scholarships: <https://ourdakotadreams.com/paying-for-college/sd-scholarships/>
- TeamMates Local Chapter Scholarship: Ask your Program Coordinator
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College & Career Readiness Guide

College & Career Readiness Guide (CCRG)

- Available at: <https://teammates.org/teammates-plus/scholarships/>
- Post-Secondary Education/College Planning Information
- College Planning Resources (including information about the FAFSA)
- Career Exploration Resources
- TeamMates+



**Free Application for Federal Student Aid
(FAFSA)**

The FAFSA is the application you must complete to determine what federal, state, and college financial aid you are eligible for.

Refer to pages 5 and 6 of the CCRG to learn more.

Career Exploration (page 8 of the CCRG)

Take school courses to explore career areas

Research reputable career websites

Take an interest inventory/career assessment

Conduct an informational interview

Participate in experiential learning opportunities

Internships: InternNE

InternNE, powered by the Aksarben Foundation, offers internship opportunities for Nebraska students.

<https://www.interneb.org/students>

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CLIFTONSTRENGTHS

for Students

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Report



The CliftonStrengths for Students report connects your strengths to the way you learn, study, interact socially, accomplish goals and more. It's the tool you can rely on to develop into the student, employee and person only YOU can be.

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What you do best!



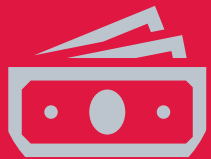
School can be a challenging time -- the CliftonStrengths for Students report gives you a leg up, helping you learn what you do better than anyone else and giving you the language to articulate what you do best.



Post-Secondary Mentoring Program

About the Program

- Option to continue with same mentor or be matched with a new mentor (campus and/or career mentor)
- Mentor and mentee communicate twice a month
 - 1 face-to-face meeting (in-person in a safe public setting or virtually)
 - 1 additional communication (text message, phone call, email)
- Online form available during final semester of senior year



Additional
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Funds



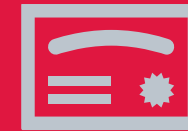
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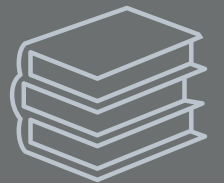
Strengths
Coaching



Special Events



College
Recognition
Event



Educational
Success
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