



Last Dollar Scholarship Application Guide for Returning Applicants

2020/2021 Cycle

Thank you for returning to the Goodwin Meissner Family Foundation (GMFF) scholarship. We call it the Last Dollar Scholarship because it provides those “last dollars” you’ll need to close the gap between the funds you’ve been able to raise and the **total cost of attendance** (TCA) at your chosen university. Total cost of attendance, or TCA, is what the financial aid office at your university estimates it costs to attend their school including tuition, fees, living expenses, etc. Sources of funding should include one or more of the following: savings, a Pell Grant, low-interest loans, work study, part-time work off campus or other scholarships and grants. We look for students who have made a significant effort in trying to address the TCA, and consider small, low-interest loans an important component of that effort.

In order to re-apply, the minimum requirements are that you:

1. remain a federal Pell Grant recipient (as determined by your 2020/2021 FASFA)
2. be willing to commit to a minimum of eight (8) hours per semester of volunteer work, and
3. be a student in good standing at your school with no disciplinary and/or academic citations

Application Checklist:

1. Completed online scholarship application
2. Confirmation of your Pell Grant Eligibility from the FASFA application process in .pdf format, see page 4 for an example.
3. A transcript of grades for the applicant’s *most recently completed coursework*. This may include high school transcripts, GED score report or any postsecondary transcripts. And, this might also be only your first semester grades.

Following are the steps required in our process:

*****Applications are due by midnight EST on March 1st, 2020*****

1. Complete the online application (<http://www.gmff.foundation/application/>) and submit by midnight EST on March 1st, 2020. GMFF accepts only applications submitted through our online application.
2. You will be notified by March 15th of your status via email
3. If you receive funds from GMFF, we will ask that you have the financial aid office of your university complete a financial aid release statement. This form confirms the dollars you've been able to raise, the TCA and the gap that you need to address. ALTERNATIVELY, you can provide a screenshot of your university account. We require this form by June 15th
4. Once we receive your financial aid release form, GMFF will notify you of the scholarship amount and mail a check for first semester to your university. The second semester payment will be mailed when we've confirmed that you remain a student in good standing and have completed 8 hours of community service - usually by mid-December.

5. How do you apply for the Last Dollar Scholarship?

*****Applications are due by midnight EST on March 1, 2020*****

Step 1: Complete the online application for RETURNING students (<http://www.gmff.foundation/application/>) and submit by midnight EST on March 1, 2020.

Last Dollar Scholarship Application

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Total cost of attendance, or TCA, is what the financial aid office at your university estimates it costs to attend their school including tuition, fees, living expenses, etc.

The money you've been able to raise should address some of the TCA, but in most cases will not cover it all. Sources of funding you might have raised should include one or more of the following: savings, a Pell Grant, low-interest loans, work study, part-time work off campus or other scholarships and grants.

In addition to minimum requirements, GMFF gives preference to participants with our [partners' programs](#). The minimum requirements to apply are that you:

1) qualify for a federal Pell Grant using the Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Create a user ID and password on the first screen. You will need to create a new username and password for the new school year (e.g. your information is not saved year to year). The application will save automatically for you and you'll be able to return to finish it until midnight on March 1st.

Your application is saved as a draft.

[Create or Edit Application](#)

[Print](#)

[Add or Edit Recommendation Letter Requests \(Required for new scholarship applicants only\)](#)

[Logout](#)

Once you log in after you've created an ID and password, this is your home screen. From here you can return to your application, print your application and send recommendation letter requests to your recommendation writers

[Save Draft](#) [Submit](#)

Save and Submit buttons are at the bottom of every screen in the application, you can also 'Return to Menu' from here.

[Return to Menu](#)

3/5/2016

Processed Information - FAFSA on the Web - Federal Student Aid

Processed Information

Federal Student Aid FAFSASM

Form Approved
OMB No. [redacted]
App. Exp. 12/31/2017

2016-2017 Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)

The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Application Receipt Date:	01/01/2016	XXX-XX- [redacted]	02
Processed Date:	01/09/2016	EFC: 000000	
		DRN: 5090	



Comments About Your Information

Learn about [federal tax benefits for education](#), including the *American Opportunity Tax Credit* (AOTC).

Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is 000000. You may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant and other federal student aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school.

There is a limit to the total amount of Federal Pell Grants that a student may receive, which is the equivalent of 6 school years. Once a total amount of Pell Grant eligibility has been received, a student can no longer receive Pell Grant aid.

WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)

Be sure to review the items marked with a and make any corrections if necessary by clicking 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page.

We assumed you did not file and will not file a 2015 income tax return (Item 32). Review this item.

If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page using your FSA ID. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online.

Based on your EFC of 000000, you may be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant of up to \$5,775 for the 2016-2017 school year provided you have not met or exceeded the lifetime limit established for the Federal Pell Grant program.