

CCI College Bound Scholarship Information Sheet

Q. Who is awarding this scholarship?

A: This scholarship is awarded by Cross Community, Inc. (CCI), a Trenton-based non-profit organization that sees the value in everyone. CCI meets community and individual needs by providing opportunity for advancement, access to resources, and collaboration throughout the greater Trenton area.

Q. What are the requirements for this scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Reside in the Greater Trenton Area-Trenton, Hamilton, Ewing, Lawrenceville
- Be a current high school senior.
- NOT be enrolled in the Trenton Public School system.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Be accepted and enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university located in the United States.

Additional Recommended Qualifications:

- A minimum unweighted GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

Q. How do I apply?

A: All who are interested and eligible may apply online at www.cctrentonnj.org/scholarships.

1. Click the “Apply Now” button under the CCI College Bound Scholarship description. This will take you to the online application.
2. Answer all questions and upload all documents to the application.
 - a. A confirmation email will be sent when the application is received by CCI. Applicants should contact CCI if a confirmation email is not received.
3. Once applications are received, school counselors are contacted to submit additional information.

Q. What is the amount of the scholarship award?

A: Recipients of the CCI College Bound Scholarship receive an award totaling \$40,000. This award is distributed in \$5,000 increments for each fall and spring semester over the course of 4 years as long as the recipient can verify enrollment and remains in good academic standing with his or her school.

Q: What school may I attend?

A: Recipients must attend and be enrolled full-time at an accredited college or university in the United States.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: The online application must be completed and submitted no later than **5:00 PM** on **May 31, 2024**. Any required materials from school counselors must be submitted no later than **June 7, 2024**.

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: A complete application package includes the following:

- A fully completed application.
- A copy of your SAR Report (Student Aid Report). This is the report you receive after completing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application. This form is uploaded into the online application.
- A personal statement/essay:
 - Submit a short essay explaining how receiving this scholarship will help you and detailing anything you would like us to know about you that wasn't mentioned in your application. Statements should be typed in either Times New Roman, Arial, or Calibri 12pt font, double spaced, and a minimum of 300 words.
- The signed Acknowledgements and Authorization Form, found in the online application, signed by the scholarship candidate.
- A certification form from your school counselor. Cross Community, Inc. will contact your counselor directly to complete this form. It will include:
 - An Official transcript with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest fall semester.
 - Your current GPA.
 - A statement providing any information about you that may assist us in considering you for this scholarship.

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?

A: All applicants will be notified in writing by email, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will receive a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

Q: Who can I contact if I have any questions?

A: Anyone with questions about the scholarship can contact Jasmine Ross by sending an email to jross@crosscommunityinc.org.