

Capital District Counseling Association

2025 Scholarship Application

1. The application form, essay, current transcript(s) and a letter of recommendation from a teacher or school counselor must be mailed or e-mailed together in one complete package.
2. Official transcript(s) must be the most complete and current transcript available, in a sealed envelope with a signature written across the seal. Transcript(s) must indicate a minimum 85 (3.0) average in the current academic program. Electronic transcripts will also be accepted directly from the high school or college.
3. Recommendation letter from a teacher or school counselor must be in a sealed envelope with a signature written across the seal. Electronic recommendation letters will also be accepted directly from the high school or college.
4. The application packet should be postmarked NO LATER THAN MAY 1, 2025.
5. Applicants must be from the Capital Region and plan to attend a Capital Region college. The Capital Region includes the counties of Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Montgomery, Greene, Rensselaer, Schenectady, and the southern part of Saratoga.
6. Decisions will be e-mailed to applicants in early June. The actual monetary award will be mailed directly to the college the student has indicated they will be attending by August 15, 2024.
7. Application packets must be postmarked by May 1, 2025 to:

CDCA Scholarship
P.O. Box 50153
Albany, NY 12205

Electronic submissions will also be accepted directly from a high school counselor or faculty member and can be emailed to directly to Melissa Coon (m.coon@hvcc.edu).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by e-mail or telephone at 518-629-7309.

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

High School or College currently attending: _____

Expected date of graduation from current school: _____

Capital Region College at which you will enroll full-time for the fall 2025 semester:

Intended Major: _____

Applying for (please circle only one):

FRESHMAN FIRST GENERATION SCHOLARSHIP (\$2,500)

FRESHMAN ATTENDING A TWO-YEAR COLLEGE/TRADE SCHOOL (\$1,000)

FRESHMAN ATTENDING A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE (\$1,000)

TRANSFERRING FROM A TWO-YEAR COLLEGE TO A FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE (\$1,000)

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The following must be included in the scholarship application packet postmarked no later than May 1, 2025:

1. A completed scholarship application form.
2. An essay on the following topic for each Scholarship below (between 250-500 words):

(For Freshman or Transfers going to Two or Four-Year Colleges)

The choice of where you will attend college will be one of the most important and sometimes difficult choices you will make in your life. Explain what person(s) has been the most influential on you throughout the college search, application and enrollment process and how they have made a difference.

(For Freshman applying to the First-Generation Scholarship-defined as a freshman applicant whose parents have not received a four-year college degree.)

What does it mean to you to be a first-generation college student? How will receiving a college degree impact your future?

3. A complete official transcript(s) showing your most current grades, in a sealed envelope with a signature written across the seal. Transcript(s) should indicate a minimum grade point average of 85 (3.0) or higher.
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher or school counselor, in a sealed envelope with a signature across the seal.

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6. Applicants may apply to more than one scholarship, but will only be eligible to receive one.

The Scholarship Committee will review the application packet and select award winners based on their academics, letter of recommendation and the quality of the essay in terms of content and demonstrated writing ability.