

Scholarship Information

Scholarships will be released as they are received from May 1, 2024 through March 1, 2025. Students are advised to check the Award Spring website weekly to check on any new opportunities. **Students only complete one online application per award cycle and will be matched to scholarship opportunities available specifically for them.**

Steps for Applying

Fill out general application on Award Spring - [Scholarship Applications](#)

- make sure to include transcripts or other supporting documents
- make sure to answer all parts of the application even if you feel they don't apply to you

Once the application is completed any scholarships you are eligible for will show up on your dashboard asking you to "Complete Follow-up".

- Follow-up usually consists of a 200-word essay question and, in some cases, a reference letter

Notification by email will be sent within a month of the deadline and you should check your dashboard at that time to find out if there are any tasks you may be asked to complete such as donor thank you or pictures.

FAQ

Which scholarships are best for me?

When you complete the general application, you are automatically matched to any scholarships you are eligible for.

Do I need to do anything else once I have filled out the general application?

You will need to submit the follow up which is usually an essay, but may include letters of recommendation, or proof of service in the military. **These items must be received prior to the due date or you will not be eligible.**

What is the deadline to apply for scholarships I am eligible for?

The deadline for completion of all scholarship requirements is stated on the scholarship application. It is currently June 3rd for the 2024 Summer Semester Scholarship and June 30th for all other scholarships.

Do I have to be registered at Sauk to apply?

Yes, you do have to be registered and you use your Sauk email to apply.

If I have money left at the end of the school year can I take it with me if I transfer to another school?

Awards must be used during the school year awarded and any leftover funds will be returned to the Sauk Valley College Foundation.

If I have money left at the end of the school year, can I use it for the following year at Sauk?

Scholarships are to be used for the school year awarded (Ex: fall 2024, spring 2025 and summer 2025 semesters) and will not roll to the next year without prior approval from the Foundation.

When will I be able to access or see these funds on my student account?

Awards are not applied to student accounts until after the add/drop period of the current semester. At that time, any eligibility requirements must still be met such as GPA, major, or full/part time status. Once the scholarship funds are added to your account you should contact Financial Aid if you have any questions about your finances because the Foundation does not have access to that information. Books may still be purchased from the college bookstore prior to the add/drop period, but the student may be liable for those expenses if they do something to change their eligibility prior to the add/drop date, such as dropping a class or changing a major (if it causes them to lose eligibility)

What can scholarship funds be used for?

Typically, funds are placed on the students account to be used for tuition, books, fees, and class supplies. Other expenses, such as computers or books and supplies purchased from outside vendors, may be reimbursed with prior approval from the Foundation and paid receipts.

I am already eligible for Pell funds, should I still apply?

Yes. Scholarship funds are applied first, which means you may get more of your Pell money returned to you which can be used for other needs such as living expenses, transportation costs, etc.

Will this be the only opportunity to receive scholarships for the school year?

No. There will be opportunities throughout the scholarship award cycle which will end on March 1, 2025 for the 2024-25 school year. All opportunities and due dates will be announced through email and social media, so keep your eyes open!

I advise students to make a point of checking their Award Spring dashboard frequently to see if there are any opportunities available. BOOKMARK this page: <https://svcc.awardspring.com>

Questions?

Most questions or difficulties encountered during the application process can be answered very quickly and easily over the phone or by email. Contact Angie Delhotal at 815-835-6329 or by email at

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