

## Scholarship Application Instructions for 2023-2024 Academic Year

### Requirements and Deadlines

**Each part of the application must be completed by its deadline**

Part	Deadline
<p><b>Part One: Online Application.</b> Follow the links on our website (<a href="https://www.SFIndianRiver.org/Apply-for-Award/How-to-Apply">https://www.SFIndianRiver.org/Apply-for-Award/How-to-Apply</a>) to register, login, complete and submit your online application and schedule your Part Two document drop-off appointment. You must submit your online application before you can schedule a Part Two document drop off appointment.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, January 31, 2023.</b> Applicants must <b>complete</b> and <b>submit</b> their online application by this day and time to be eligible to continue with the process. <b>No exceptions for any reason.</b></p>
<p><b>Part Two: Supplemental Materials Drop Off and Intake Interview.</b> Applicants who meet the Part One deadline must <b>make an appointment to drop off required Part Two documents</b> at our office. This appointment <b>must be scheduled in advance online</b> after submitting the Part One application. At your drop off appointment, we will give you an appointment time to meet with an intake counselor for a 10-15 minute intake interview via Zoom. All intake interviews must be completed by February 8 at 6PM. Part Two required materials include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application checklist [Form 1a]. Lists all required documents. Be sure to sign, date, and have a parent sign (unless you are an independent student.)</li> <li>• Printout of your submitted Part One Application [Form 1b]. Print after submitting.</li> <li>• Statements of Academic Hardship or Special Family Financial Circumstances. Optional.</li> <li>• A small photo of you <b>stapled</b> to your checklist (any portrait or candid is ok).</li> <li>• Resume of Extracurricular Activities and Honors <i>on our form</i> [Form 1c].</li> <li>• Academic Resume <i>on our form</i> [Form 1d].</li> <li>• Paying for College Worksheet – DRAFT [Form 1e].</li> <li>• Sealed HS Transcript (for all HS Seniors and any college students who will have fewer than 48 credits earned in college by end of spring 2023 semester) and/or your College Transcript (for all HS Grads).</li> <li>• HS Counselor’s Report showing your <b>GPA</b> and <b>test scores</b> (required for HS seniors and college students who will have fewer than 48 credits earned in college by spring 2023.) If your school does not have a counselor’s report showing scores, you must provide copies of your Score Reports.</li> <li>• 2021 Tax Returns for you and your parents. Like FAFSA, we now use the prior year’s tax returns for our financial need review.</li> <li>• Financial Hardship form [Form 1f], with 2021 Tax Returns if filed. Optional.</li> <li>• Student Aid Report (SAR). File your <b>2023-2024 FAFSA</b> form online at <a href="http://www.fafsa.gov">www.fafsa.gov</a> as early as possible after October 1<sup>st</sup> opening. Print and submit your SAR (Student Aid Report).</li> <li>• Florida Bright Futures registration confirmation, generated from the BF website (<a href="http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf">http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf</a>).</li> <li>• Florida Prepaid and/or 529 account statements, where applicable.</li> <li>• Richardson supplemental materials for those HS seniors applying, including two essays and two recommendations.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Friday, February 3, 2023.</b> All Part Two materials must have been dropped off at our office.</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 8, 2023.</b> Applicants must have completed their online Intake Interview by this date. <b>No exceptions.</b></p> <p>Schedule your document drop off appointment <b>ONLINE</b> after you submit your application. Appointments are available January 9-February 3. Please submit your application and drop off your documents as early as possible to ensure time to correct any errors or omissions.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PART TWO DOCUMENT DROP OFF</u></b></p> <p>Appointments for document drop off are to be scheduled <b>online</b> using the link on our application system after submitting your application. <b>They are available January 9 – February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00-4:30PM. Must be completed by February 3.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>PART TWO INTAKE INTERVIEW</u></b></p> <p>Online Zoom intake interviews will be scheduled with you when you drop off your documents. You are welcome to have a parent join you for this interview, as we will be discussing your current plans on paying for college. <b>All intake interviews must be completed by February 8.</b></p>
<p><b>Part Three:</b> Applicants who meet our application criteria (including residency, financial need, academic performance, and readiness to succeed in college) will be scheduled for a <b>financial interview</b> at which time they must submit <b>Part Three forms and supporting materials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final school decision form [Form 2a], along with             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Letter of acceptance from the school you plan to attend</li> <li>▪ Financial aid award letter from that school</li> <li>▪ Cost of attendance for that school</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Paying for College Worksheet – FINAL [Form 2b]</li> <li>• Statement of Other Financial Aid [Form 2c] not listed on financial aid letter.</li> </ul>	<p><b>At Scheduled Financial Interview:</b> In mid-March, we will send an email scheduling a mandatory financial interview for the applicant and parent(s) to the applicant’s email address on file. The <b>applicant is responsible</b> for following the instructions in the email to <b>confirm or reschedule their appointment.</b> An applicant who does not confirm, reschedule or attend their appointed interview will be removed from consideration for an award.</p> <p><b>Please turn in Part Three forms and materials as soon as complete.</b> If your school choice or aid means you have insufficient financial need for our program, we want you to know as soon as possible.</p>

### Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County

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## Who We Are

Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County is a locally-supported non-profit organization dedicated to making a post-secondary education possible for all Indian River County students. Founded in 1965 by Dan K. Richardson and members of the Vero Beach Rotary Club as a chapter of Dollars for Scholars, we have provided more than 3,065 Indian River County students with \$14.1 million in need-based college scholarships. **We provide scholarship awards to ALL applicants who meet our academic criteria, demonstrate readiness to succeed in college and have unmet need for the college they will attend.**

We are supported solely through the generosity of the residents and businesses of Indian River County. We are a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, charitable organization. Our volunteer Board of Directors raises funds, sets our policies, reviews applications and interviews students and families. Our Executive Director manages our fundraising activities as well as the scholarship application and awards process.

*It is the mission of Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County to offer hope, encouragement, and scholarship opportunities to Indian River County students with financial need who demonstrate the desire and academic ability to succeed in pursuing a post-secondary education.*

## Our Awards. Applicants apply for one of three types of need-based awards:

**Richardson Scholar Awards:** Highly competitive, 4-year awards of up to \$7,500 per year. Applicants must be HS seniors with financial need who meet the highest academic, leadership and service excellence standards. Richardson applicants will be considered for all Scholarship Foundation awards, including our most competitive and prestigious awards.

**Scholarship Foundation Awards:** Applicants must be HS seniors (including any dual-enrolled students) who meet our academic criteria, have an unmet financial need for the school they will attend, have demonstrated an ability to manage their time and have a realistic plan paying for college they plan. Awards renewable for 2, 3 or 4 years.

**Community College Graduate Awards:** Awards for 1 year or renewable for 2 or 3-years for 1) those in college who will earn their AA/AS degree in 2023, 2) college students already pursuing a BA/BS degree who have an established track record of success in college and 3) other college students with HS records that equal or exceed our current standards for HS seniors.

## Scholarship Qualifications. All Scholarship Foundation recipients must...

- ◆ Have academic and extracurricular and/or work records that demonstrate their readiness to succeed in college
- ◆ Have unmet financial need (i.e. a GAP between their cost of college and their available funds) and realistic plans for paying for the college they plan to attend. Our awards supplement a student's family funding, college scholarships and loans.
- ◆ Plan to be full-time students at an accredited public or private college or university in 2023-2024 (earning at least 12 credits/semester).
- ◆ Be residents of Indian River County and plan to maintain legal residency in IRC for the duration of any award received.
- ◆ Be graduates of an Indian River County public or private high school or one that serves IRC students; a graduate of IRSC residing in Indian River County; a GED recipient living in Indian River County; a home-schooled student residing in Indian River County.
- ◆ File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). It is strongly recommended that applicants file their FAFSA as soon as the system opens on October 1, 2022. FAFSA will ask for the applicant's tax information filed for the previous year i.e. for those applying for the academic year 2023-2024, it will use 2021 tax returns. This means all required information will be available so there is NO REASON FOR DELAY in filing. By filing early, you will be sure to have the complete, error-free FAFSA/SAR that you need for our deadline and your college's priority financial aid deadlines.
- ◆ Attend a financial interview (accompanied by a parent or guardian, unless the student is confirmed as "independent" on his SAR).
- ◆ Attend the Scholarship Foundation Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.
- ◆ Submit a Part One: Online Application using our online application system no later than January 31, 2023, schedule an appointment to drop off your Part Two: Supplemental Materials by February 3rd and complete an online intake interview February 8...

## ...and meet the minimum academic requirements for the type of scholarship they apply for:

**Richardson Applicants:** Must have a score of at least 29 on the ACT or 1330 on the SAT (math plus evidenced-based reading and writing) and have an **unweighted** academic GPA of 3.5. Must be a graduating HS senior who will be a freshman at a 4-year college. Call our office if you have questions about your eligibility. Though rarely made, exceptions to these requirements are possible due to extraordinary circumstances.

**Scholarship Foundation Applicants:** Must score at least 22 on the ACT or 1110 on the SAT (math plus evidence-based reading and writing) and have an **unweighted** academic GPA of at least 3.0.

**Community College Graduate Applicants:** Must be a HS graduate who 1) is a spring or summer 2023 candidate for an AA/AS degree from IRSC, 2) will have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 with 48 college credits by end of spring 2023 semester (no HS GPA or test scores required) or 3) will have earned at least a 3.0 on at least 24 credits taken in college by end of spring 2023 semester and have HS grades and scores meeting requirements for this year's HS applicants (3.0 unweighted GPA and 1110SAT/22ACT).

## Scholarships We Offer and Application Criteria

### **RICHARDSON SCHOLAR AWARDS**

(Applicants are also automatically considered for all SFIRC awards, including other highly competitive awards)

**Up to \$7,500 per year for a maximum of 4 years**

**Financial need, academic, leadership and service excellence and realistic college plan**

**3.50 H.S. GPA (unweighted)**

**1330 SAT (Read/Writing + Math) or 29 ACT**

**Two Essays, Two Recommendations**

**Interview**

**Indian River County Resident**

### **SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION AND COMMUNITY- SPONSORED AWARDS**

**\$1,000-\$6,000 per year for 2, 3, or 4 years**

**Financial need, demonstrated desire and ability, and realistic college plan**

**3.0 H.S. GPA (unweighted)**

**1110 SAT ( Read/Writing + Math) or 22 ACT**

**Other criteria as established by the sponsor**

**Indian River County Resident**

### **COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRADUATE AWARDS**

**\$1,000-\$6,000 per year for 1, 2 or 3 years**

**Financial need, demonstrated desire and ability and realistic college plan**

**Upcoming IRSC grad or 3.0 GPA on 48 college credits by end of spring 2023 semester**  
(or at least 24 credits if HS GPA and SAT/ACT meet academic requirements for HS seniors. i.e. 3.0GPA and 1110SAT/22ACT)

**Other criteria as established by the sponsor**

**Indian River County Resident**

- ◆ The Richardson Scholar Awards are reserved for graduating high school seniors entering a 4-year college or university as first-time college freshmen; Richardson finalists will be considered for our most competitive awards as well as all other awards, so we encourage all qualified applicants to apply.
- ◆ The ideal Richardson Scholar candidate will meet all the academic requirements defined above, in addition to having a strong record of leadership and service excellence. *If you do not meet all the academic requirements but believe you should be considered for this award due to extraordinary circumstances, you may contact our office to discuss your eligibility.*
- ◆ Richardson Scholar award applicants must have achieved test score minimums by our February 3<sup>rd</sup> deadline for submitting Part Two documents. This means the last test dates accepted will be the December 3<sup>rd</sup> SAT and December 10<sup>th</sup> ACT.
- ◆ Scholarship Foundation award applicants who have not yet attained our minimum test scores (22 ACT and 1110 SAT) may submit an application ONLY IF they are registered to retake the ACT on the February 12<sup>th</sup> testing date and submit a copy of their registration for that test when they turn in their Part Two documents by February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tests results for this test are expected to be released between February 21<sup>st</sup> and March 7<sup>th</sup>. Applicants must provide us a score report showing a qualifying score not later than March 7 to be considered for an award.

## How to Apply

Scholarship Foundation is committed to providing awards to ALL applicants who meet our academic criteria, demonstrate readiness to succeed in college and have unmet need for the college they will attend. If you qualify and fulfill our requirements by our deadlines, you will receive an award.

Apply early, so we can help you resolve any issues you may have with FAFSA or other requirements. We know applying for college financial aid and our scholarships may seem daunting, especially if you are the first in your family to go to college. We are here to help! Please feel free to call or email us or stop by our office to resolve any issues.

The application process has three parts, and all forms are available on our website.

### Part One: Online Application due by Tuesday, January 31, 2023.

Complete our Online Application [Form 1b]. Go to <https://www.SFIndianRiver.org/Apply-for-Award/How-to-Apply> and follow the links to REGISTER and LOGIN to our online system. Complete the application, SUBMIT it, PRINT a copy and SCHEDULE YOUR PART TWO APPOINTMENT. You must SUBMIT your Online Application by January 31, 2023 to be eligible to continue.

### Part Two: Supplemental Material Drop Off by February 3 and Intake Interview by Wednesday, February 8, 2023.

Applicants who meet the January 31<sup>st</sup> Part One deadline must SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT using our online system to drop off Two Supplemental documents by Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. At that time, we will arrange with you a 15-20 minute online Intake Interview appointment which must be completed by February 8<sup>th</sup>. Plan ahead! Contact your guidance counselor early and ask for letters of recommendation where needed. These are the **Part Two documents** you will need to submit:

- **Application Checklist [Form 1a]**. Lists all required documents. Check off your submissions, sign and date. Be sure to have a parent sign and date this form, unless you are classified as an independent student on your SAR.
- **Printout of your Online Application [Form 1b]**. This is the application completed in Part One. Print it using our online system after you have submitted it. Your final submission will say Status: Submitted or Status: Posted at the top.
- Statements of Academic Hardship or Special Family Financial Circumstances. OPTIONAL, if you would like to supplement Form 1b.
- A small **Picture** of yourself. Any small portrait or candid shot is ok. Staple it to your checklist.
- **Resume of Extracurricular Activities and Honors [Form 1c]**. This must be submitted *on our form*, neatly handwritten or typed into and printed using the MS Word version on our website.
- **Academic Resume [Form 1d]**. This must be submitted *on our form*, neatly handwritten or typed into and printed using the MS Word version.
- **Paying for College Worksheet - DRAFT [Form 1e]**. This must be submitted *on our form*, neatly handwritten.
- **Sealed HS Transcript(s)** including grades for fall 2022 semester, (for HS Seniors and college students with fewer than 48 credits earned in college by the end of the spring semester 2023) and/or your College Transcript (for all HS grads).
- **HS Counselor's Report** showing your GPA and test scores (for HS seniors and college students with fewer than 48 credits earned in college by the end of the spring semester 2023.) If your school has no counselor's report showing scores, submit score reports from the testing agencies.
- **2021 Tax Returns for your parents and you (if you filed)**.
- Financial Hardship Form [Form 1f]. Optional.
- **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, generated from the FAFSA website. File your 2023-2024 FAFSA online ([www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)) when the system opens on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't wait, as you will need your SAR by our deadline and to meet college priority financial aid deadlines. The latter are getting earlier and earlier. Print your SAR, read it and follow up promptly on any issues noted or requests for additional documentation.
- Florida Bright Futures registration form, generated from the Bright Futures website after you register or (for those already in college) documentation showing your current Bright Futures status.
- Florida Prepaid (showing current refund value) and 529 Plan (current balance) statements **REQUIRED FOR THOSE ENROLLED** in one or both of these plans.
- Richardson supplemental materials. **REQUIRED ONLY FOR HS SENIORS APPLYING FOR RICHARDSON AWARDS**. Refer to our requirements page to see if you are qualified to apply. If you are applying, you must submit with your Part Two materials: Leadership essay (500 words), Service essay (200 words), two recommendations in sealed envelopes (one teacher and one community individual).

### Part Three: Turn in as soon as complete, but no later than at your Financial Interview

A financial interview to be held in March or early April will be scheduled by email for applicants who meet Parts One and Two deadlines and qualify based on a review of residency, academic standing, financial need and readiness to succeed. Each applicant (except independent students) must be accompanied by one or both parents or guardians and submit Part Three documents:

- Final school decision form [Form 2a] along with
  - Letter of acceptance
  - Financial aid award letter
  - Cost of Attendance (COA) documentation from intended school
- Paying for College Worksheet - FINAL [Form 2b]
- Statement of known financial aid not listed on your financial aid award letter [Form 2c].

## Helpful Hints

- ◆ Be sure to consider college costs when thinking about where you'd like to go. Look up a school's Cost of Attendance (COA) on its website. This number includes costs of tuition, fees, room and board, books, and, usually, an allowance for transportation and personal expenses. It covers only one academic year, so multiply by four for your total undergrad cost. Start EARLY to plan for how you will pay. Talk with your parents about how much they will be able to put toward your education each year. Will you take loans? Will they? Who else in your family might be able and willing to help you? Make sure you have an option you can afford among your college choices. You don't want end up with admission from only one school if it's a school you cannot afford.
- ◆ You will need to know your EFC (Expected Family Contribution) to get an idea of how much financial aid you might receive. You will find this number on your Student Aid Report (SAR), the report generated by the FAFSA system once you complete your FAFSA application. This is the **minimum** your family will have to pay each year since need-based scholarships and grants are not allowed to cover this portion of your college costs. File your FAFSA as early as possible (October 1) in the year before you plan to attend college. You can use, at any time, the FAFSA4caster on the [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) site to get an idea of what your EFC may be. Talk to prospective colleges' financial aid offices about how much aid you are likely to get from the government and the school. If you will need loans, start the process of learning about them early and think about how you will repay them. Students can take up to \$5,500 in Stafford/Direct as freshmen without any credit check and parents can borrow through the federal Parent Plus program, but they must have good credit to do so. Private loans usually will require a co-signer for students, and they are expensive. Don't assume "loans" will solve your college financing worries.
- ◆ Students may file their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online (at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)) starting October 1. File as soon as possible. You will also need to have an error-free SAR to meet our Scholarship Foundation deadlines as well as college deadlines. The FAFSA now uses information from the prior year's tax return, i.e. applications filed for the school year 2023-2024 will use 2021 tax returns. After your FAFSA is processed, you will be able to access and print your SAR. By filing early, you will meet college financial aid priority deadlines and have the best chance to receive all federal, state and college financial aid (Pell Grants, FSEOG, FSAG, subsidized or unsubsidized Stafford and Perkins loans, work study) for which you qualify. Our awards are designed to supplement, not replace, these sources of funding. When filing your FAFSA, be sure to:
  - Make sure both student and parent get a FSA ID (user name and password) which you'll need to sign in and sign the FAFSA electronically. You can get this at any time, even before starting your FAFSA application.
  - Schools will not award final aid packages until your FAFSA is complete and error-free. Don't delay, because colleges typically award money on a "first complete, first served" basis after the priority deadlines. These deadlines are getting earlier than they used to be, some even in October. So don't delay.
  - Make sure you read the directions and enter an accurate number for number of members in your household and number in college next year (include yourself), since this is a very important determinant of your Expected Family Contribution.
  - DO NOT include IRA/401K assets or primary home equity in savings or investments), but DO include 529 Savings Plans and/or the refund value of Florida Pre-Paid Plans that are OWNED by the student or parents. Note: **Student-owned** 529 Plans are to be included with the **Parent's** investment assets.
  - Read your SAR to see if there are issues flagged and/or you have been selected for verification and will need to provide documentation of your reported information to your college financial aid office. If so, **respond quickly** or your financial aid letter will be delayed and the money you receive is likely to be less than it otherwise might be.
- ◆ Be sure to take the SAT and ACT early! Your scores determine your qualification for Bright Futures and may be important for college entrance. Richardson Scholar award applicants must have achieved test score minimums by our February 3rd deadline for submitting Part Two documents. This means the last tests accepted will be the December 3rd SAT and December 10th ACT. Scholarship Foundation award applicants who have not yet attained our minimum scores (22 ACT and 1110 SAT) as of the December tests may submit an application if they are planning to retake the ACT on the February 12th testing date and submit a copy of their registration for that test along with their Part Two documents by February 3rd. Tests results for this test are expected to be released by February 21st and March 7th. Applicants must provide a score report showing a qualifying score not later than March 7 to be considered for an award. Plan accordingly. [Note: If you don't get qualifying scores by our deadline, retake the tests up to your graduation. You may be able to qualify for Bright Futures and apply for our help in the future.]
- ◆ Register for Bright Futures at [www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf](http://www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org/ssfad/bf) and provide us proof of registration. We do not require all applicants to qualify for Bright Futures, but we want you to make every effort to do so. Bright Futures awards provide between \$3,500-\$6,500 per year, depending on your award level. If you're close to qualifying (or moving up from Medallion to Academic qualification) it is well worth taking the SAT or ACT again.
- ◆ **All applicants selected to receive Scholarship Foundation awards are required to attend the Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. No student will receive an award if unable to attend for any reason.** Wait until next year to apply if you know you won't be available on that date.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Applying for (check one): Richardson: \_\_\_ SFIRC \_\_\_ CC Grad \_\_\_

**Scholarship Application Checklist and Signature Form (Parts Two and Three)**

My application includes the following items which I have CHECKED below. All applicants must submit ALL REQUIRED items shown in BOLD. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

**Part Two: Supplemental Materials.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Application Checklist [Form 1a]**. This form completed and signed by YOU and your PARENT.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Print out of your electronically completed and submitted Online Application [Form 1b], showing submission before or on January 31, 2023.** Be sure you have fully completed all fields, and be sure the copy is the final one that says **Status: Submitted or Status: Posted** above your name.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Statement of Academic Hardship. Optional.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **A small picture of you** (small, wallet size portrait or candid, **stapled** to this form).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Resume of Extracurricular Activities and Honors [Form 1c]**. This must be on OUR FORM, one page only, typed onto the MS Word version or neatly hand-written.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Academic Resume [Form 1d]** On OUR FORM, one page only, typed onto the Word Version or neatly handwritten.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Paying for College Worksheet – DRAFT [Form 1e]**. On OUR FORM, neatly handwritten.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Sealed HS transcripts** (for all HS students and college students with less than 48 credits earned by end of spring 2021 semester) **and College Transcripts** (for all HS Grads in college).
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Counselor’s reports (for VBHS, SRHS, IRCHS students) and SAT/ACT/AP scores for all other HS students and college students with fewer than 48 college credits earned by end of spring 2021 semester.** HS seniors: ask your counselor to include the highest SAT/ACT scores you want us to use.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2021 Tax Returns your parents and you, if you filed** (all pages must be provided, or W-2s if parent does not file a return).
- \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Hardship Form [Form 1f]. Optional. Submit if your financial situation is not reflected by your 2021 tax return and plan to appeal to your college(s) to adjust your EFC.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **2023-2024 Student Aid Report (SAR)** i.e. the report generated from information submitted on your FAFSA.
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Florida Bright Futures registration (for HS students) or current status (for college students).**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **529 Plan statements**, for Florida Pre-Paid or other 529 Plans, **REQUIRED for plan beneficiaries only.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Richardson Supplemental materials. **REQUIRED for Richardson applicants only.**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Leadership Essay
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Service Essay
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation #1 (Teacher/advisor)
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation #2 (Community individual)

**Staple your picture here**  
(ok if somewhat bigger than this box)

**Part Three: Due as soon as complete, but no later than your financial interview**

- \_\_\_\_\_ **Final School Decision Form [Form 2a] and the following**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Letter of acceptance from your intended school
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Financial aid letter from your intended school
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Cost of attendance (COA) documentation
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Paying for College Worksheet – FINAL [Form 2b]**
- \_\_\_\_\_ **Statement of Other Financial Aid [Form 2c]** not indicated on your school's aid letter, e.g. local scholarships

Please sign here to acknowledge that you understand and agree:

- All the information we are submitting is true and correct. I understand that I/my child must submit all required information and meet all deadlines to be considered for an award. We also understand that all documents submitted become permanent property of Scholarship Foundation and will not be returned.
- I understand and agree that a) I will disclose to Scholarship Foundation all scholarships offered or received and failure to do so may result in a reduction or forfeiture of any potential Scholarship Foundation Award; b) I will not be eligible to receive a scholarship award if, **for any reason**, I am unable to attend the Scholarship Foundation Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, May 16, 2023; c) Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County may use any pictures taken of me or my family in conjunction with Scholarship Foundation activities in support of its marketing and public relations efforts.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



**Online Application [Form 1b] – THIS COPY FOR REFERENCE ONLY, MUST BE COMPLETED, SUBMITTED, PRINTED ONLINE**

**Instructions: All applicants must complete and submit this Online Application [Form 1b] at our website ([www.SFIndianRiver.org](http://www.SFIndianRiver.org)) prior to January 31, 2023. A printed copy of your Form 1b submission must be turned in with your other Part Two documents by February 3, 2023.**

**Application for (please check one):**

- Richardson Scholar Award** (applicants will be considered automatically for all other awards)
- Scholarship Foundation Award** (including Scholarship Foundation, endowed and community-sponsored awards)
- Community College Graduate Award**

**PERSONAL DATA**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M.I.: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix (i.e. Jr, III) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_  
 Permanent Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Permanent City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_ Student telephone (mobile): (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_  
 Student email address: \_\_\_\_\_ (Use current address as we will use to communicate important information)

**Previously Applied?** \_\_\_ Check if you submitted an application in a prior year. [Note: Students who applied but were ineligible in a prior year may reapply if financial or academic circumstances have changed. Prior recipients who received any scholarship checks from DFSIRC/SFIRC may not apply again. Please call us if you have any questions about your eligibility.]

**CURRENT EDUCATIONAL DATA**

I am currently a (check one): H.S. Sr. \_\_\_ H.S. Graduate \_\_\_

**For All Applicants:** [Students in college should complete for HS they graduated from]  
 High School: Vero \_\_\_ Sebastian \_\_\_ Charter \_\_\_ St. Eds \_\_\_ John Carroll \_\_\_ Masters \_\_\_ Home School \_\_\_  
 Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 My attached sealed H.S. transcript reflects a GPA of: Weighted \_\_\_ Unweighted \_\_\_  
 Rank in H.S. Class: \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_. OR Check if HS does not rank \_\_\_  
 I am attaching documentation showing I am eligible for Bright Futures? Academic \_\_\_ Medallion \_\_\_ (Reminder – You must qualify for Bright Futures Academic to be eligible to apply for the Richardson Scholars award)  
 Test Scores (list your highest score): SAT Math \_\_\_ SAT Evidenced-Based Reading and Writing \_\_\_ ACT Composite \_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Are you a dual-enrolled HS student or college student expecting to earn your AA in spring or summer this year?

**For High School Graduates** [Students who will receive their HS diploma this spring should skip this section]:

Program Enrolled in: AA/AS Community College \_\_\_ 4-Year College \_\_\_ Not in College \_\_\_ Explain if not currently in college \_\_\_\_\_  
 Current College: \_\_\_\_\_ Expected Graduation Date (MM/YYYY): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
 My attached sealed college transcript reflects a GPA of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ earned credits.



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CURRENT EDUCATIONAL DATA (continued)

Personal Academic Hardship (optional). We invite all applicants to describe any hardships that may have affected your academic performance. If you have a learning disability or an Individualized Education Program (IEP) at school, please explain and include documentation. Your response may help us to better understand your academic performance and/or test scores if you feel they do not reflect your true ability and your potential for success in college-level work. If you plan to re-take the SAT and/or ACT, please list your upcoming test date(s). You may attach a separate sheet if you wish.

COLLEGE AND CAREER GOALS

I expect to be in the following year of college in 2023-2024: Freshman \_\_\_ Sophomore \_\_\_ Junior \_\_\_ Senior \_\_\_

Have you made a final decision on what college or university you will attend in 2023-2024? Yes \_\_\_ Not Yet \_\_\_

If yes, what college or university will you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you been accepted? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

Have your received your financial aid letter? Yes \_\_\_ Not Yet \_\_\_

[If you answered yes to these questions, be sure to submit your Final School Form [Form 2a] and College Budget Worksheet [Form 2b] with your Part One application before or on February 3. Otherwise submit these documents AS SOON as you have made your decision and have your financial aid letter? Be sure to call if you have any questions.

FOR ALL APPLICANTS

Please list your top three choice colleges or universities to which you've applied for 2022-2023? Have you been accepted?

Choice #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Not Yet \_\_\_

Choice #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Not Yet \_\_\_

Choice #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ Not Yet \_\_\_

What is your intended or declared major?

Choice #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Choice #2 \_\_\_\_\_

What are your career goals after college? \_\_\_\_\_

Apart from your financial circumstances, why do you think you deserve an award from Scholarship Foundation? \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY DATA

I make my permanent home with (check one):

Both biological parents living together \_\_\_ My Mother only \_\_\_ My Father only \_\_\_

My Mother & Stepfather \_\_\_ My Father & Stepmother \_\_\_

Other (for example, divide time between parents, live with grandparent or guardian, please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: My biological mother is living yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_ My biological father is living yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_.

Please check if you are an orphan, ward of the court, living with a legal guardian, emancipated before 18 (or meet any of the other qualifications for "independent" status based on your family situation) \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete for PARENTS WITH WHOM YOU MAKE YOUR PERMANENT HOME:

Mother's/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: Mother \_\_\_ Stepmother \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Daytime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: Father \_\_\_ Stepmother \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_

Daytime Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_





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**FAMILY DATA (CONTINUED)**

**Number of People in Household.** Please complete for family members who are living in your permanent home as indicated above (including parents and those for whom your parents provide more than half their support). Indicate totals and then identify each member by name and relationship below. This is the same information your parents will enter in their section of your FAFSA application.

**How many people are in this home?** \_\_\_\_\_. (For example – Two parents, two younger sisters at home, you going off to college, a brother in college and elderly or grandmother living with you and receiving more than half of her support from your parents = 7 people in household.)

**How many of the people in this home will be in college** in 2022-2023, **including yourself** and any who will be in college at least half time, working toward a degree or certificate. \_\_\_\_\_. Note: Do not include your parents or any siblings who may be dual-enrolled HS students.

**Detail of People in Your Household (List all you included in the total people in your home)**

Family Member	Name	Age	Relationship to You	Mark x if will be IN COLLEGE at least half-time in 2023-2024?	If in college, standing in 2023-2024 (Fr, Soph, Jr, Senior)
1			You	x	
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					

**Please complete for your NON-CUSTODIAL PARENT (if applicable)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: Mother \_\_\_ Father \_\_\_ Please check: Living \_\_\_ Deceased \_\_\_  
First Last

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the financial support this parent provides, including alimony and child support, indicating amounts and dates ending, if applicable. \_\_\_\_\_

**FINANCIAL DATA (CONTINUED)**

**FAFSA Information:**

**Have you filed your FAFSA and received your Student Aid Report (SAR)? (Check one)**

- Filed FAFSA/Have SAR**
- Filed FAFSA/No SAR Yet**
- Having FAFSA problems**
- Not filed yet**

[NOTE: If you have not filed yet or are having problems filing or printing your Student Aid Report (SAR), you need to take care of this promptly. You must submit your Student Aid Report (SAR), showing your EFC by the Part Two deadline to be eligible to apply for an award. Call our office if you are having ANY issues, as we will help you resolve them. Most colleges have priority deadlines, so delay is likely to affect your school aid.]

Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be in the upper right corner of your SAR. It shows the amount your family is expected to pay for college each year.

**What is your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)?** \_\_\_\_\_ [If your SAR does not show an EFC, please CALL OUR OFFICE ASAP or go to your guidance counselor to get help. It is important to resolve any issues AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, as it may make a big difference in how much aid you will get from your school. Also be sure to read your Student Aid Report fully to see if there is any more information being requested. If so, RESPOND PROMPTLY. This may also dramatically affect the aid you will receive.]



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**FINANCIAL DATA (CONTINUED)**

**529 Plan Information** (Be sure to submit current statements for these plans, if applicable)

**Are you a beneficiary of the Florida Pre-Paid College Program?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Please note: the present value of plans for which the student is a beneficiary should be reported on your FAFSA form under the parent’s assets.)

If so, please complete: For how many years? \_\_\_ Check one: Tuition only \_\_\_ Room only \_\_\_ Tuition and Room \_\_\_

**Are you a beneficiary of any other 529 Plan?** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ (Please note: The current value of plans owned by the student or a by a parent must be reported as assets in either the student’s or parent’s section. Be sure not to enter the value as student assets if the parent is the plan owner. )

Who is the owner of the plan? You \_\_\_ A parent \_\_\_ Grandparent \_\_\_ Another relative \_\_\_ Please specify relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
 What is the current value of the account? \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFILIATIONS**

**Please check below if you, your parents, spouse, or other relative are actively employed in one of the following and indicate the relationship:**

- IRC Firefighter/EMS/Police/Sheriff/
  - Corrections professional or staff  yes  Mother  Father  Spouse  Self  Other Relative
  - Employee of Orchid Island Golf & Beach Club  yes  Mother  Father  Spouse  Self  Other Relative
  - Realtor (Member IRC Realtors Assoc.)  yes  Mother  Father  Spouse  Self  Other Relative
  - Employee of Johns Island  yes  Mother  Father  Spouse  Self  Other Relative
  - Employee of Oak Harbor  yes  Mother  Father  Spouse  Self  Other Relative
  - Employee of Grand Harbor  yes  Mother  Father  Spouse  Self  Other Relative

**Interest in Pursuing Music or Agriculture:**

Check if you wish to be considered for a 4-year scholarship reserved for a student who intends:

1) to pursue a music education in jazz guitar; guitar, not necessarily jazz; or jazz music \_\_\_ yes

OR

2) to major in agriculture science (including, but not limited to veterinary practices) \_\_\_ yes

If yes, please explain your past, current and future planned involvement, so that we can evaluate whether you may qualify. Possible candidates may be called to further evaluate their interests and plans.

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**Special Financial Circumstances:** If there are there any family or financial extenuating circumstances you would like us to consider, we invite you to describe them here (you may also continue on a separate sheet of paper.) Include anything that has or may impact your college plans or your family’s financial situation in the coming year (e.g. past or anticipated unemployment, recent/current illness, divorce, foreclosure, etc.) Since we use your FAFSA information (which is based on 2020 income) to assess your financial need, be sure to let us know if that income is not representative of your financial situation going forward (i.e. is it lower? higher? and why?) If your family experienced financial hardship due to COVID-19, please also complete that form if you like us to consider your issues.

Check if submitting a separate statement \_\_\_ yes

**Why Scholarship?** Briefly describe why, apart from financial considerations, you deserve an award from Scholarship Foundation. (150 words max) \_\_\_\_\_

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**End of Online Application**  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

### Resume of Extracurricular Activities and Honors [Form 1c]

Use this form to list your **principal** activities/experience/honors, time involved and grades participated in order of their importance to you. Do not exceed one page. A copy in MS Word format onto which you may type is available at our website

[www.SFIndianRiver.org/Apply\\_how.html](http://www.SFIndianRiver.org/Apply_how.html).

#### Community Service

Activity Description	Hours per week	Wks per year	Gr.9	10	11	12	Leadership Positions Held, Honors Received

#### Extracurricular Activities (Athletic and Non-Athletic)

Activity Description	Hours per week	Wks per year	Gr.9	10	11	12	Leadership Positions Held, Honors Received

#### Work Experience

Specific Work Description	Employer	Hours per week	Wks per year	Gr.9	10	11	12

#### Academic and Character Honors

Subject or Award Title	Award Description	Gr. 9	10	11	12



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

## Academic Resume [Form 1d]

Use this form to identify your academic program and list the courses you took in each of your four years in high school. Indicate test scores for any external tests for AP or IB courses. Do not exceed one page. A copy in MS Word format which you may type into is available at our website.

**Please check the academic program that best identifies the curriculum you are enrolled in (choose one):**

AP Graduate (min 6 AP courses), IB Diploma, Advanced Studies     
  Honors/College Prep     
  Dual Enrollment  
 Mix AP, IB and Honors     
  Other or Explain if none of these fit your program \_\_\_\_\_

List ALL courses you completed and those you are currently taking	Credit Hours	AP/IB Test Score	Mark X to indicate level of course					
			IRSC (Dual Enroll)	AP	IB	Honors	College Prep	Vocational
<b>Course – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>								
<b>Course – 10<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>								
<b>Course – 11<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>								
<b>Course – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade</b>								



## Paying for College Worksheet – DRAFT [Form 1e]

### College Costs, Aid, and Plan for Paying

Complete this form as best you can. We want you to **know how much college costs** and **have a realistic plan for paying** for it. We don't expect a complete plan now, but you should know the cost of the school(s) you want to attend and how your family might pay it. If you have your financial aid letter, it will show your grants and scholarships, and you can start to make a final plan for how to pay what your aid doesn't cover. If you don't have your letter, check the college's website and/or talk to the aid office to get an idea of the financial support they offer someone like you. We require that all applicants have a plan for where they will get the money to paying their costs (own or parent's income, savings, gifts) and/or what loans they may be qualified for and wish to take. Talk to your parents; feel free to bring your parent(s) when you submit your Part Two materials. We will help you understand the aid you are likely to get and talk about your plan with you.

**Full Year Annual Amount**

<p><b>1. Name of college you plan to attend</b> _____ (If you do not have a final school, complete for the school you feel you are "most likely" to attend)</p> <p><b>How much does the college cost?</b> Include tuition, room, board (if planning to live at school) books, transportation, and personal expenses. Colleges report this on their websites as the Cost of Attendance (COA). _____</p>	
<p><b>2. Your Estimated Grants and Scholarships</b></p> <p>a. <b>Federal Pell Grant</b> (estimated amount shown on your SAR or subtract your EFC from \$6,895 to estimate. Your EFC will be on your Student Aid Report (SAR). If there is no EFC shown there, you have a problem with your SAR you need to fix. In the meantime go to <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate">http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate</a> and complete the FAFSA4caster to see your EFC and estimated Pell Grant.) _____</p> <p>b. <b>Florida Bright Futures Grant</b> (for those attending Florida 4-year schools, plan on about \$5,500-\$6,500/year for Academic Scholars (100% tuition/fees) and \$3,500-4,500 (75% tuition/fees).) _____</p> <p>c. <b>Other Federal or State Grants</b> (available on first-come, first-served basis only to Pell Grant eligible students) _____</p> <p>d. <b>Aid from your College</b> _____</p> <p>e. <b>Local Scholarships</b> (awards you applied for or received apart from your college) List names and amounts here and total at right _____</p> <p>f. <b>Total Grants and Scholarships</b> (2 a through 2e) _____</p>	
<p><b>3. What your family will have to pay</b> (1 minus 2f) This has two parts: _____</p> <p>a. <b>Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC from your FAFSA Student Aid Report)</b> _____</p> <p>b. <b>Your Unmet Need for SFIRC awards</b> (1 minus 2f and 3a). This what we may be able to pay a portion of. We cannot provide awards to cover you EFC. _____</p>	
<p><b>4. How Your Family Will Pay</b> (indicate your current plans for funding what your family must pay (no. 3 above); to be discussed at Part Two intake interview)</p> <p>a. <b>From your Income and Savings</b> (money you will earn and put toward college or savings you already have; this is per year, so plan for all years) _____</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work study or student job</b> _____</li> <li>• <b>Savings</b> (student or parent savings, including Pre-paid, 529 Plans, other savings) _____</li> <li>• <b>Parent current income</b> (what can be put aside each year for school) _____</li> <li>• <b>Gift from relatives or other (Explain)</b> _____</li> </ul> <p>b. <b>From Loans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Student Loans</b> (all freshman can take up to \$5,500 in student loans regardless of their credit worthiness) _____</li> <li>• <b>Parent Plus Loans</b> (parents must apply for these through FAFSA website and have good credit) _____</li> <li>• <b>Other private loans</b> (need good credit or co-signer) _____</li> </ul> <p>c. <b>Total resources</b> (4a + 4b) _____</p>	
<p><b>5. What You Need to Close the Gap</b> (3 minus 4) _____</p>	



## Financial Hardship Form [Form 1f] – Optional

SFIRC evaluates your eligibility for financial aid using the information submitted for your 2023-2024 FAFSA application. The income and asset information is generated your Expected Family Contribution, which we use in assessing what your family is expected to contribute to your college education each year. This year’s FAFSA application required you use your 2021 tax returns information to complete the form. FAFSA uses a formula to determine your financial aid eligibility. This formula assumes that 2021 income is a good predictor of the family’s financial strength for the student’s 2023-2024 enrollment. Complete this form if you feel your family’s current financial situation is not reflected by your parents’ 2021 tax return and you plan to appeal to your college(s) to adjust your EFC. Reasons might include loss of job, reduced work hours, extraordinary medical bills, etc. Colleges will sometimes consider your appeal, which should be made as early as possible in order to get a timely response. SFIRC

Why is your family’s current financial situation not reflected accurately by the income reported on your 2021 tax return? Please include reasons and the expected impact on your 2022-2023 adjusted gross income

Have you filed your 2022 tax returns? If so, please submit as soon as completed if you want us to consider your changed circumstances







Have you or do you plan to file an appeal with your intended college. Please summarize the appeal you have or plan to make.

	Loss or change in employment
	Loss or change in amount of child support, social security, or other benefits
	Divorce or separation of parents
	Death of a parent or stepparent
	Unusual medical expenses
	One-time taxable income (IRA, pension distribution, bonus)
	Dependent or elder care expenses
	Other (e.g. natural disaster, uninsured losses, funerals, etc.)

## Richardson Scholar Awards – Supplemental Requirements

Must be submitted by those applying for the Richardson Scholar Award in addition to all other application materials due by

Note: Students completing the Richardson Scholar application requirements will also be considered for our other most highly competitive awards. Richardson applicants not selected will also be automatically considered for all other awards.

-  **3.5 Unweighted GPA\***
-  **1330 SAT (reading/writing + math) or 29 ACT\***
-  **Bright Futures Registration and Academic Scholar Qualification\***
-  **Two Essays – Leadership and Service**
-  **Two Recommendations**
-  **Personal Interview (for finalists)**

\*While the ideal candidate will have an unweighted grade point average of 3.5 or better and SAT score of at least 1350 (math + reading/writing) or ACT score of 29, and have qualified for Bright Futures Academic, Scholarship Foundation considers these and other factors in selecting finalists, including extracurricular activities, community service and/or special projects. If you feel there have been *extraordinary* circumstances which have prevented you from meeting the academic requirements, please consult our office for guidance on whether you may be considered for these awards in spite of not meeting these minimum standards as the Scholarship Committee may make exceptions for very unusual circumstances.

**The motto of the Richardson Scholar program is “To Learn, To Lead, To Serve.”** Applicants for the Richardson Scholar Award and those who wish to be considered for other awards with a merit component must submit the following supplemental materials by February 3, 2023. Be sure your name is on all pages of your submission.

**Academic Excellence.** We will review your academic resume [Form 1d], which all candidates must submit as part of Part II requirements. Be sure to include your scores on any AP or IB tests you have already taken so we can properly evaluate your performance.

**Leadership Excellence.** Choose **ONE** of the quotes below and submit a typed/word-processed essay of 500 words or less discussing how the quote relates to a specific situation or event from your own experience. If needed, explain how you would modify the quote to better fit what you learned from the experience. Be sure to use specific examples in your essay.

“If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.” John Quincy Adams

“The very essence of leadership is that you have to have vision. You can’t blow an uncertain trumpet.” Theodore M. Hesburgh

**Service Excellence.** Please attach a typed/word-processed essay of 200 words or less describing your most meaningful volunteer experience during high school and what you learned from it.

**Two Recommendations.** Please ask **two** references to provide **Recommendations** for you. One must be from a **teacher or school academic advisor** and **one from an individual in the community** (an employer, pastor, volunteer activity administrator, mentor, etc.) who can talk about your participation in community activities. Photocopy the attached request form to provide it to reference. On the form, **check** whether the reference is from a **teacher/school advisor** or an **individual from the community**.

Ask the reference to **give you the recommendation in a sealed envelope to turn in with your** Richardson supplemental materials. Be sure to follow up with your references to make sure they are able to meet our deadline. We will not be able to consider you for a Richardson if your recommendations are not in our office by February 3.



## Richardson Scholar Recommendation Request

\_\_\_\_\_ has applied for the Richardson Scholar Award and may be considered for other highly competitive awards which are administered through Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County. These 4-year scholarships of up to \$7,500 per year will be awarded to students with financial need who excel in academics, leadership and service. As part of the application process, we require two recommendations for each applicant, one from a teacher or school advisor and one from an individual in the community. The student has listed you as one of those who have agreed to write a recommendation as a:

\_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/School Advisor      \_\_\_\_\_ Individual in the Community

**The motto of the Richardson Scholar Program is “To Learn, To Lead, To Serve.”**

- **Please provide us with a one-page letter candidly assessing how well you think the applicant demonstrates this philosophy in his or her life.**
- **Please let us know your relationship to the applicant and how long you have known him or her.**
- **Since we have many qualified applicants for these awards, please help us understand how this candidate compares to other outstanding students you have known.**
- **Please include your name, address, occupation and employer and daytime telephone number.**

Please **put your recommendation in a sealed envelope** and **give to the applicant** to bring in with the rest of the Part Two materials. All **recommendations must be in our office by Friday, February 3, 2023** in order for the applicant to be considered for this award.

**Scholarship Foundation of Indian River County  
Post Office Box 1820  
Vero Beach, FL 32961-1820  
Phone: (772) 569-9869 Fax: (772) 770-6181**

**Our office is located at: 1555 Indian River Blvd., Suite B-111, Vero Beach**

**Thank you for your help!**





## Final School Decision Form [Form 2a]

Please submit this form **AS SOON AS** you have made your **final college decision** and have received your final financial aid award letter. This form **MUST** be received **NO LATER THAN** your scheduled Financial Interview appointment. Submit this form along with the following: 1) your acceptance letter, 2) your financial aid award letter and 3) a printout from the school’s website or a letter stating the school’s 2022-2023 cost of attendance (COA), i.e. the total cost used for computing financial aid by that school’s financial aid office, including tuition, fees, room and board and books) and 4) a list of any and all known financial aid you will be receiving from any source not listed on my Financial Aid Award Letter.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have notified the admissions office of \_\_\_\_\_  
Your name Full name of college choice  
\_\_\_\_\_, located in \_\_\_\_\_  
City and State

that I will be attending their school for the 2023-2024 year, starting in:

Summer of 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ Fall of 2023 \_\_\_\_\_ Spring 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

(Please note: SFIRC does not provide funding for the summer term; all scholarship funding will begin for the fall 2021 term)

The cost of attendance (COA) for this school is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This amount reflects costs for the academic year (circle one) 2023-2024 or 2022-2023. (Please search the website for the 2023-2024 cost, but if it is not yet available provide data for the current year.)

I intend to pursue a degree program in (please list your declared major) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the college of \_\_\_\_\_ (example: business, engineering, nursing, etc.).

- ◆ I have attached/enclosed my **Acceptance Letter**, my **2023-2024 Financial Aid Award Letter** from this school and a letter/printout of the most current **Cost of Attendance**, if it is not outlined on my Financial Aid Award Letter.
- ◆ I have also enclosed a list of any and all financial aid I will be receiving from any source not listed on my Financial Aid Award Letter, as known to me today.
- ◆ I acknowledge that **I am responsible for disclosing all financial aid awards to Scholarship Foundation as soon as they are known to me** and that if I fail to do so, my eligibility for funding may be forfeited.

**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This form must be signed and returned to Scholarship Foundation with the required documents PRIOR TO or DURING your Financial Interview.**

(You will receive your Financial Interview date by email in March or early April.)

Incomplete files will not be considered.

Call us at 772-569-9869 if you have questions or concerns about getting this required information prior to our deadlines for reasons beyond your control.

## Paying for College Worksheet – FINAL [Form 2b]

### College Costs, Aid, and Plan for Paying

This is an updated version of the draft Paying for College worksheet [Form 1e] you completed when you submitted your application. By now, you and your family should have a good idea of your plan for paying for your school. If you are still considering several schools, complete this form for each school. Although you may not know amounts for any local awards, you should have a general plan for funding what your family must pay. At the financial interview, we will talk about your plan. If you plan to take Parent Plus or private loans, you should have started to determine “which loans,” whether you are qualified for them, and how you will repay. Please call our office (569-9869) if you have questions about your plan that you wish to discuss prior to your interview.

**Full Year Annual Amount**

<b>1. Name of intended college</b> _____ <b>Cost of Attendance</b> (for your intended school). Indicate whether this cost is for 2023-2024 _____ or 2022-2023 _____ (only if 2023-2024 is not available).	_____
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<b>2. Your Estimated Grants and Scholarships</b> a. <b>Federal Pell Grant</b> (estimated amount shown on your SAR or subtract your EFC from \$6,895 to estimate. Your EFC will be on your Student Aid Report (SAR). If there is no EFC shown there, you have a problem with your SAR you need to fix. In the meantime go to <a href="http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate">http://studentaid.ed.gov/fafsa/estimate</a> and complete the FAFSA4caster to see your EFC and estimated Pell Grant.) _____ b. <b>Florida Bright Futures Grant</b> (for those attending Florida 4-year schools, plan on about \$5,500-\$6,500/year for Academic Scholars (100% tuition/fees) and \$3,500-4,500 (75% tuition/fees).) _____ c. <b>Other Federal or State Grants</b> (available on first-come, first-served basis only to Pell Grant eligible students) _____ d. <b>Aid from your College</b> _____ e. <b>Local Scholarships</b> (awards you applied for or received apart from your college) List names and amounts here and total at right _____ _____ _____ f. <b>Total Grants and Scholarships</b> (2 a through 2e) _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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<b>3. What your family will have to pay</b> (1 minus 2f) This has two parts: a. <b>Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC from your FAFSA Student Aid Report)</b> _____ b. <b>Your Unmet Need for SFIRC awards</b> (1 minus 2f and 3a). This what we may be able to pay a portion of. We cannot provide awards to cover you EFC. _____	_____ _____
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<b>4. How Your Family Will Pay</b> (indicate your current plans for funding what your family must pay (no. 3 above)/ a. <b>From your Income and Savings</b> (money you will earn and put toward college or savings you already have; this is per year, so plan for all years) _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Work study or student job</b> _____</li> <li>• <b>Savings</b> (student or parent savings, including Pre-paid, 529 Plans, other) _____</li> <li>• <b>Parent current income</b> (what can be put aside each year for school) _____</li> <li>• <b>Gift from relatives or other (Explain)</b> _____</li> </ul> b. <b>From Loans</b> _____ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Student Loans</b> (all freshman can take up to \$5,500 in student loans regardless of their credit worthiness) _____</li> <li>• <b>Parent Plus Loans</b> (parents must apply for these through FAFSA website and have good credit) _____</li> <li>• <b>Other private loans</b> (need good credit or co-signer) _____</li> </ul> c. <b>Total resources (4a + 4b)</b> _____	_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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<b>5. What You Need to Close the Gap</b> (3 minus 4) _____	_____
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**Statement of Other Financial Aid [Form 2c] – Due at your financial interview**



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List below all scholarships you have applied for, indicating those which you have been notified that you will receive. If you do not know yet the amounts or years renewable, indicate your best guess as to what you think they might be. Please send us updates to this list as you receive information about additional awards. Please include awards you've received on your Paying for College Worksheet [Form 2b].

Scholarship Name	Award Amount Per Year	Number of Years	Total Award Amount	Applied For	Received Notice of Award
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**Awarded**


**Applied For**
