



THE STEPHEN PHILLIPS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.
COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019

About the Scholarship

The Stephen Phillips Memorial Scholarship Fund offers renewable, four-year scholarships to students with financial need who display academic achievement, a commitment to serving others (in school, the community or at home), a strong work ethic demonstrated by part-time employment while in school, grit and passion for overcoming obstacles and/or achieving future goals, and leadership qualities.

- ✓ Applicants must be permanent residents of New England but may attend college anywhere in the United States.
- ✓ Applicants must be United States citizens, or noncitizens with a current lawful presence and work authorization in the U.S.
- ✓ Awards are limited to students seeking their first bachelor's degree at a four-year college in the U.S. (applicants may be high school seniors or current college students).
- ✓ Applicants must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to be considered.
- ✓ Applicants must have financial need. It is our intent to award students with Expected Family Contributions (EFC) of \$10,000 or less, although we do consider families with special, extenuating financial situations. Before beginning the application, use the financial calculator on the Phillips website to be sure that you qualify financially. Please keep in mind:
 - 76% of newly awarded students in 2017 had family AGIs of less than \$80,000,
 - 74% of newly awarded students in 2017 had federal EFCs of less than \$5,000.

How to Apply

Visit www.phillips-scholarship.org for more information about applying for the scholarship and to access the scholarship application. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED USING THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM. Please do not send applications by mail, as they will not be considered.

Begin your online application early enough to be thorough in your responses and to give recommenders time to respond to recommendation requests. The majority of applicants report spending between 4 and 10 hours to complete the application.

In order to submit your online application, you will need to upload the following materials:

- one formal essay and a few short responses
- your transcript and resume, as well as other information about your activities and employment
- financial information including your FAFSA Student Aid Report and Financial Aid Award letter from the college or university that you plan to attend
- the names and contact details of at least two recommenders

Regular Deadline – 12 Noon, May 1, 2018. Applicants will be notified of decisions in late June.

Early Response Deadline – 12 Noon April 3, 2018. Available for high school students who have their financial aid information from the college they plan to attend. The first 300 students to submit an application before this deadline will receive a decision before college's common reply date of May 1st.

2016 Tax Forms will be requested from all early applicants and semi-finalists in the regular applicant group.

If you have questions, please email staff@spscholars.org or call 978-744-2111.