



Adult Student Scholarships

Are you thinking about going back to school? Are you seeking to reinvent yourself by obtaining a degree, certificate, or credential? Do you find that most postsecondary financial aid is only available to high school seniors?

If so, you may qualify for an adult student scholarship from the Fremont Area Community Foundation!

Am I an adult student?

For the purposes of scholarship awards, the Community Foundation defines adult students as individuals who have been out of high school for at least two years and/or have a gap in their postsecondary education. Adult students are often (but not always) prospective undergraduate students who are 25 years of age or older. Although age is the easiest way to define adult students, it is not always applicable. Life experiences provide several other identifying criteria, such as full-time employment, parenthood, care of elderly parents, or prior military service.

What scholarships are available from the Community Foundation?

Multiple scholarships, many for up to two years, are offered to adult students residing in Newaygo County. Applicants must be pursuing an undergraduate degree, certificate, or credential. Preference will be given to individuals seeking education that will be used to fill known vacancies or future employment opportunities in Newaygo County, individuals with *some* post-high school education who wish to complete their studies, and individuals with some financial need. Scholarship funds are meant to support tuition, books and required course material costs, excluding the purchase of technology.

Must I be a resident of Newaygo County?

In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship from the Community Foundation, applicants *must* be residents of Newaygo County or a Newaygo County-based school district.

Can I use an adult scholarship to obtain a second bachelor's degree or my master's degree?

Preference will be given to those who do not have a credential or bachelor's degree. Adult scholarships are not eligible for those seeking a master's degree. Adult student scholarships are only available for applicants seeking an undergraduate degree, certificate, or credential.

When is the scholarship application available?

Adult student scholarship applications are accepted year-round, and scholarships awarded while funds remain available. Applications will be approved or denied by the last day of the month following submission.

How do I apply?

Complete the online application at facommunityfoundation.org.

Whom do I contact with questions?

Contact Robin Cowles at 231.924.5350 or rcowles@facommunityfoundation.org.