

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 post-secondary financial aid is only available to high school seniors?

If so, we're here to help! You may qualify for an adult student scholarship from Fremont Area Community Foundation.

Am I an adult student?

For the purposes of scholarship awards, adult students often (but not always) meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Have been out of high school for at least two years
- Are prospective undergraduate students who are 25 years of age or older
- Have a gap in their post-secondary education, possibly due to life experiences like full-time employment, parenthood, care of elderly parents, or military service

Who should apply for adult student scholarships 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. Adult student scholarships are not available for those seeking a master's degree.
- Residents of Newaygo County or a Newaygo County-based school district

Preference is given to applicants who:

- Are seeking education that will be used to fill known vacancies or future employment opportunities in Newaygo County or West Michigan
- Are seeking education that may allow the student to advance in their current employment position
- May have *some* post-high school education and wish to complete their studies
- Have some financial need
- Do not already have a credential or bachelor's degree

How do I apply and what happens next?

Adult student scholarship applications are accepted year-round. Find more information and apply online at facommunityfoundation.org/scholarships.

Applications will be approved or denied by the last day of the month following submission. If you receive a scholarship, funds are meant to support tuition, books, and required course material costs, excluding the purchase of technology.

For more information or to ask questions, please contact Robin Cowles, scholarship and technology manager, at 231.924.5350 or rcowles@facommunityfoundation.org.