



2025 Cotality Family Scholarship Program FAQ

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. Who is eligible to apply for the Scholarship?

- Dependent children of U.S.-based employees, level PT/PL 5 or below, with a seniority date of 1 year or greater are eligible to apply.
- Dependents must be college-aged students, age 26 or under who are enrolled, or plan to enroll in a full-time undergraduate program at an accredited learning institution for the entire academic year.
- Spouses are not eligible.

2. Are home-schooled students eligible?

Yes, they will have a transcript just like any other student. Also, home-schooled students should have taken SAT or ACT tests and can send in those scores as well.

3. Are children of domestic partners eligible?

Yes.

4. Are students eligible if they are enrolled in graduate or doctoral studies?

No, only students enrolled in undergraduate programs are eligible.

5. Can employees who are pursuing higher education apply for the scholarship?

No, only dependent children are eligible to participate in the Family Scholarship Program. Cotality employees can take advantage of the tuition assistance program. For more information about the tuition reimbursement program contact Employee Services.

6. If I have more than one qualified dependent, is there a limit of the number of scholarships that can be awarded to one family?

Yes, there is a limit to two awards per family per program year.

7. My dependent applied for the Cotality Family Scholarship last year; can he/she apply again?

Yes, students may reapply to the program each year they meet eligibility requirements. However, there is a lifetime limit of two awards per student.

8. Are applicants eligible if they're currently enrolled or plan to enroll at a vocational/technical school?

No, students who are enrolled or plan to enroll in a vocational/technical school are not eligible for the scholarship program at this time.

9. Is my dependent child's school a qualified university?

If you're unsure whether the school is accredited, please submit the question to the scholarship program manager to confirm at Cotality@scholarshipamerica.org

SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

10. How do I apply?

To access the application, visit the Cotality URL: <https://learnmore.scholarsapply.org/Cotality>. Select 'Apply Now' at the bottom of the screen, which will redirect you to the Scholarship America Hub. If it is your first time to the Hub, select 'I'm a student' and create your account. If returning, log into your account. New in 2025 Scholarship America has implemented Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA); an MFA code will be emailed to you to verify your email during the login process. Once logged in, update and save your profile information, then click on 'Scholarships' at the top of the page and scroll until you see the Cotality Family Scholarship. Please note that you will not be able to submit your application without uploading a transcript.

You will also need to assign a recommender to the application. This is an adult who is unrelated to the student that can give an honest recommendation. Once they are assigned, an email is sent to them automatically with the link to complete the recommendation.



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11. When are applications due?

All applications must be submitted electronically by 3:00 p.m. CT on May 7, 2025. Recommendations must also be submitted by 3:00 p.m. CT on May 15, 2025.

Reminders will be sent to students with incomplete applications a week before the deadline. Reminders will also be sent to students with an incomplete recommendation 3 days before the recommender deadline.

It is the student's responsibility to remind their recommenders.

12. Can I make changes to my application once submitted?

No. Once the application is submitted, it is final. If you need to make changes, please contact Scholarship America at Cotality@scholarshipamerica.org

13. What is the amount of the scholarship and how many are available?

For the 2025 scholarship year, each award will be \$5,000, distributed in one increment in August. Checks will be delivered to the award recipient and made out to the institution where the student is enrolled. Up to 30 scholarships will be awarded.

14. Can the scholarship be used towards books and other school-related costs? Or is it tuition only?

The award can be used for all education related expenses.

15. What is the definition of full-time study?

Enrollment in a minimum of 12 credits per term for the entire academic year is required. There are no exceptions.

16. How do I include a complete transcript if I won't receive my final grades until after the deadline?

You will just need to submit the transcripts for the completed semesters and not the current semester.

17. Do the transcripts need to be sealed?

College and High School transcripts do not need to be sealed. The transcripts must be attached to the application electronically.

18. What's an example of a high school's explanation of their grading scale?

Below is an example of a grading scale that was included in a school profile document. If your child's high school is not able to provide the grading scale, Scholarship America will do without it.

example **STUDENT RANKING and GPA DISTRIBUTION** **example**

Change in Reporting Student Data Effective for the Class of 2017: Carmel High School's Board of Education voted to remove the decile rank reporting system effective with the Class of 2017. Transcripts will include both weighted and unweighted grade point average for all students. The school profile now provides the highest weighted and unweighted grade point average for the class as well as the median grade point average.

GPA RANGES - CLASS OF 2017

	Weighted	Unweighted
Highest	4.67	4.0000
Median	3.58	3.3000

SELECTION & AWARD PROCESS

19. How will the scholarship recipients be selected?

The program is managed by Scholarship America, and scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of individuals who are independent from Cotality and its employees. Selection will be based upon several factors including; academic performance, leadership, community service, online recommendation and financial need.

20. When will we find out if we have been selected to receive a scholarship?

All applicants will be notified of their award status in July 2025.



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21. When and how will the award checks be distributed?

Checks will be distributed in one increment in August and made payable to the Institution where the student is enrolled. A paper check will be sent to the student's home address and made payable to the school. The student is responsible for presenting the check to the school.

22. Do I pay taxes on the scholarship amount?

No.

23. My student was awarded a scholarship, but has decided to attend a different university than what was listed on the application. What needs to be done?

If there are any changes to the student's college or address once they have submitted the Scholarship Acceptance Form, please reach out to the Cotality Family Scholarship Program, at Scholarship America by emailing Cotality@scholarshipamerica.org.

24. If my employment with Cotality is terminated after being awarded a scholarship, do I have to give it back to the company?

No, if your dependent was chosen to receive the award you do not need to give it back if terminated.

25. Who should I contact if I have any additional questions?

If you have a more specific question, please contact Scholarship America via email at Cotality@scholarshipamerica.org.

26. If you are unable to access your transcript due to a school closure, please follow the directions below:

- Most schools have transitioned to an online system for transcripts, try to access from your school's website
- Most school officials have access to their emails, an email may be sent to the school to request a transcript
- In the event that you are unable to access your transcript, please upload a word document stating "I am unable to access my transcript due to a school closure." Please also email Cotality@scholarshipamerica.org.
- Note: Your transcript does not have to be official to be accepted by Scholarship America. It does however need to include the student's name, the school's name and a full list of completed courses.