

Community Scholarship Guidelines

Program Overview

The Sasol Scholars Program provides scholarship support to graduating high school seniors and current college students pursuing an associate or bachelor's degree. The program includes two award categories: community scholarships and higher education endowments with select educational institutions. Award categories directly benefit students within the groups listed below, dependent on each award.

- Targeted high school seniors in Sasol's fenceline community (municipalities or districts surrounding Sasol's Lake Charles Chemical Complex)
- Students at partnering universities and technical colleges in Louisiana

As part of the Sasol Scholars Program, Sasol also invests in and partners with an expanding portfolio of universities and technical colleges to give endowed scholarship opportunities to post-secondary students. These opportunities are tailored to each institution's needs, offerings and areas of expertise.

Community Scholarship

Sasol has historically supported fenceline communities with a focus on process technology and technical training. As Sasol's recruitment needs shift, we continue to expand our educational outreach to support high school seniors in their pursuit of higher education in more fields of study. The goal of the Sasol Community Scholarship is to support local students in obtaining a degree that aligns with Sasol's long term recruitment goals.

To ensure students in our fenceline communities' benefit from the program and to promote continuity in Sasol's education to workforce pipeline, Sasol identified partner high schools and school districts near our operating site in Westlake, LA. These entities were evaluated and selected based on our partner eligibility criteria. To apply for a Community Scholarship, students must be a high school senior enrolled in an eligible partner high school or school district (listed below) and must meet the additional student eligibility criteria.

In 2026, seven (7) \$10,000 awards (for four-year university/college programs) will be distributed across Sasol's fenceline communities as follows:*

- **Lake Charles Chemicals Complex:**

- Seven (7) awards for high school seniors attending any school within the Calcasieu Parish School Board

In 2026, six (6) \$5,000 awards (for two-year technical college programs) are distributed across Sasol's fenceline communities as follows:*

- **Lake Charles Chemicals Complex:**

- Six (6) awards for high school seniors attending any school within the Calcasieu Parish School Board

Awardees receive \$2,500 annually for up to four years or until an associate or bachelor's degree is earned, whichever occurs first, on the basis of satisfactory academic performance (maintaining at least a 2.75 grade point average) and full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 credit hours per semester).

**Awards are allocated first by partner school/district within each fenceline community and by program type (two- or four-year program). In an instance where there are limited qualified candidates, Scholarship America will reallocate funds based on a two-phase approach:*

- *Phase 1: If there are no qualified applicants for two-year or four-year programs at certain partner schools/districts as specified above, then Scholarship America will reallocate award amounts within the community first to meet demand (i.e., funding for four-year programs can be used for two-year programs and vice versa).*
- *Phase 2: If no qualified candidates are identified within the fenceline community, remaining funds will be reallocated and awarded to the next most qualified applicant across all partner schools/districts at the discretion of Scholarship America.*

Student Eligibility Criteria

Applicants interested in the Community Scholarship must:

- Be a high school senior attending any school within the Calcasieu Parish School board OR be a child of a Sasol employee with a minimum 2.75 GPA.
- Plan to enroll in full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Plan to pursue the following fields of study:

- Associate degree: Chemical Laboratory Technology, Industrial Instrumentation Technology, Industrial Electrical Technology, Machine Tool Technology, Process Technology and related fields.
- Bachelor's degree: Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Business, Liberal Arts and related fields.

Scholarship Renewal Criteria

Recipients of the Community Scholarship must submit a renewal form each spring semester to maintain eligibility. To renew the award, the student must:

- Be enrolled in full-time (minimum 12 credit hours) undergraduate study at an accredited two- or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year.
- Maintain a cumulative 2.75 GPA.
- Complete a renewal form with Scholarship America.

Eligible Communities and Schools

Sasol's Community Scholarship is reserved for qualifying students attending schools within specified school districts in eligible fenceline communities (municipalities/districts surrounding operating Sasol facilities). Partner schools and districts were evaluated and selected based on a few key factors, including:

- Location of the school/district within or near Sasol's fenceline community. This applies to targeted high schools and school districts within adjacent communities to Sasol's Chemicals U.S. Lake Charles Chemical Complex.
- The high school's participation in or affiliation with Sasol's Partners in Education program. Sasol's Partner in Education program targets select schools based near Sasol's operating facilities through long-standing agreements between Sasol Chemicals America and the educational institutions listed below. The program allows Sasol to directly contribute to the welfare of each school through STEM-curriculum support, educator development and mentoring opportunities.

Current Partner in Education schools:

- Combre-Fondel Elementary
 - Western Heights Elementary
 - Westwood Elementary
- The associated Sasol facility's size and number of employees.

Selection Process

Sasol partners with Scholarship America to host and manage applications for the Community Scholarship on Scholarship America's online platform. Customer support is available to students throughout the application period at sasol-scholars@scholarshipamerica.org.

Scholarship America evaluates applications for the Community Scholarship based on the following criteria:

1. Academic performance
2. Demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities
3. Work experience
4. Statement (up to 200 words) of career and educational goals and objectives
5. Statement (up to 200 words) of extenuating personal or family circumstances (optional)

Scholarship America selects the recipients, notifies recipients and coordinates with each student's selected university, college or technical program for fund disbursement. Scholarship awards are for undergraduate study only and can be used for any education-related expenses.

Timeline

Application Period

The application period for the Community Scholarship opens in the fall semester. New scholarship applicants and candidates for scholarship renewal must submit all required responses and materials by the deadline, which Sasol announces each fall semester.

Selection Period

Scholarship America notifies recipients by April and disburses funds to the student's selected school in early August.

Scholarship Program Management

Sasol administers the scholarship components of the program through a third-party vendor, Scholarship America, to leverage the organization's resources and expertise in scholarship creation, program delivery and analytics reporting for continuous improvement.

Scholarship America hosts the applications on its web-based platform to ensure a user-friendly process for students. Scholarship America also provides unbiased third-party evaluation and selection of applicants to ensure equitable delivery of scholarship awards.

Scholarship America oversees the program's selection process. In fulfillment of the organization's role as an unbiased, third-party evaluator, Scholarship America developed the selection criteria and is responsible for choosing program recipients based on these standards. To ensure compliance with Sasol's code of ethics, Sasol's ethics supervisor, corporate affairs, and the legal team will conduct a final review of all awardees. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. All applicants agree to accept the decision as final.

Scholarship Program Diversity and Inclusion

Scholarships awarded through the Sasol Scholars Program are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, gender, disability or national origin.