2025-2026 Scholarship Instructions

The Shiawassee Community Foundation's scholarship application cycle opens November 1, 2025, and ends January 31, 2026. Scholarships are awarded annually and can be applied for online. If you are a high school or homeschooled senior, current college student, fifth year early college student, or non-traditional student planning on attending a 2-year, 4-year, or trades school, the Shiawassee Community Foundation may have a scholarship for you! Students who attend or graduate from any high school in Shiawassee County, including Chesaning and Ovid-Elsie can apply!

To Begin:

- Go to **www.shiacf.org**
- Click on "Scholarships" at the top of the page. The link to AwardSpring is on that page.
- Click "Register," create a login and password (If you have one from a previous year, please use the same one.), and write it down here:
  Login: _____ (Must be a valid e-mail address, we recommend using your personal email, not your school email.)
  Password: _____
- Complete all sections of the application: General Information, Academic Information, Financial Information, Qualification Questions, Supporting Information, and any Follow-Up Questions that may appear after you submit.

Supporting Information:

Within this section you will be asked to provide:

- **Two letters of recommendation** – dated within the last year.
  - ➢ **If you have the letter in hand, you can simply attach the letter and upload it.**
  - ➢ If you need to request a letter you can do this within the application by typing the person's e-mail address and clicking "send request."

    Please check to make sure your letters of recommendation are attached prior to submitting your application. The system will list your application as "complete" if you have sent requests, but the letters may still be pending.

- **High School/College Transcript** – All applicants are required to submit a high school transcript. If you have college experience you will also need to submit your most recent college transcript. **Transcripts must come directly from the school or institution.**
  - ➢ Many college transcripts will need an email address to send the electronic document. Please email them to amanda@shiacf.org. If they are sent via email, you will not need to upload them to the application online.
  - ➢ **All documents must be received by January 31, 2026, to be considered for scholarships.**

Application Tips:

- This one application allows you to be considered for multiple scholarships. Apply!
- You do not have to complete the application all at once. Your responses automatically save, so you can pick up where you left off any time before the deadline.
- Capitalization, punctuation, and grammar matter! Please follow the formatting instructions for the essay.
- Check your e-mail. We will contact you via e-mail if there are any changes that need to be made to your application.
- Questions? Contact Amanda Bruner at 989-725-1093 or **amanda@shiacf.org**