



\$5,000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COMMUNITY COLLEGE WOMEN TRANSFERRING TO ANY FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE

Who is eligible to apply for the \$5,000 scholarship?

The \$5,000 grants are offered to all women fitting the following criteria:

- Female students enrolled in the second year of community college in New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut.
- Age 22 and older.
- Transferring to any accredited four-year college in the United States.
- Any candidate currently holding a U.S. or foreign bachelor's degree is not eligible.
- Proof must be provided of United States citizenship or permanent United States Green Card.
- Maintaining a 3.5 grade point average.

There are no restrictions or limitations based upon race, ethnicity, or the employment status of the prospective recipient. Grant is based upon merit, courses, and goals.

Several scholarships are offered annually, plus, scholarships established to honor the memory of Finch College graduates:

- The Felice Forer Axelrod Scholarship**
- The Joan Kaye Bick Scholarship (4 Awards)**
- The Rebecca and Yehuda Even-Zohar Scholarship (2 Awards)**
- The Jamee Jacobs Field Scholarship**
- The Tennie Bernstein Leonard Scholarship**
- The Freya Moskowitz Stern Scholarship (2 Awards)**
- The Rita Thompson Scholarship**
- The Frances Fish Tompkins Scholarship (2 Awards)**

The \$5,000 award and criteria are the same for all.

The scholarship may be used for tuition, fees, books, housing and/or equipment required for course instruction.

This award may not be used for graduate study.

The grant is awarded in two segments:

Year 1 Scholarship: \$2,5000 is awarded upon graduating from a community college and transferring to a four-year college.

Year 2 Scholarship: \$2,500 is again awarded upon successfully entering the final semester of the four-year college.

The student must initiate and submit this form.

Student must complete and submit on line:
FinchCollege.org

YEAR 1 FORM – When transferring to a four-year college, fill out **YEAR 1 FORM**.
Entry may be Spring or Fall.
Deadline: **MAY 1** of the year of transfer.

COMPLETION OF YEAR 1 FORM REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING:

1. A personal narrative in less than 1,000 words stating why you merit one of the Finch College Alumni Scholarships. This is the most important aspect of the application. Emphasize qualifications, academic achievements, turning points in your life, leadership and how courses taken will support your life goals. Include your name and email address on the heading of each page.
2. A current resume of study and work experience. Include your name and email address on the heading.
3. A copy of your college transcript(s). Also include from any other colleges you have attended.
4. **Two signed PDF letters** of recommendation from faculty members, on community college letterhead, attesting to the applicant's academic and work experience.

5. Proof of age over 22: a copy of driver's license, birth certificate or official document.
6. Proof of United States Citizenship or Permanent United States Green Card.

* All items listed above must be received by our office prior to any application of a candidate being delivered to the judges committee.

YEAR 2 FORM - When enrolled for the final 18 credits of the four-year college, complete and submit **YEAR 2 FORM**.

Deadline: When entering the final semester of the four-year college.

A student may extend the final graduate date of the four-year college a maximum of four years from the date of receiving the original scholarship. The student must initiate this application.

COMPLETION OF YEAR 2 FORM REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING:

1. The student's Faculty Advisor must submit a signed PDF letter on the four-year college letterhead attesting to the student's successful academic experience and expected date of graduation.
2. A current transcript.
3. A 100 word narrative of your experience at the four-year college and how the scholarship has enriched your studies and your life. Include your name on the header.
4. Student is to advise the organization upon her graduation.

HOW WILL DECISIONS BE MADE?

The Finch College Alumni Foundation's Scholarship Committee will evaluate all applications on the basis of goals, qualifications and the extent to which the Scholarship will be used effectively. Members of the Committee are college educators who serve voluntarily. They are not Trustees of the Foundation nor Finch College alumni. The successful recipient will be notified via email and will be required to submit an email letter of acceptance of the scholarship within one week of date of notification.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF RECIPIENT:

Upon notification via email of being awarded the scholarship, each recipient shall be required to provide:

1. A written email acceptance of the scholarship, dated one week of the notification of receiving the scholarship. Without this letter, the scholarship will be forfeited.
2. A copy of the letter of acceptance from the four-year college.
3. Her social security number.
4. Official transcript issued by the community college upon her graduation and mailed via US Mail to address below.
5. A personal photo to be used to publicize the scholarship recipients.
6. An annual follow-up showing that the scholarship is being used for the purpose approved by the Board of Trustees and that the student is in good standing.

*All of the above must be received and will be verified by our office before grants are awarded.

The applicant confirms that all information provided in her application and accompanying materials are legally documented and unchanged. Please notify the organization of any change of email or mailing address or name.

Decisions are made early summer and Awardees will be notified.

ALL MATERIAL SUBMITTED BECOMES THE POSSESSION OF:

THE FINCH COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION TRUST

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