KARL FOWLER SCHOLARSHIP
Universal Unilink
2027-2028
Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Who is eligible for the scholarship?

A: Applicants must:

- Be a Universal Unilink Purchasing Association member or member employee, or their children or grandchildren
- Be a high school senior or older adult with GED or HS diploma.
- Plan to enroll in part-time or full-time undergraduate study at a non-profit accredited two- or four-year, public or private college, university, or vocational-technical school for the entire upcoming academic year. Vocational training programs resulting in certification offered by non-profit institutions are also eligible
- Not a previous recipient

Additional Desired Qualifications

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Q: What is the application process?

A: Applications must be submitted online through the Center for Scholarship Administration (CSA) website: https://www.scholarshipprograms.org. There are three steps to complete the application:

1. Click the "create application" button to take you to the FAQ about the scholarship. Then click “create application” at the bottom of the page to answer the prequalifying questions. When you submit these, it will automatically take you to the profile page.
2. Create or update your profile. Save and continue to the online application.
3. Complete the online application. A confirmation email will be sent when the online portion of your application is complete. Applicant should contact CSA if a confirmation email is not received.
4. Mail in, or email, the packet of additional required materials. See "What constitutes a complete application" below.

If you need assistance, please email: Elisabeth@csascholars.org

Q: What constitutes a complete application packet?

A: A complete application package includes the following:

1. Proof of high school graduation or GED.
2. **Official transcript** with grades and cumulative GPA posted through the latest Fall semester.
3. Completion of **essay** question: "Of everything in the world, what would you most like to be doing right now? Be honest and tell us why!".
   Format: Double spaced, size 12 font, and no script or decorative font (Arial, Times New Roman are preferred). Essays should be titled, include your name at the top, or at the bottom with your signature. 400-500 words.
4. **Letter of reference** from sponsoring Universal Unilink Member
5. **Up to three letters of recommendation**, preferably one from a teacher or professor, one from a supervisor at a job and/or volunteer position, one from a community/church leader (at least one is required).

- Financial need will not be considered

Note: Each item should include both the applicant’s name and name of the scholarship at the top of the page.

Q: When is the deadline for submission of materials?

A: The online application must be completed and transmitted to CSA no later than **February 17, 2027**. Any required supplemental materials that need to be turned in must be sent to CSA no later than **February 17, 2027** and should be mailed or emailed in **one** package.

Q: What is the amount of the scholarship award?
A: The amount of scholarship awards may vary but no less than $1,000.

Q: How can scholarship awards be applied?
A: Funds may only be used to pay tuition, fees, books and supplies as required by your courses.

Q: What school may I attend?
A: You must be a part -time or full time student enrolled at an accredited, public or private, two-year or four-year, college or university or vocational-technical school located in the United States, in any field of study leading to a degree, diploma or certificate. Vocational training programs resulting in certification offered by non-profit institutions are also eligible.

The institution must be an educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has a regularly enrolled body of pupils or students in attendance at the place where its educational activities are regularly conducted. To the extent the institution is involved in the selection of the recipients (if at all), that involvement must comply with the Scholarship Program's policy of awarding scholarships on an objective and non-discriminatory basis as well as the Scholarship Program's Conflict of Interest Policy.

Q: How will I be notified if I am chosen as a recipient?
A: All applicants will be notified in writing, whether or not they have been selected to receive a scholarship. Those students selected will receive a package that includes a scholarship agreement and information about the scholarship terms.

Q: Is this scholarship renewable?
A: This scholarship is for one year only.