

# **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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# DEFINITIONS

**? 1. What is the difference between your grant and your scholarship?**

Both our grant and scholarship provide financial assistance directly to the student to help cover his or her cost-of-living expenses, but they have different eligibility criteria and different award amounts. The Higher Foundation Grant is need-based financial assistance, and it is \$500. The Higher Foundation Scholarship is merit-based financial assistance, and it is \$1,000.

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**? 2. What is the difference between need-based aid and merit-based aid?**

Need-based aid is a type of financial assistance awarded based on financial need. Merit-based aid is a type of financial assistance awarded based on student achievements, such as academic performance, extracurricular involvement, leadership skills, or special talents.

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**? 3. What is a Higher Student?**

A Higher Student is a Georgia college student who has received The Higher Foundation Grant.

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**? 4. What is a Higher Scholar?**

A Higher Scholar is a Georgia college student who has received The Higher Foundation Scholarship.

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ?** 5. I live in Georgia, but I attend an out-of-state college online. May I apply for the grant or scholarship?

No. We serve college students who are currently enrolled in a Georgia post-secondary institution.

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- ?** 6. I'm a high school student in a Dual-Enrollment Program. May I apply for the grant or scholarship?

No. You may apply for our grant or scholarship once you have graduated from high school and are enrolled in a Georgia post-secondary institution as a traditional student.

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- ?** 7. I'm pursuing an associate's degree at a Georgia post-secondary institution. May I apply for the grant or scholarship?

Yes.

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- ?** 8. I'm pursuing a diploma or certificate at a Georgia post-secondary institution. May I apply for the grant or scholarship?

Yes.

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- ?** 9. I'm pursuing a master's or doctorate degree. May I apply for the grant or scholarship?

Yes.

# ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- ?** 10. I just started my first semester of undergraduate school. May I apply for the grant or scholarship?

You may apply for our grant during your first semester of undergraduate school by providing us with either your unofficial college transcript or your college acceptance letter. You may not apply for our scholarship during your first semester because you have not earned at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average yet. One of our scholarship application requirements is a 2.5 GPA which must be reflected on your official college transcript. Visit our website at [www.higherfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.higherfoundation.org/scholarships) to see our application requirements.

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- ?** 11. I just started my first semester of graduate school. May I apply for the grant or scholarship using my undergraduate transcript?

No. You must apply for our grant and scholarship with documents proving you are currently enrolled in the Georgia post-secondary institution for your master's program. You may apply for our grant during your first semester of graduate school by providing us with either your unofficial college transcript or college acceptance letter. You may not apply for our scholarship during your first semester of graduate school because you have not earned at least a 2.5 cumulative grade point average yet. One of our scholarship application requirements is a 2.5 GPA which must be reflected on your official college transcript. Visit our website at [www.higherfoundation.org/scholarships](http://www.higherfoundation.org/scholarships) to see our application requirements.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

? 12. Are there GPA or Income requirements for the grant?

No. Visit our website at [www.higherfoundation.org/grants](http://www.higherfoundation.org/grants) to see our application requirements.

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? 13. My grant application was denied because my video did not meet The Give Higher Campaign video requirements. What are the requirements?

The Give Higher Campaign Video instructions are on our website. Please visit [www.higherfoundation.org/grants](http://www.higherfoundation.org/grants) to review them.

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? 14. How do I get my Official Transcript for my application?

Please contact your institution's registrar office to request your official transcript.

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? 15. How do I get my Enrollment Verification for my application?

Please contact your institution's registrar office to request your enrollment verification.

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? 16. My grant or scholarship application was denied. May I reapply?

Yes, you may reapply for both the grant and scholarship, but we suggest that you contact us for feedback on your application before you reapply. You may request feedback by emailing us at [students@higherfoundation.org](mailto:students@higherfoundation.org).

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? 17. May I apply for both the grant and scholarship?

Yes.

# APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**?** 18. When will I get an update on my grant or scholarship application?

We provide updates to grant applicants by the 15th of the month, and we provide updates to scholarship applicants by the 30th of the month.

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**?** 19. I am reapplying for a grant or scholarship. May I use the same video from my old application?

If your grant or scholarship application was approved, you may not use the same video because we do not accept duplicate video submissions. Otherwise, if your grant or scholarship application was denied, yes, you may use the same video. We advise that you check if your application was denied due to your video to avoid another denied application. You may request feedback on your video before resubmitting it by emailing us at [students@higherfoundation.org](mailto:students@higherfoundation.org).

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**?** 20. I accidentally submitted the wrong information in my application. May I email the correction?

No. We do not accept application submissions or corrections via email. You must resubmit your grant or scholarship application by using our online form.

# SELECTION PROCESS

**?** 21. How do you all select your grant recipients?

We randomly select students from our grant application pool.

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**?** 22. What is the grant application pool?

It is our internal database of accepted grant applications. All grant applications that meet our application requirements are accepted and added into our grant application pool.

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**?** 23. How long does my application stay in the grant application pool?

Your application will remain in our grant application pool up to one calendar year unless you are selected as a grant recipient. If you are selected as a grant recipient, you will be removed from our grant application pool.

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**?** 24. What happens if my application is randomly selected from the grant application pool?

If you are randomly selected as a grant recipient, we will contact you to request your proof of enrollment and PayPal information to process your grant award.

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**?** 25. How do you all select your scholarship recipients?

We select our scholarship recipients based on merit including academic success, leadership skills, community service, and professional development. We score each application accordingly and students who score at or above our top score are labeled as top applicants. Top applicants are asked to submit a video for The Give Higher Campaign, and we score each video accordingly. Students with the highest video scores are selected as our scholarship recipients.



# AWARD PROCESS

? 26. How much is the grant award?

The Higher Foundation Grant award is a one-time payment of \$500.

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? 27. How much is the scholarship award?

The Higher Foundation Scholarship award is a one-time payment of \$1,000.

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? 28. How do you all process the grant and scholarship awards?

All grants and scholarships are processed directly to the student via PayPal.

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? 29. Are the awards submitted to the student or to the college?

The awards are submitted directly to the students.

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? 30. Can you send my grant or scholarship award using any other method besides PayPal?

No. You will need to create a PayPal account by the requested deadline to receive the payment, or your application will be denied.

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? 31. How many times may I get a grant?

Students may receive a grant up to one time per academic year.

# AWARD PROCESS

**?** 32. How many times may I get a scholarship?

Students may receive a scholarship only one time for their entire academic journey.

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**?** 33. May I get both a grant and a scholarship?

Yes, but not during the same academic year. Students may receive financial assistance from us only once per academic year, whether that is through The Higher Foundation Grant or The Higher Foundation Scholarship.



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