

2026 NCRLA Foundation Scholarship Awards FAQ

Is there a minimum GPA to be considered for a scholarship award?

Yes, to be considered for any NCRLA Foundation scholarship your GPA must be a minimum 3.0 on a weighted scale for high school seniors and unweighted scale for college undergraduate students at the time of application.

Can I use the scholarship awards for graduate work?

Currently, all the NCRLA Foundation scholarships, with the exception of the LM Restaurants Family Foundation Scholarship, are available to undergraduates enrolling for the upcoming academic year at two-year and/or four-year colleges and universities.

Are the awards available to students who have parents living in North Carolina but attend school in another state?

NCRLA Foundation scholarships, with the exception of the LM Restaurants Family Foundation Scholarships, may only be used at post-secondary schools in North Carolina.

What if I am given a scholarship award but decide to wait a year before enrolling in the college program. Can I hold the award until I'm ready?

All awards are for use in the upcoming academic year. If you decide not to enroll and attend post-secondary school, the award will be forfeited, and you will need to complete the application process again when you are ready.

I received an award last year. Does it automatically renew?

NCRLA Foundation awards do not automatically renew. All applicants must go through the application process each year.

What if I change schools before August and decide to attend another NC college?

Awards can be transferred to a different school prior to the beginning of the term. Please let our office know prior to receiving the second semester portion of the award.

What is the application deadline for scholarships?

The scholarship deadline is **March 6, 2026**, and transcripts must be received, and time stamped by **11:59pm**.

How will I know if I have been selected as an award recipient?

All award recipients will be notified by May via email provided and winners will be posted on the NCRLA website.

What are the criteria for an LM Restaurants Family Foundation Scholarship?

LM Restaurants Family Foundation Scholarships are open to employees of LM Restaurants in North Carolina, Florida, and Tennessee. Employees must have a minimum of either 6 months of continuous employment or a cumulative 6 months of seasonal employment. LM Restaurants Family Foundation Scholarships can be used for undergraduate or graduate work at any accredited college or university in the United States.