



Scott Weiss Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

What is the T. Howard Foundation Scott Weiss Scholarship?

The Scott Weiss Scholarship provides T. Howard Foundation alumni currently enrolled in school with financial assistance for their academic and career pursuits. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit as defined by the Foundation.

Where can I find the online application?

The application can be found [here](#).

How much is a scholarship and what can the scholarship award be used for?

All awards are \$2,500 and may be used for tuition, fees, textbooks, and supplies and with expenses related to career development, including conferences sponsored by professional organizations and/or professional development workshops or memberships that help prepare recipients for a career in the media and entertainment industry.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must:

- be an alumnus of the T. Howard Foundation summer internship program,
- have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0,
- be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or a graduate student, and
- not have served as an evaluator on the scholarship committee within the past three years.

If I receive one Scott Weiss Scholarship award, am I eligible to receive another scholarship award?

Yes, but you can receive no more than two Scott Weiss Scholarship awards in total. You must maintain eligibility and complete the application process again in order to be considered for a second scholarship.

Is there a cost to apply for a scholarship?

There is no fee to apply for a Scott Weiss Scholarship.

What are the important dates to keep in mind?

- September 12: Application opens.
- October 10: Application closes at 11:59 pm EST.

What must I submit as part of the application?

- 1) A 500-word essay in response to an application prompt. The essay not only demonstrates your writing ability but also your personality and other qualities.
- 2) One-page resume.
- 3) Contact information for two recommenders: one academic, one professional.
- 4) Your unofficial transcript from your current academic institution is required. Graduate students are required to provide both an official undergraduate transcript and, if available, a graduate transcript.

What is the process for the academic/professional recommendations?

- 1) In the application, you will provide contact information for your recommenders.
- 2) A link to the recommendation form will be sent directly to your recommender via email. They will be prompted to log in or create a SurveyMonkey account in order to complete the form.
- 3) Your recommender must complete your recommendation form within 5 business days.

Are the scholarship awards taxable?

Please check the [IRS website](#) to verify the taxable status of your award.

How does the Foundation make the decision regarding who receives a scholarship?

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit (transcript), quality content and clear articulation in the essay and resume, and a demonstrated pursuit of a career in the media and entertainment industry. The Scott Weiss Scholarship has an external committee that reviews applications and makes recommendations for scholarship recipients.

When will I be notified of the decision?

You will be notified the last week of November whether or not you have been awarded a scholarship.

Will the T. Howard Foundation release any of the personal information that I submit?

All information received is confidential and will only be reviewed by the appropriate scholarship review committee members who agree to maintain confidentiality.

Who should I contact with questions or for additional information?

Please contact Maire Hunter, Administrative Coordinator (mhunter@t-howard.org or 301-588-6767 Ext. 222).

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