

### **MBACC Scholarship - *presented by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation***

**Background:** The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce has served the Grand Strand and its business community with excellence for more than 85 years. The Chamber's mission is to promote, protect and improve the Myrtle Beach area and its business community. The Chamber, and its members, recognize the value of higher education as an essential component to individual and community success.

**Purpose:** To provide scholarships to deserving Myrtle Beach area graduating seniors planning to enroll in higher education within eight (8) months upon graduation from high school.

**Award:** A one-time scholarship per awardee, in an amount to be determined by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation Board of Directors, will be paid directly to the recipient(s) for the intended purpose of offsetting first-year expenses related to higher education.

**Applicants:** All eligible students are encouraged to apply. MBACC Scholarship application is available on school and chamber websites.

Applicants must meet each of the following requirements:

- Applicant must be a legal resident of the United States.
- Applicant must be a student in good standing at selected high schools.
- Applicant must be a graduating high school senior during the school year of the award.
- Applicant must be planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning upon graduation from high school. Students planning to attend universities, colleges, seminaries, technical colleges and community colleges are all encouraged to apply.
- Applicants must be planning to enroll in a post-secondary program of study that will result in a Bachelor's or Associate degree, skilled trade certification or equivalent.

*Employees of the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, their immediate families and households, as well as those of the selection committee members and the Foundation's Board of Directors, are not eligible for scholarships offered by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation.*



## **2025 MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship Application**

**Selection Criteria:** One recipient from each high school listed below who best demonstrates consistently superior achievement inside and outside the classroom will be selected. Recipients will demonstrate academic aptitude and potential for success beyond high school. Recipients will exhibit accomplishment inside and outside the classroom, as well as qualities that are essential to professional success, including honesty, integrity, professionalism, good citizenship, civic mindedness, charity and a strong work ethic.

Academy for Arts, Science, and Technology  
Academy for Technology & Academics  
Aynor High School  
Carolina Forest High School  
Conway High School  
Early College High School  
Green Sea Floyds High School

HCS Scholars Academy  
Loris High School  
Myrtle Beach High School  
North Myrtle Beach High School  
Socastee High School  
St. James High School  
Waccamaw High School

**Process:** All eligible students are encouraged to apply. Applications will be submitted to the guidance counselor. The school principal or designee will review all applications and forward qualified applications, with recommendations, to the committee appointed by the MBACC Educational Foundation. The committee will select one or more recipients. The decision of the committee is final. The committee may select an alternate recipient who will receive a scholarship in lieu of the awardee if he/she fails to meet all requirements.

**Deadline:** Students must submit applications to their school Guidance Counselors or Administration to verify that all criteria have been met as stated on page 1 of this application. All applications meeting the requirements must be received by the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce no later than Friday, January 17, 2025, for consideration. Applications submitted after this date will not be accepted.

Mail applications to:

MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship  
ATTN: Rebecca Edgar  
PO Box 2115  
Myrtle Beach SC 29578  
Or email pdf to [Rebecca.Edgar@visitmyrtlebeach.com](mailto:Rebecca.Edgar@visitmyrtlebeach.com)



## 2025 MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship Application

**Application must be completed by student ... please print in black ink.**

Name First: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_ High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation may use the name, photographs, slides, videos, illustrations, documents or other information of the student-applicant below for publicity related to the selection and award of a scholarship. The Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce Educational Foundation reserves all rights to publicize the awards made to the general public, including media, educational institutions and related parties.

Applicants seeking consideration for a scholarship agree to the following:

- I give my permission to the Myrtle Beach Area Chamber Educational Foundation and/or its agents and news media to use the name, photographs, slides, videos, illustrations, documents or other information submitted as a part of the application. I authorize their use without inspecting or approving the finished product or its specific use.
- I acknowledge and understand the MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship is a one-time award and is not transferable.
- I acknowledge and understand the MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship cannot be deferred beyond the year in which it is awarded.
- I have received the award application and related details, including the application requirements and selection criteria.
- I am eligible for the MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship.
- If I receive a MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship, I agree to use the proceeds to offset expenses directly related to my post-secondary education.
- If I receive a MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship, I agree to complete a W-9 by the determined deadline.



## 2025 MBACC Educational Foundation Scholarship Application

Student Name: (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Education

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Attached: ***State of South Carolina Standard High School Transcript***

Highest Cumulative ACT or SAT Score (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you plan to attend Post-Secondary Education: \_\_\_\_\_

What Field of Study do you plan to pursue: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for College Admission? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, have you been accepted? \_\_\_\_\_

During high school, which subject(s) have had the greatest impact upon you and why?

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During high school, which teacher(s) have had the greatest impact upon you and why?

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## **Student Information**

Please list extracurricular activities (student government, ROTC, sports, publications, school-sponsored community service programs, student-faculty committees, arts, music, etc.) while attending high school, denoting the year/grade of activity. List in descending order of significance:

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Please list non-school, non-work public service and community activities (homeless services, environmental protection/conservation, advocacy activities, work with religious organizations, etc.) during your high school years. Do not report items listed previously. List in descending order of significance:

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Please list Honors/Awards, scholarships, publications, or special recognition you have received during your high school years (can be unrelated to high school):

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Please list your paid work experience, including part-time or summer jobs (include employer and dates of work):

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What do you want the committee to know about you that might explain why you should be awarded this scholarship? (e.g., financial need, first student in the family to attend college, etc.)

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Students are encouraged (but not required) to submit a 1-page, typed, single-spaced paper covering one of the following topics. This exercise will provide an opportunity for each applicant to demonstrate critical thinking skills and personal commitment to their future endeavors. If you choose to submit a paper, you may pick from one of these topics:

- What career do you intend to pursue and why?
- Beyond the textbooks and class materials, what lesson(s) have you learned in high school that will help you be successful in the future?
- What would you like to see happen in/to your community to improve its future?
- What is the most pressing issue facing your community or your generation, and what needs to be done to resolve this issue?

Include your paper with your completed application. While this exercise is not a requirement, it is advantageous for applicants to submit a paper, as this will help familiarize the selection committee with the student's individual perspective.