

# **APPLY TODAY!** 2023-24 PCC Foundation Scholarships

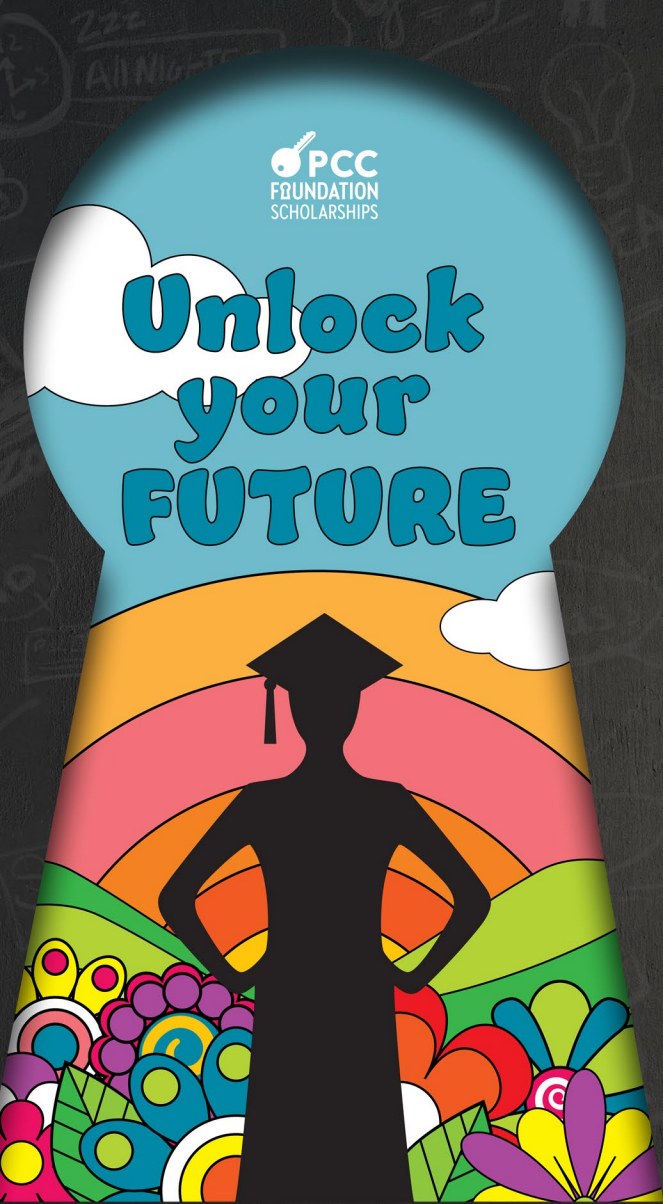
Applications open  
**November 1**

Apply at  
**[pcc.edu/foundation-scholarships](https://pcc.edu/foundation-scholarships)**

Most deadlines are  
**February 1\***

\*Please check individual scholarships for specific deadline





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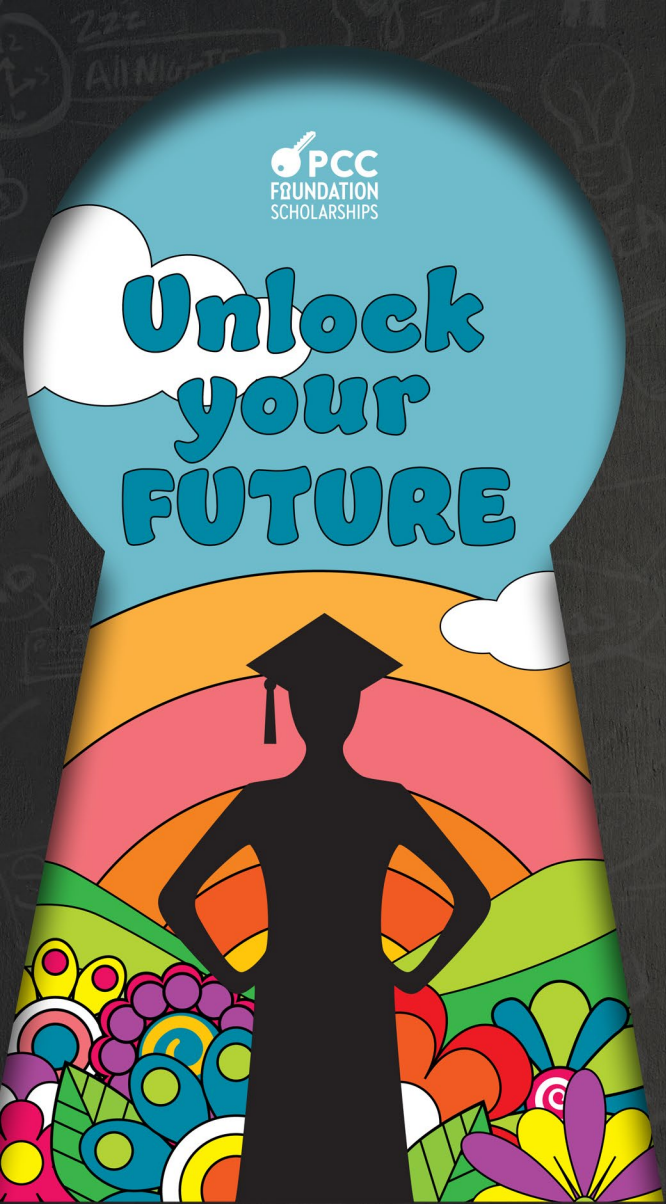
[scholarships@pcc.edu](mailto:scholarships@pcc.edu)

<https://www.pcc.edu/foundation/what-we-do/workshops/>

<http://www.pcc.edu/scholarship-guide>

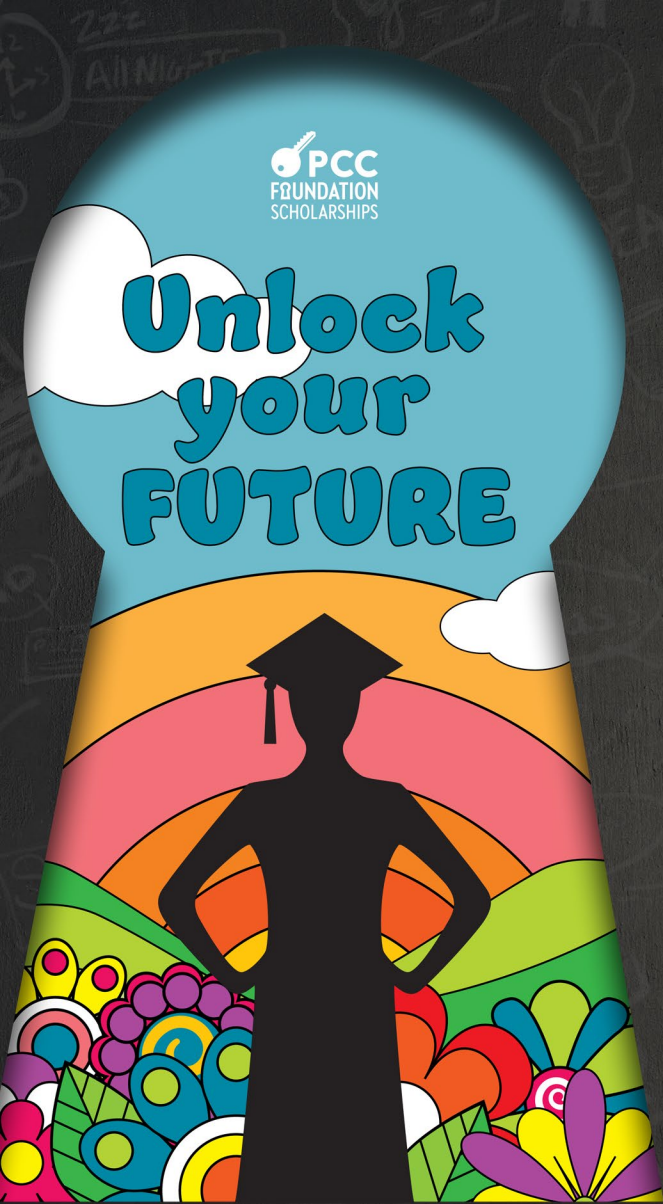


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# PCC Foundation Scholarship

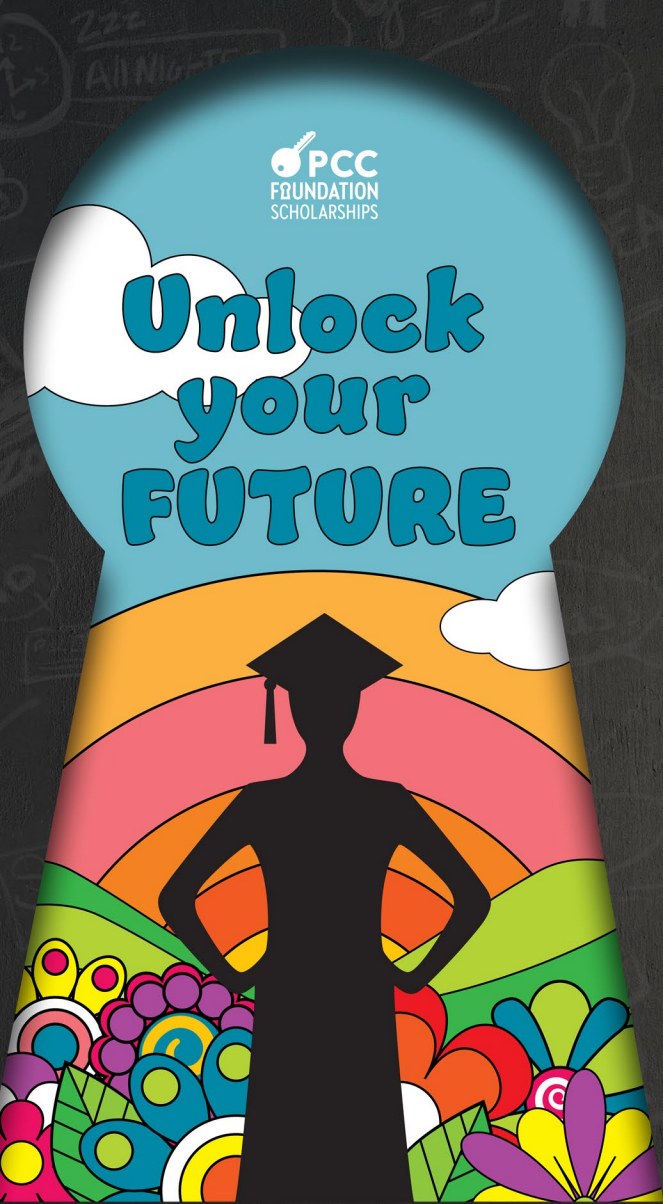
- One application = 250+ scholarships
- Over 1,600 recipients in 2022-2023
- \$2.25 million dollars
- Awards range from \$700-\$5,000 per year
- Average award is \$1,800 (\$600/term)



# PCC Foundation Application Deadline

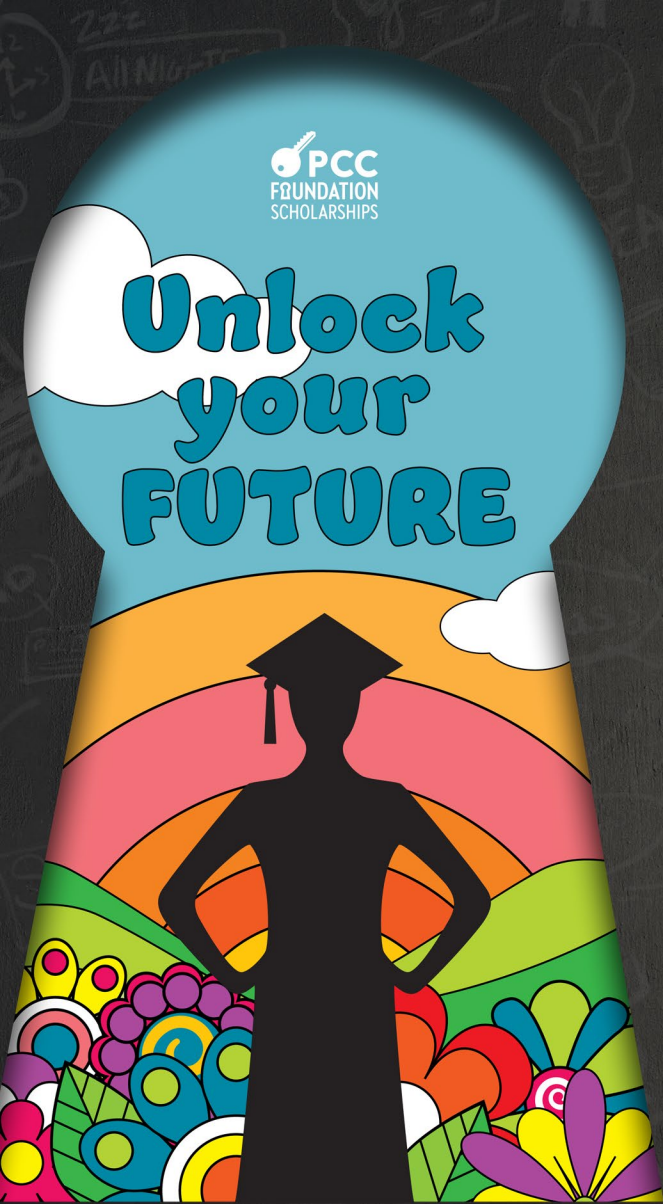
- PCC Foundation Scholarship Application opens 11/1/2022
- Deadline for \*most\* scholarships is 2/1/2023
- No preference for completing early
- Students are notified early June through their PCC email





# PCC Foundation Scholarships can pay for:

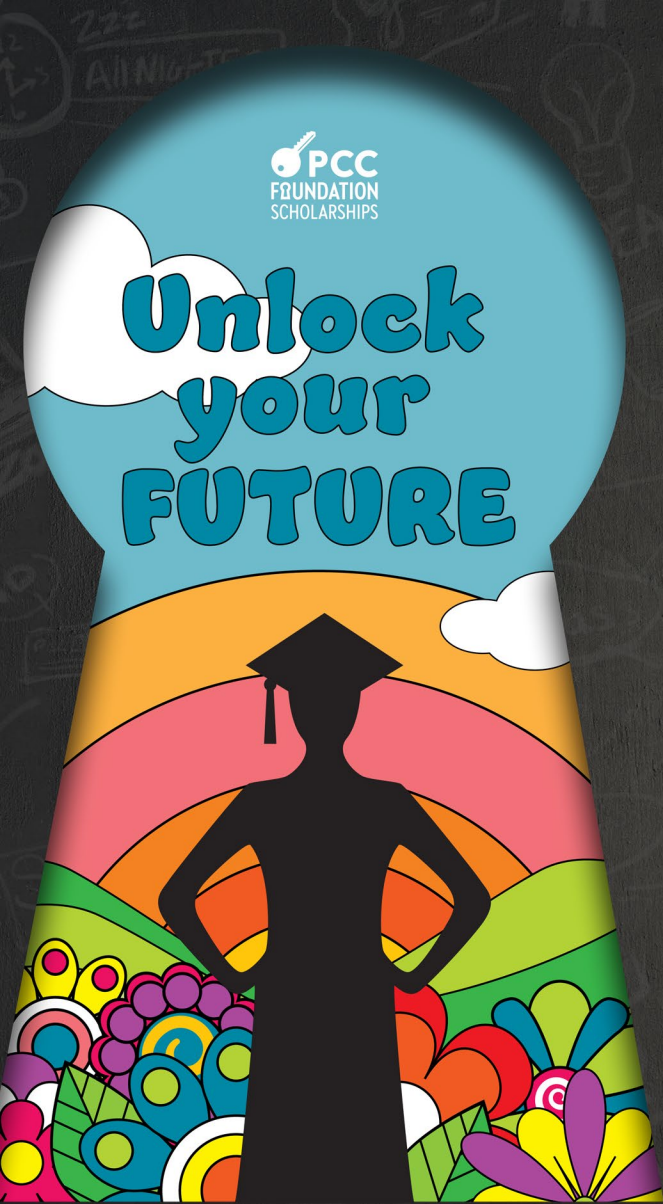
- PCC tuition
- PCC Fees
- Books through the PCC Bookstore
- Some other educational expenses/equipment



# OSAC (Office of Student Access and Completion)

## Other scholarship opportunities

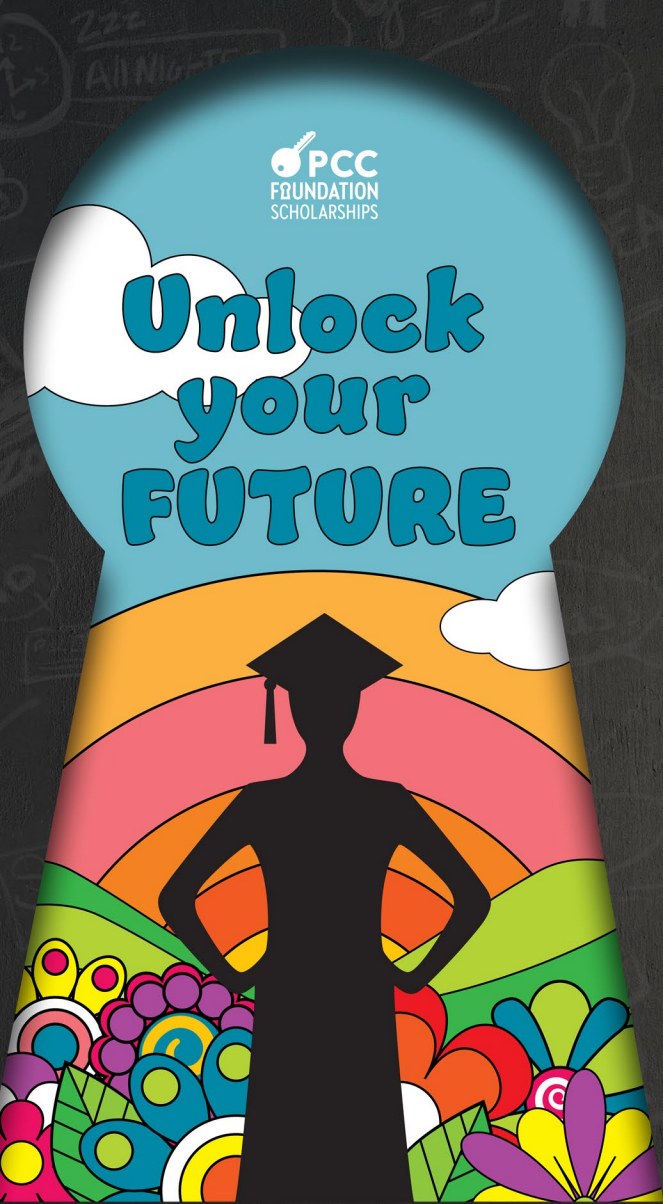
- [www.oregonstudentaid.gov](http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov)
- Application opens November 1<sup>st</sup>
- Priority deadline is February 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- Deadline is March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 p.m.
- These can pay for more college costs (less restrictive)



# OSAC

- [www.oregonstudentaid.gov](http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov)
- Grants:
  - Oregon Opportunity Grant
  - Oregon Promise Grant
  - Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance

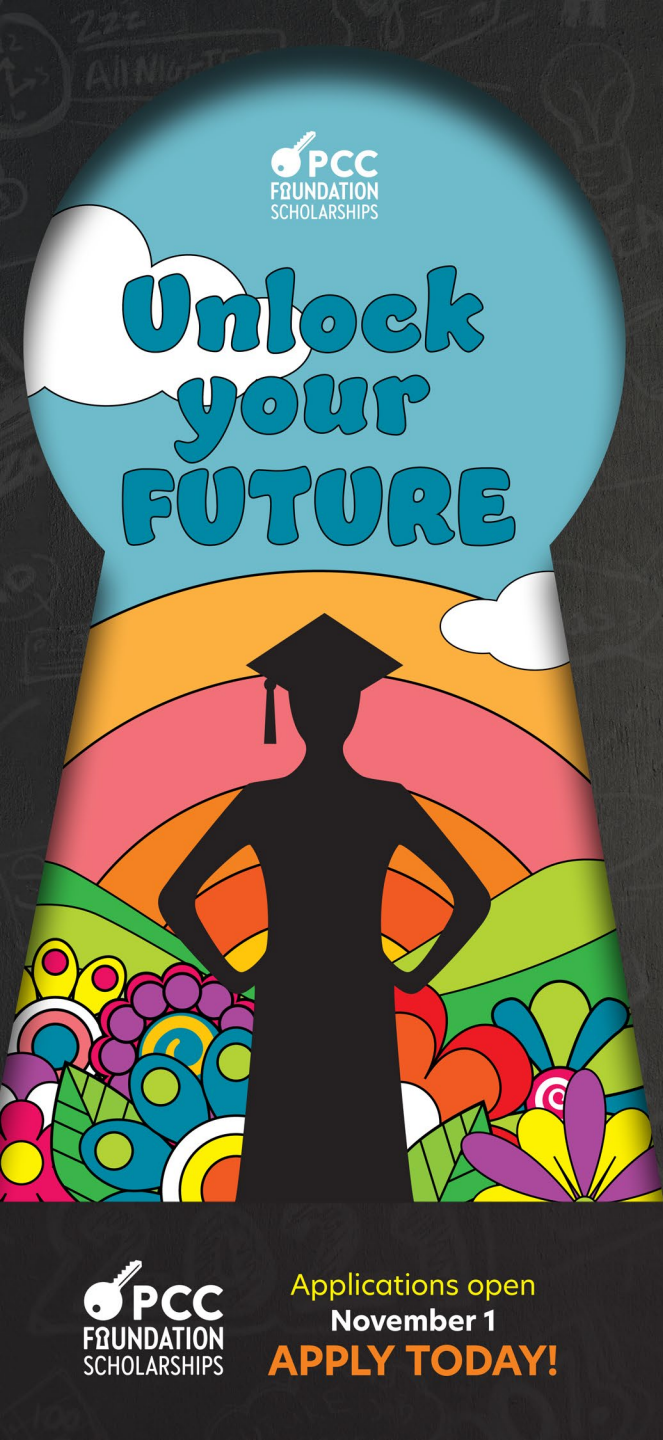




# OSAC

- [www.oregonstudentaid.gov](http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov)
- Available for:
  - Current high school
  - Current college students
  - Foster youth
  - Students with disabilities
  - Oregon Promise Grant
  - Oregon National Guard State Tuition Assistance
  - DACA (DREAMer) or undocumented students





# Private Scholarships available to PCC students

(list maintained by PCC Career Centers)

- [Private Scholarship List](#)
  - Deadlines throughout the year
  - Specific categories
    - General
    - By Major
    - By Hobby
    - Multicultural Scholarships
    - DACA/DREAMer Scholarships
    - International Student Scholarships
    - Study Abroad Scholarships
    - Veteran Scholarships
    - LGBTQIA+ Scholarships
    - Women Scholarships
    - After Associates Degree Scholarships



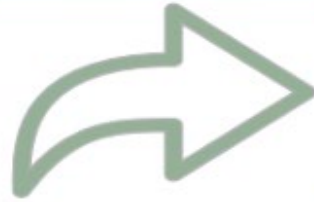
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# Oregon Promise Grant

 Oregon  
Promise



**Apply Now!**

[OregonStudentAid.gov](https://OregonStudentAid.gov)



Oregon Promise is a state grant that helps cover tuition at any Oregon community college for recent high school and GED® test graduates.



Recent Oregon high  
school or GED®  
test graduate

**2.50+  
GPA**

2.50 cumulative  
GPA or higher



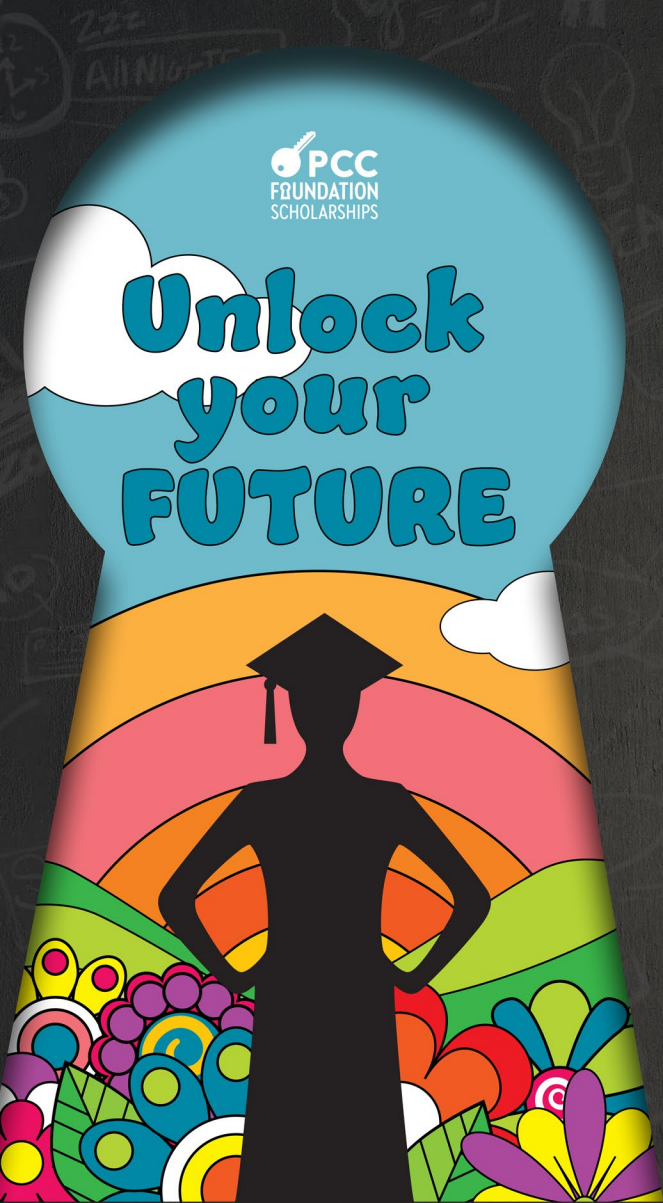
Attend Oregon  
community college within 6  
months of graduation



Oregon resident at  
least 12 months prior to  
attending college

*Your eligibility may also be determined by your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC criteria are subject to change. Check website for details.*





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# Oregon Promise Grant

- \* You must complete the FAFSA or ORSAA
- \* List at least one community college on the application
- \* Complete the Oregon Promise Grant application by the deadline

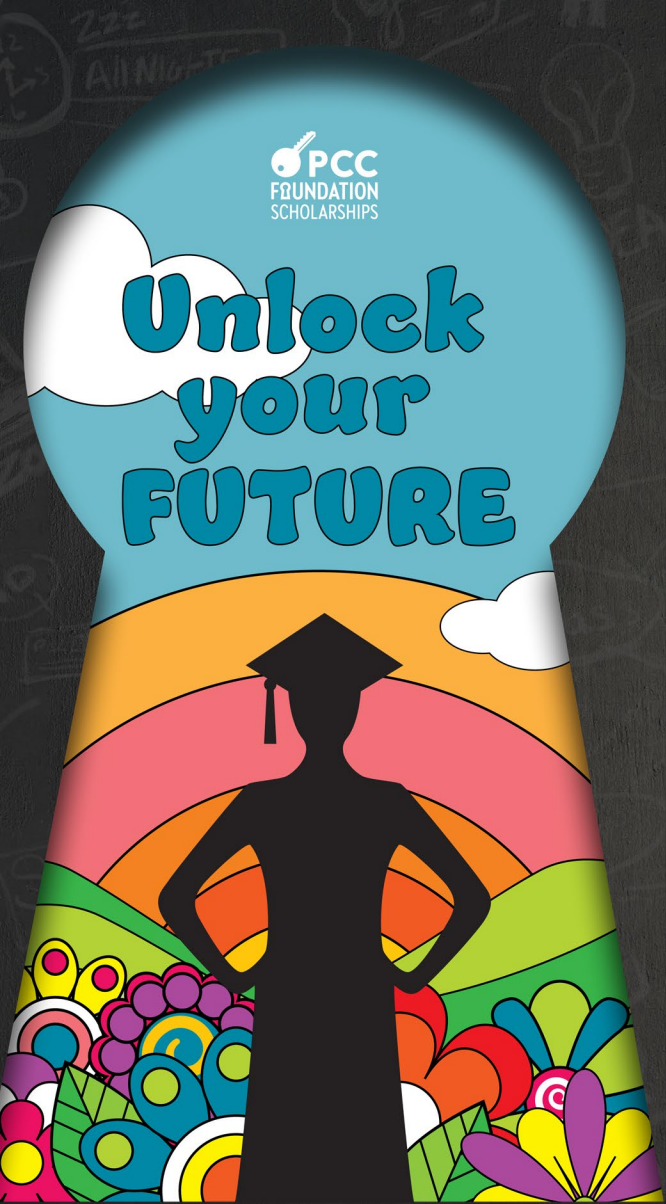
## Find Your Deadline:



Deadline is 5pm (PST or PDT).  
If deadline falls on a weekend or holiday,  
it automatically extends to 5pm on the  
following business day.

I am graduating from:	I am graduating during this time:	DEADLINE to complete both: Oregon Promise App. & FAFSA or ORSAA	You must start community college by this term:
High School or Home School	March 1 – June 30	June 1	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Nov. 1	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	Feb. 1	Spring
GED® Program	March 1 – June 30	July 10	Fall
	July 1 – Nov. 30	Dec. 10	Winter
	Oct. 1 – Feb. 29	March 10	Spring

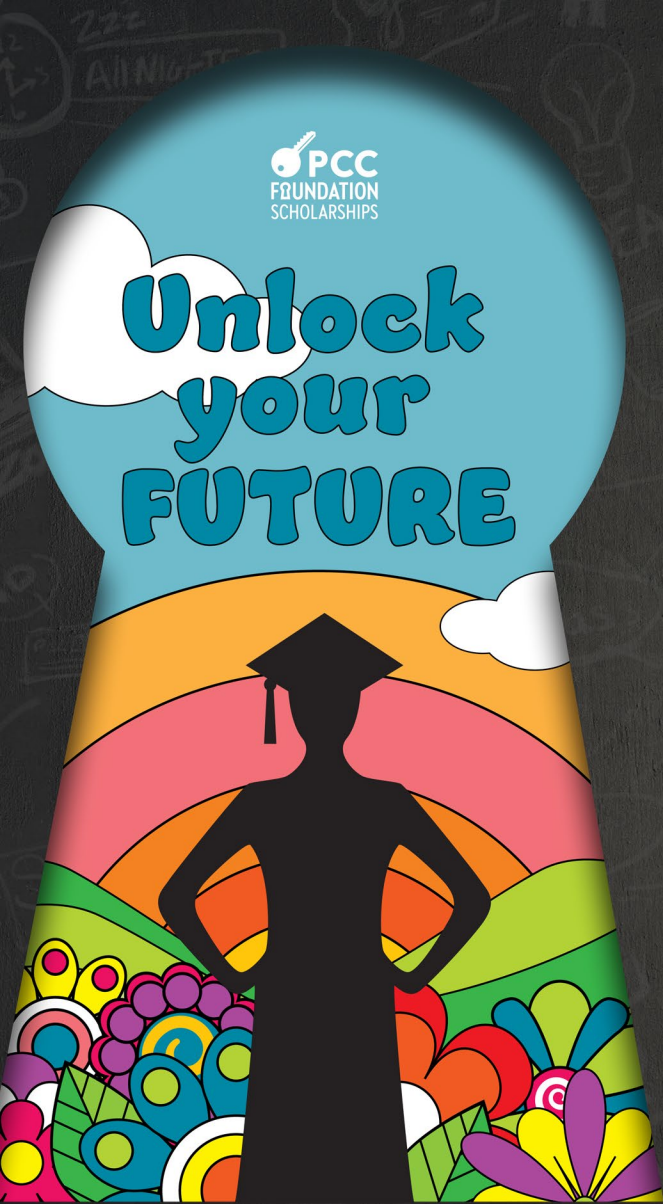




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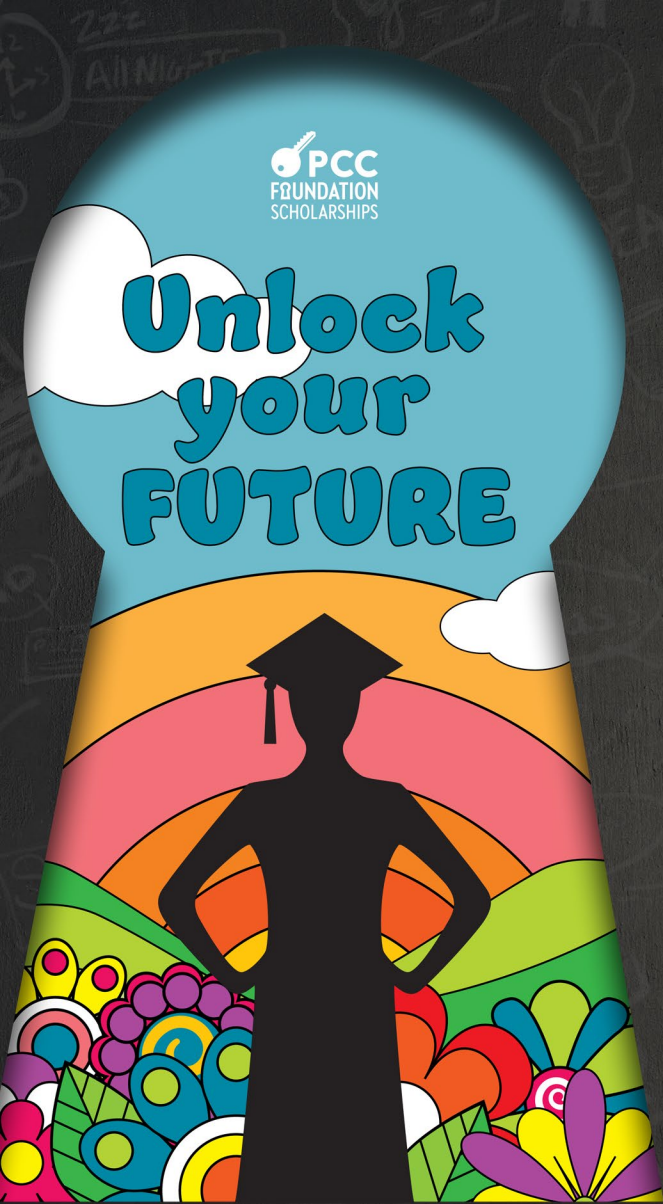
What does it pay for?  
How do I keep it?

- Any remaining tuition balance after scholarships and financial aid
- After all tuition and fees is paid, you can get up to \$1,000 per term
- Up to 90 college credits
- Must renew for the second year
- Must be enrolled in at least 6 credits per term



# The Ford Family Foundation Scholarships

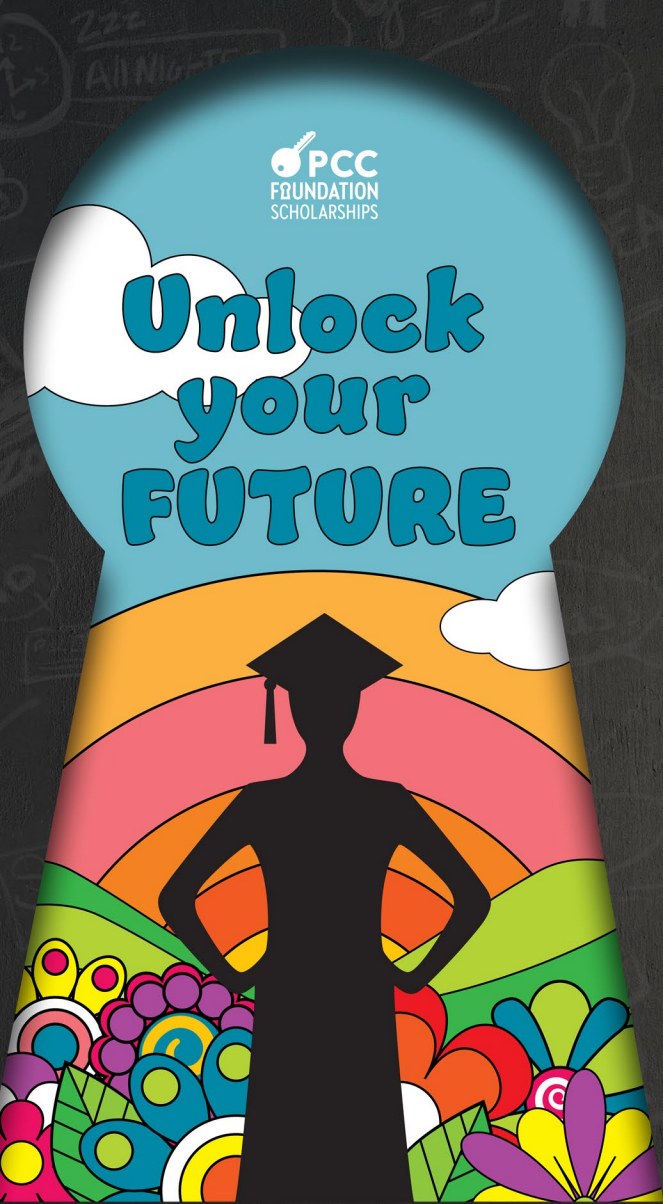
- <https://www.tfff.org/>
- [Ford Scholars](#)
- [Ford Transfer](#)
- [Ford Opportunity Program](#)
  - For parents and adult learners
- [Ford Sons & Daughters](#)
  - Of employees of Roseburg Forest Products Co.



# Eligibility for PCC Foundation Scholarships

- Attending PCC between Summer 2023 – Spring 2024 academic year
- 2.0 minimum GPA
  - But even if your GPA is lower, you are encouraged to apply
- Most PCC Foundation scholarships require half-time enrollment while receiving a scholarship
  - Half-time is 6 credits per term
  - Some scholarships may require:
    - $\frac{3}{4}$  time enrollment per term (9 credits per term)
    - Full-time enrollment per term (12+ credits per term)

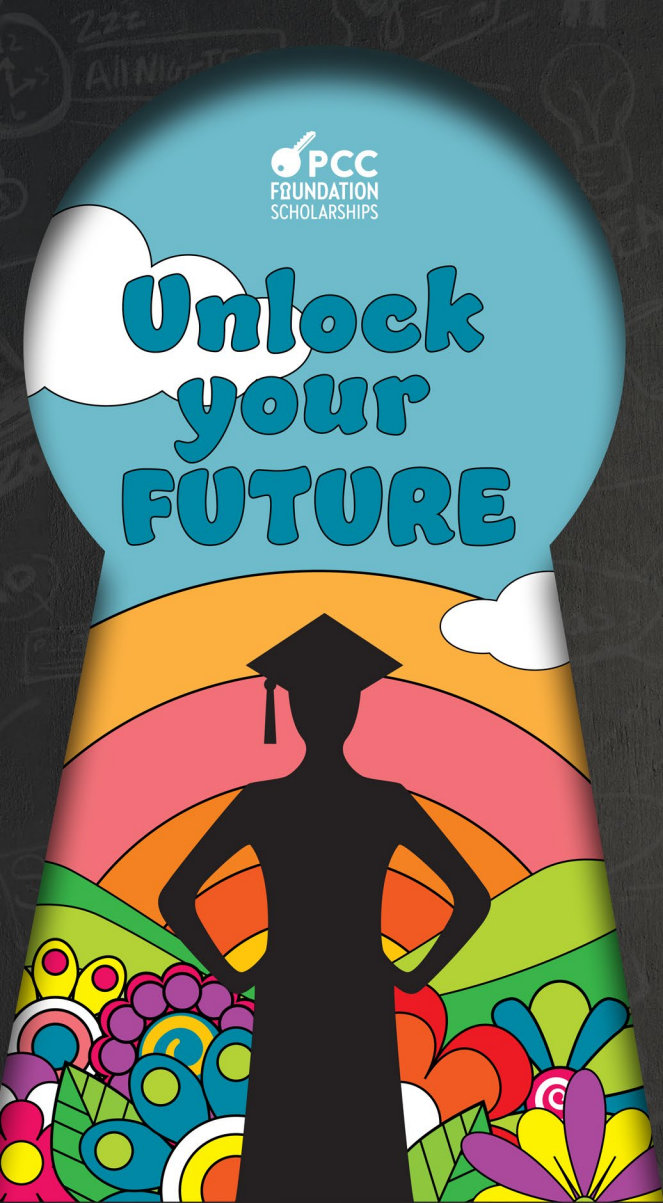




# Scholarships:

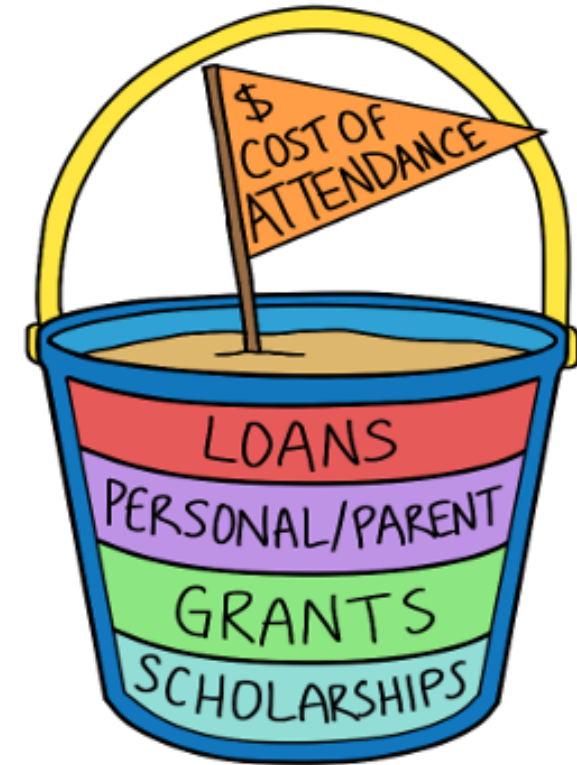
## What are we looking for

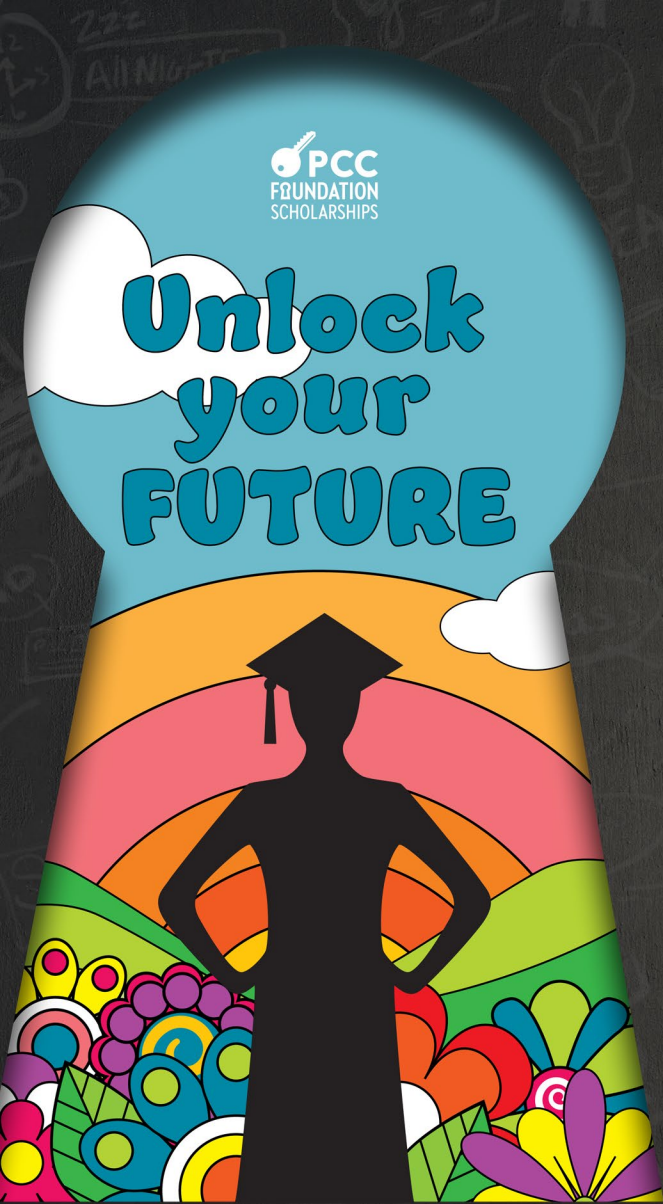
- Scholarship reviewers are looking at the whole student
  - Career goal
  - Educational plan
  - Inspiration for your studies
  - Major
  - GPA
  - Relevant work experience
  - Relevant volunteer work
  - Reference (bonus points, not required)



# How do scholarships work if I get financial aid?

- Think of your tuition and costs as a bucket. Then you fill it with free money first, then what you can pay and finally, loans. Understand loans before you take them (subsidized vs. unsubsidized) and repayment plans.

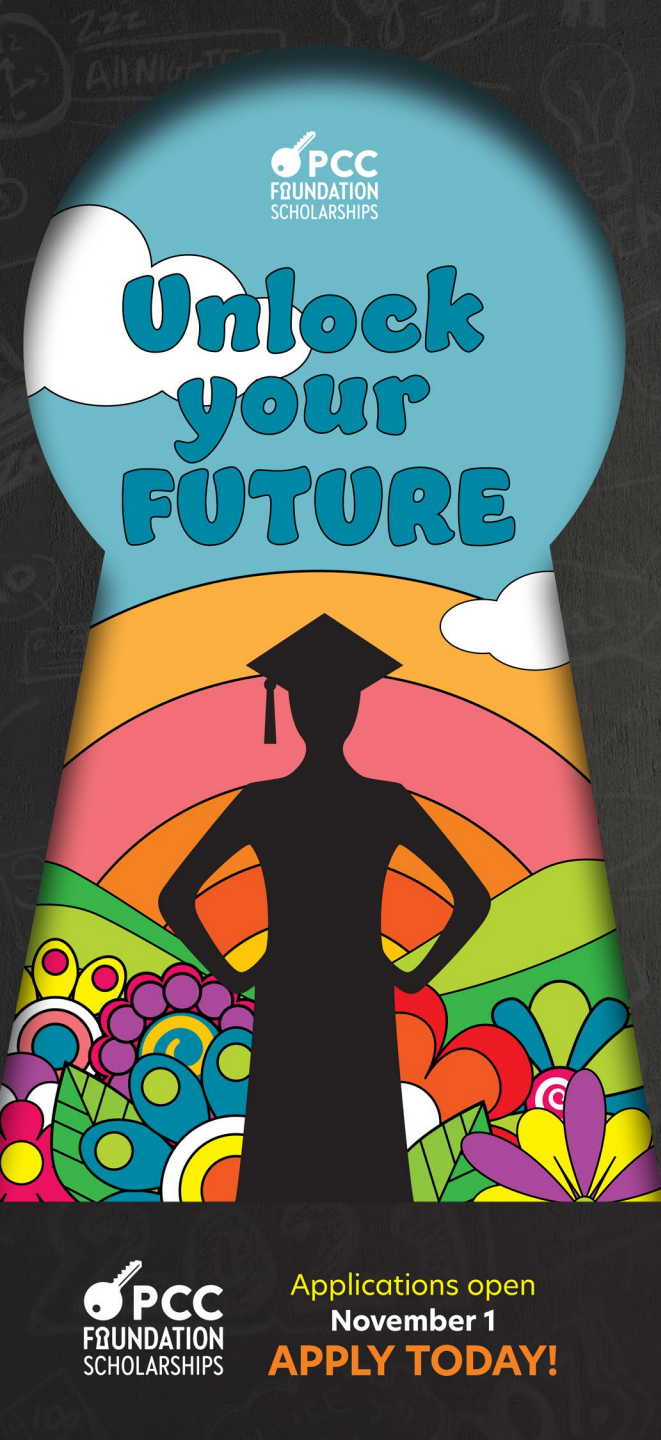




# Reviewing scholarship applications

- Each application is read and scored by 2 trained employees for PCC Foundation General scholarships and those scores are averaged
- Review letter of reference (if provided) and bonus points applied
- PCC Scholarship Program Officer reviews applications for eligibility in each pool by pulling information from your student record
- Some “apply-to” opportunities are narrowed to a finalist pool and reviewed by appointed committees





# Your dashboard

[My Applications](#) [Opportunities](#) [▼ References](#) ▼ Roderic Johnson

✓ Your general application has been successfully submitted.

### Status

Reference Letters Submitted 0 of 1

General Applications Submitted 1 of 1

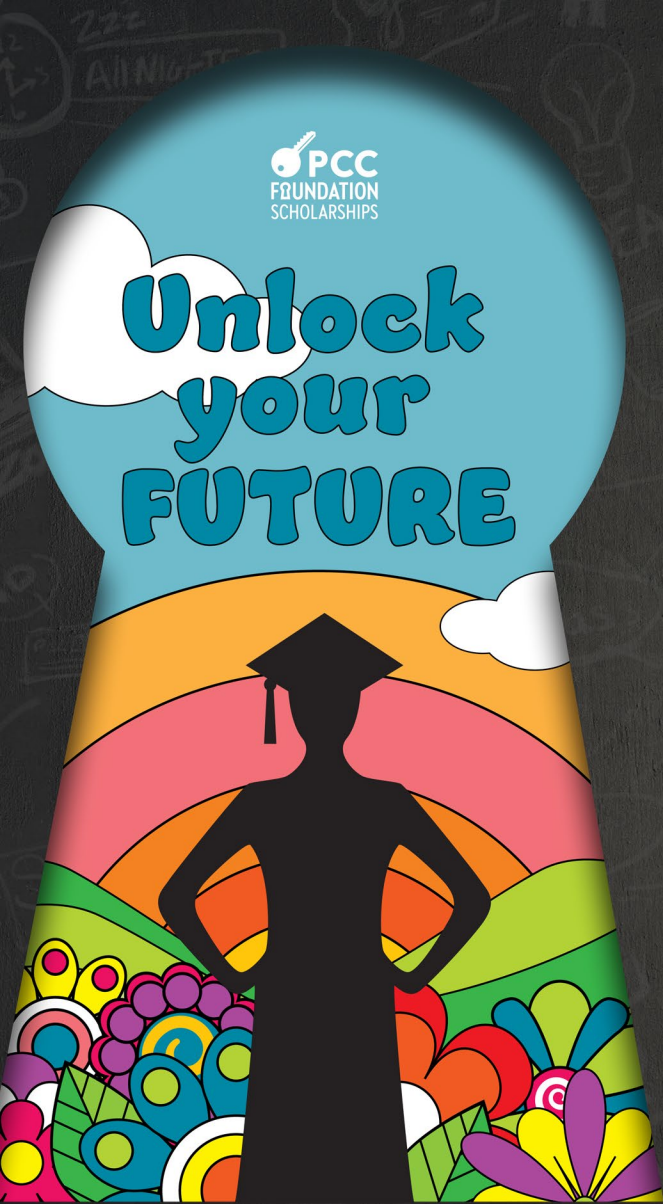
### General Application ⓘ

General Application

Submitted

Deadline 02/01/2023

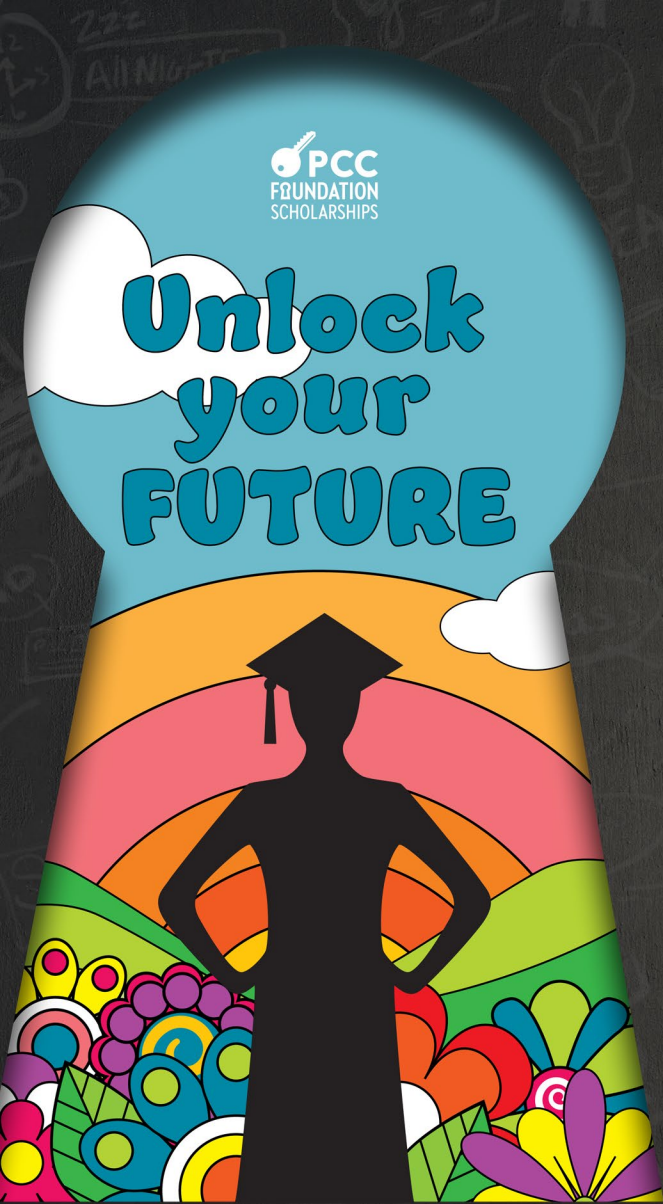
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# Scholarship application pieces

- PCC Admission
- Two personal Essays
- One professional or academic reference
  - Not required: Bonus points
- Financial documentation
  - FAFSA
  - ORSAA (including DACA/DREAMer)
  - Financial Worksheet (International students only)

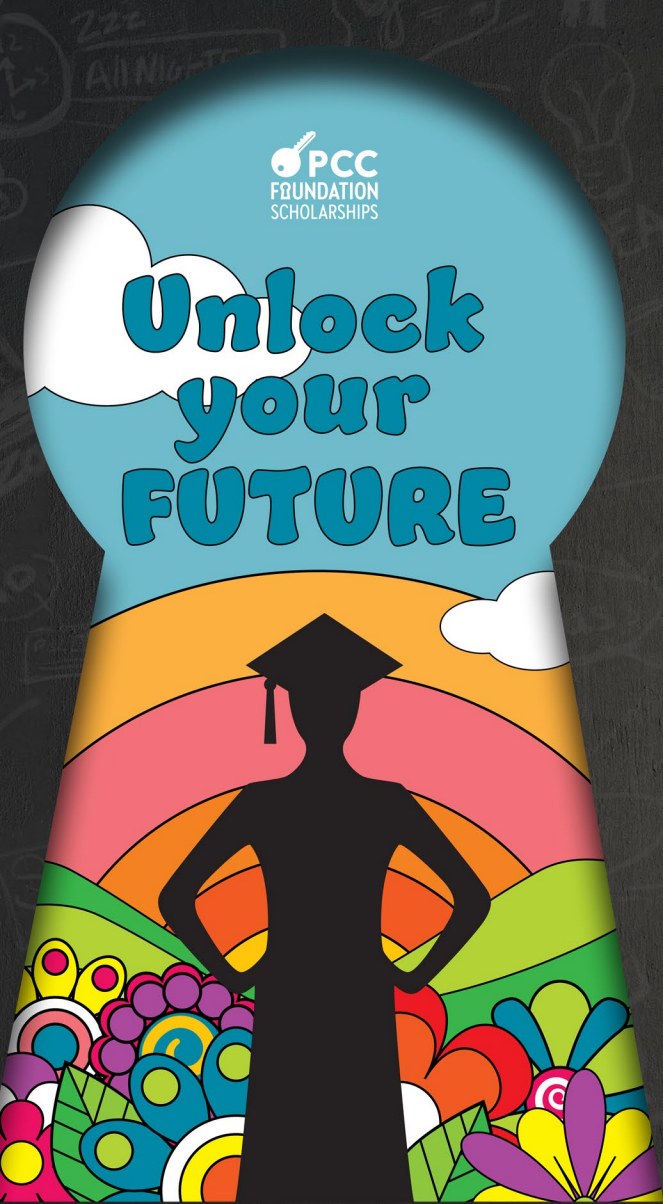
You can work on these steps anytime during the application cycle, not necessarily in order. Save your work!



# Admission to PCC

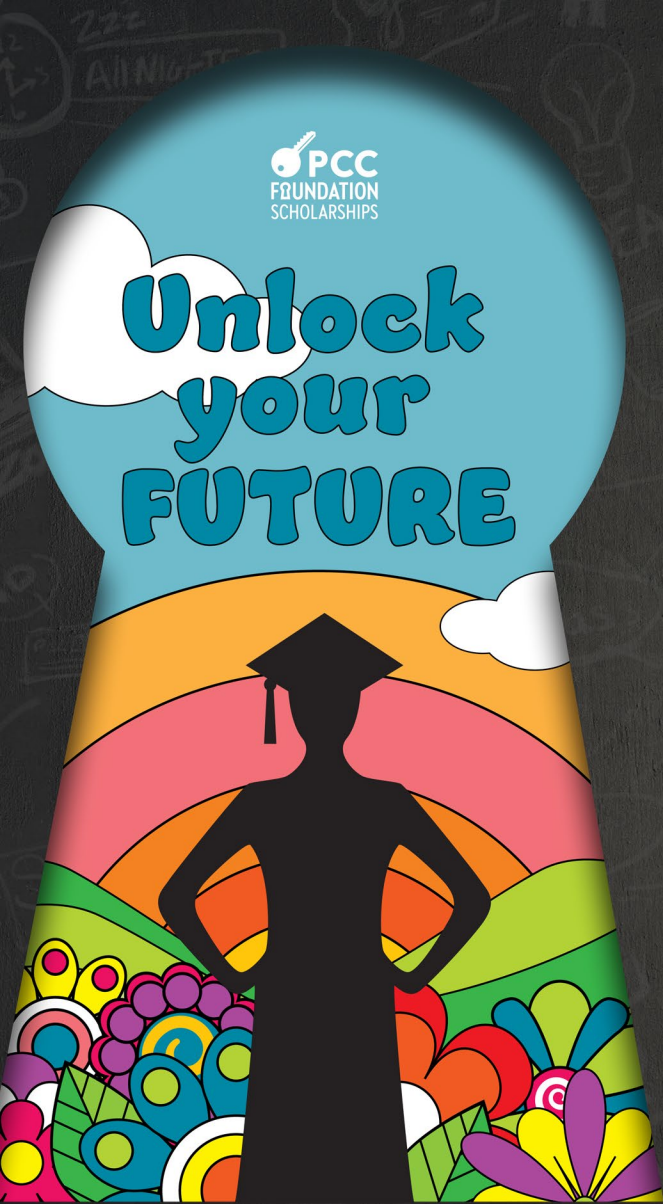
- You must be admitted to PCC to apply for scholarships (G# required). If you are already taking classes, this step is already done.
- If not: [www.pcc.edu/admissions](http://www.pcc.edu/admissions)
  - Admission is automatic!
- If you think you'll attend a different college next year then you will need to apply at that school for their scholarships, too.
- PCC Foundation Scholarships are ONLY for classes taken at PCC.





# The General Application

- The PCC Foundation general application asks a lot of basic questions about you. Based on your answers to those questions, the system automatically matches you to the general scholarships that you qualify for, to save you time!



# Reference

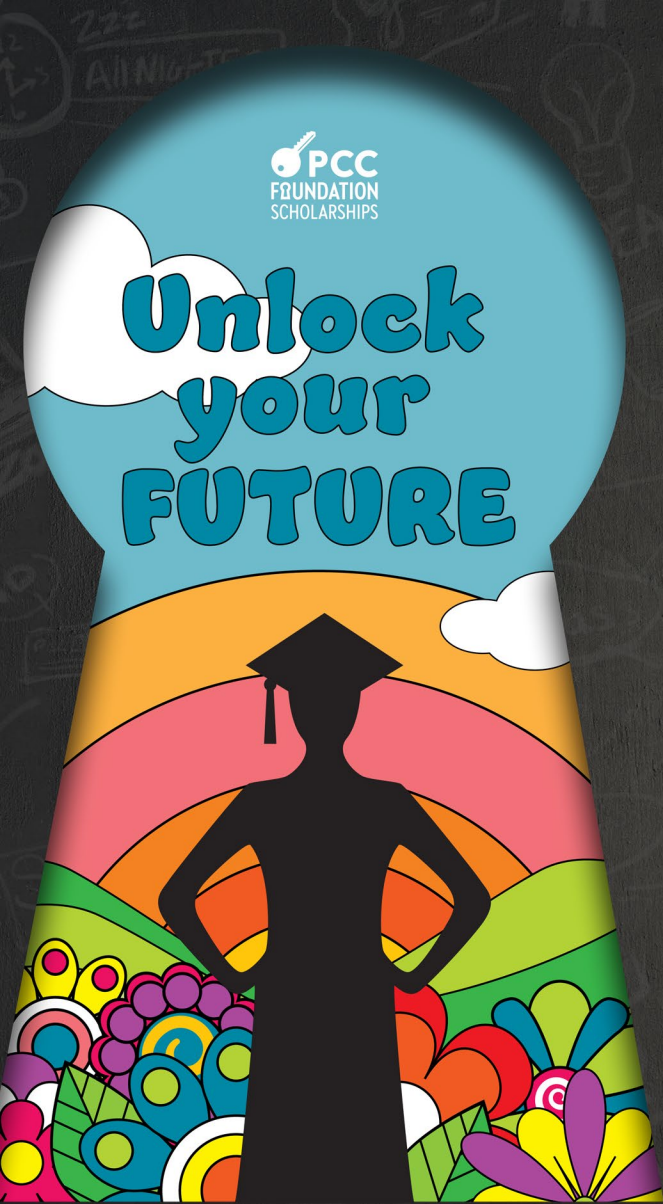
Not required for most PCC Foundation scholarships.  
Some scholarships do require a reference

- How to do this

- Enter their name and email into your application (make sure you have it 100% correct)
- They receive an email from the system
- Follow up that they received it
- Follow up that they complete it
- Send a thank you email or card to your reference after it has been submitted
- References must be submitted by the February 1<sup>st</sup> deadline

- Who to ask?

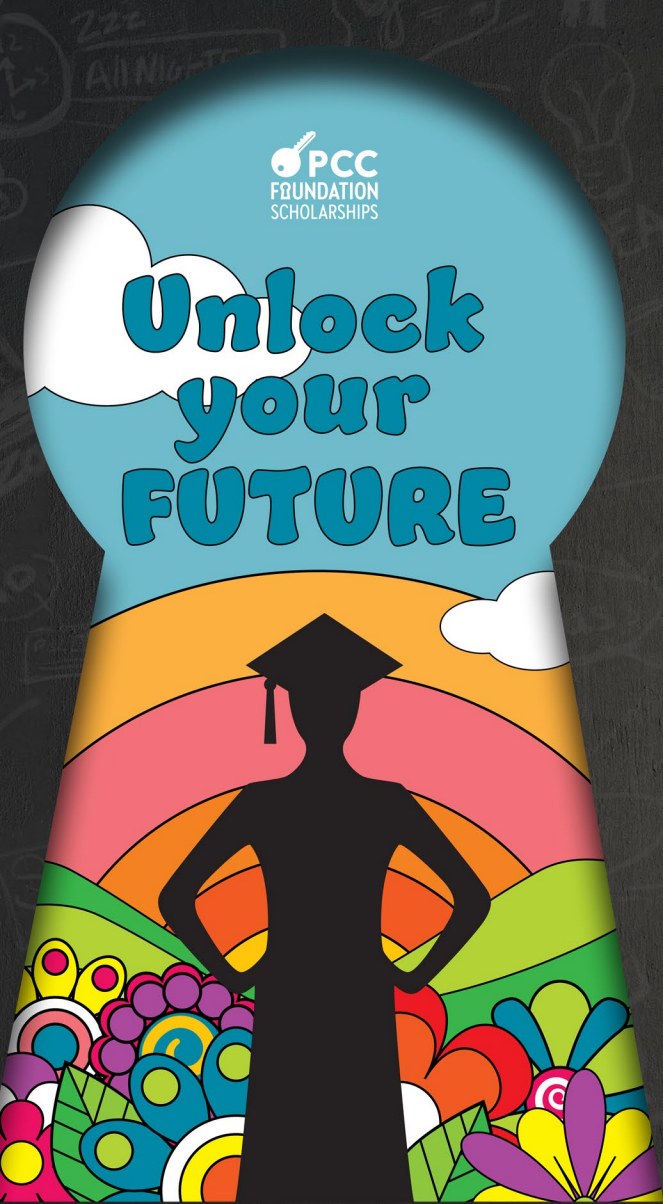
- Professional or Academic only
  - Teachers
  - Advisors
  - Program directors
  - Mentors
  - Coaches
  - Volunteer supervisors
  - Work supervisors
  - NO friends of family members



To be considered for financial need scholarships you must complete one of these:

- FAFSA or ORSAA
- Complete as soon as you can:
  - [FAFSA](#)
  - [ORSAA](#)
- PCC Foundation will receive the results from your student record in Financial Aid
- Financial Worksheet  
(International students only)
- [Financial Worksheet](#)
- Fill it out
- Upload to your general scholarship application

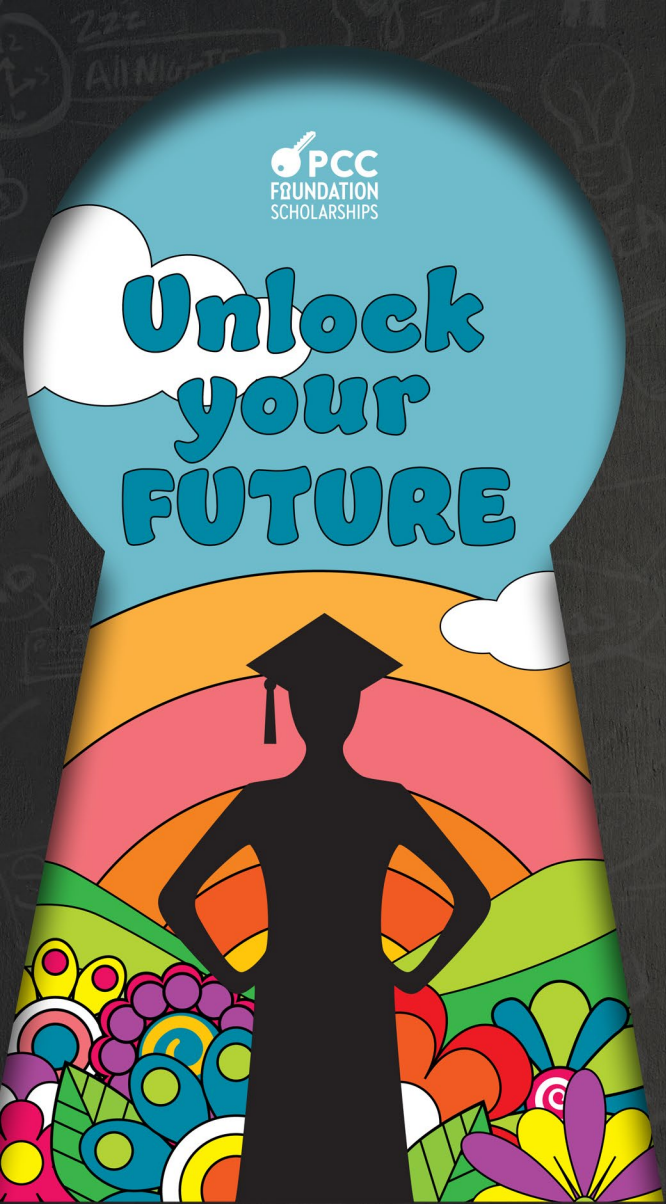




# “Apply-to” opportunities

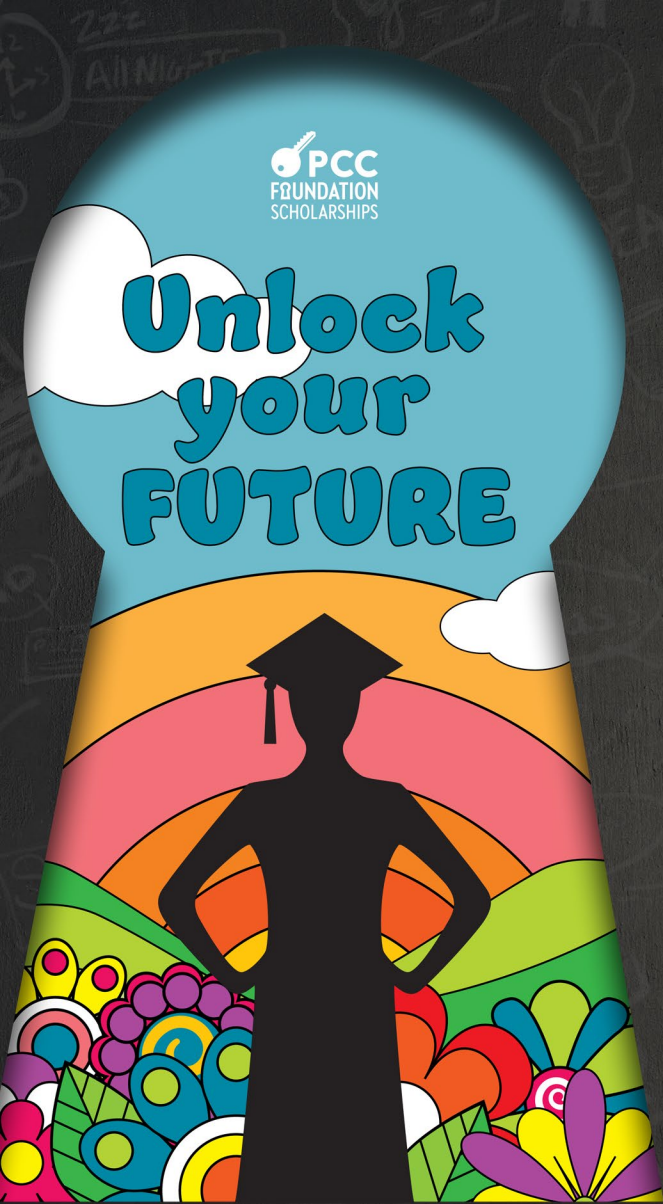
Optional but important

- Some scholarships within the application require more information or additional questions to be answered. The system will recommend these to you based upon your answers on the general application. These have smaller application pools so you have a greater chance to win!



# Essay questions

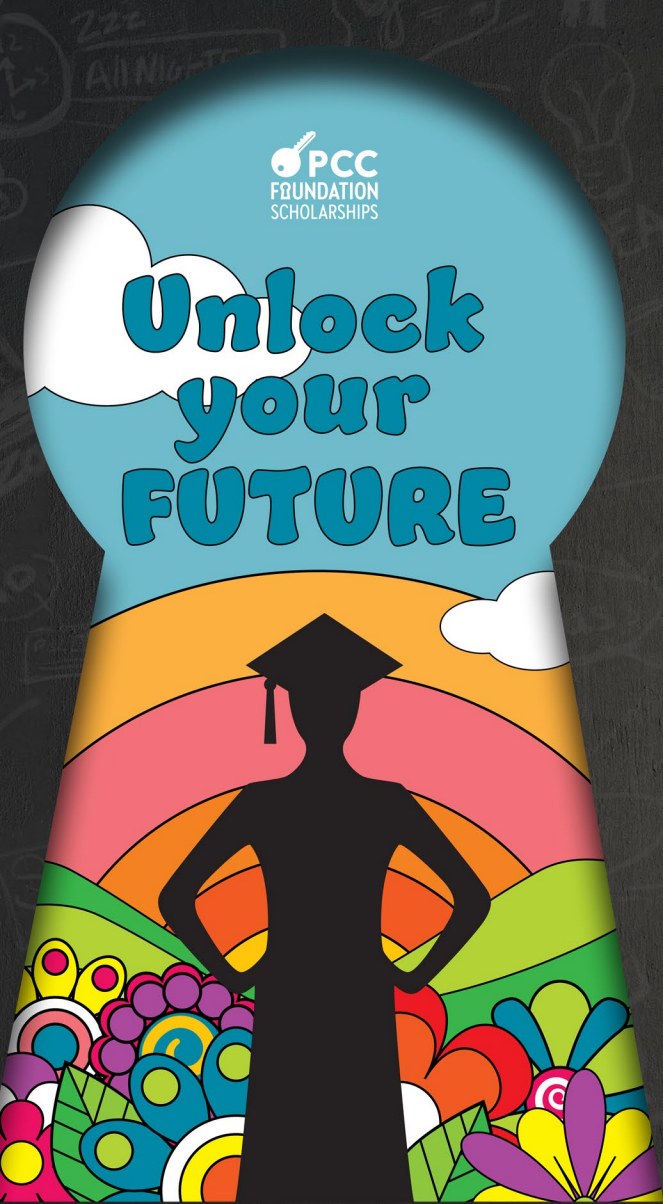
- PCC Foundation
  - 350 word limit
  - Save a copy of your essays
  - Get feedback on your essays
    - Writing Centers
    - Tutoring Centers
    - Advisor or Teachers
    - Peer Mentors
    - Scholarship workshops
    - Scholarship help sessions
    - Take CG105: Scholarships: \$\$ for College (2 credits)



# Essays

What are we looking for in each of the essays?

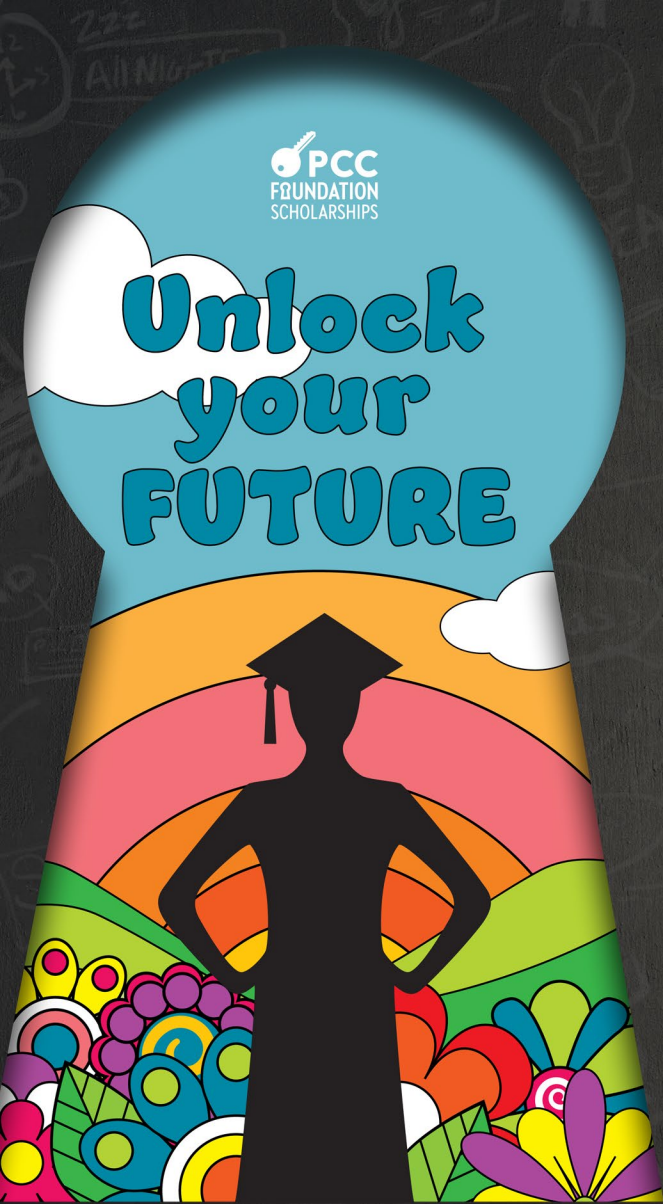




# Career & Education Essay

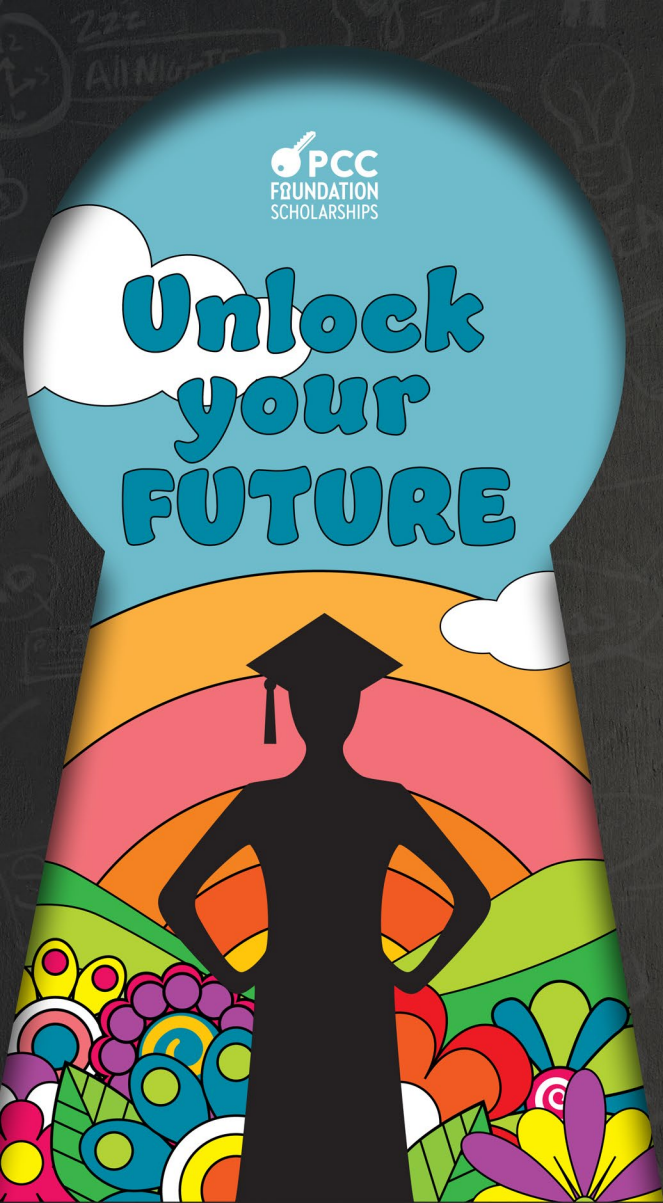
Explain your career goals and your education plan to meet those goals. What inspired you to choose this field of student and career?

- Detailed career goal
- Clear educational plan
- Inspiration



# Strength essay

- What is your greatest strength or characteristic, why is this a strength and how will this help you to be successful at PCC?
  - Focus on one strength
  - What about this quality or characteristic makes it a strength
  - How will this characteristic help to make you successful at PCC & in the future?

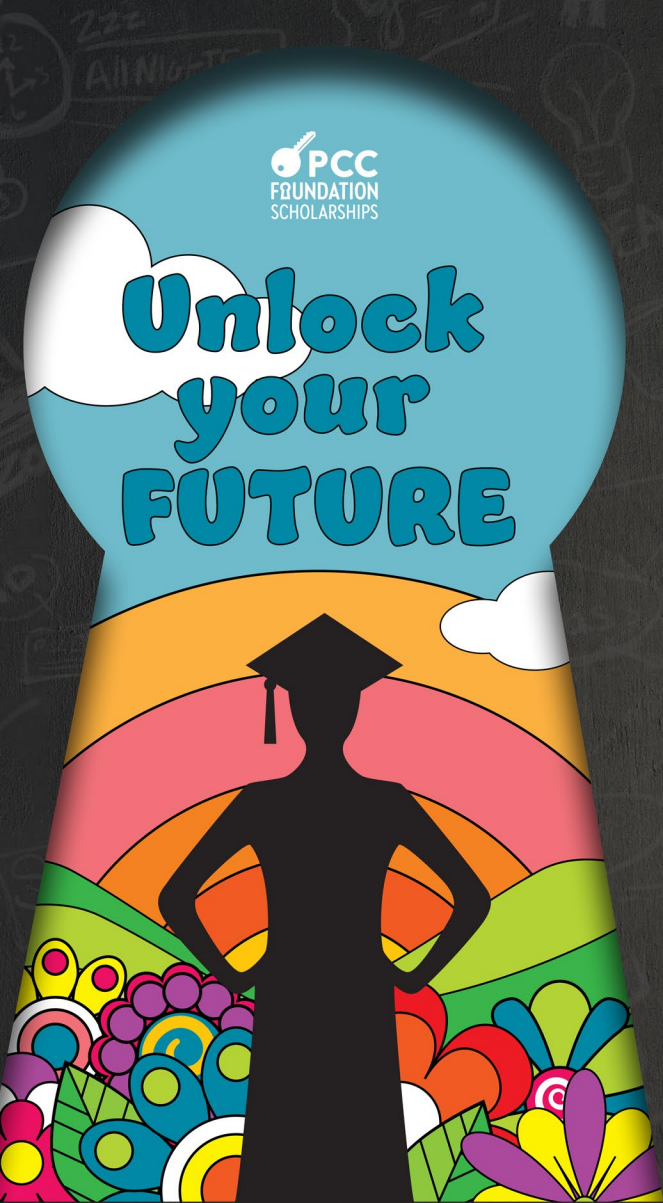


Keep applying!

If you don't get a scholarship, or even if you do, apply for scholarships each year.

It's a skill that you will get better with each time!





# Final tips

- Make sure your PCC email is correct on the application
- Answer as many of the questions as you can on the general application, this is how the system suggests apply-to opportunities
- Check your spelling, grammar and punctuation
- Don't talk about too many topics
- Be detailed
- No texting language
- Be personal
- Start and submit ahead of the deadline!
- Letters of reference must also be submitted before the deadline

\*We do not accept late materials or review incomplete applications



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# QUESTIONS?