



*The Chicago Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association is pleased to announce our Annual Scholarship Program to benefit the employees and immediate families of our regular members or associate members in the Greater Chicago area.*

*The Chicago Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association would like to recognize excellence in education and encourage continuing studies. Our Scholarship Program is designed to assist deserving students in meeting their educational goals.*

**Which companies qualify?**

- A qualifying Regular or Associate Member company must be in good member standing for the previous 12 months and be physically located in the Chicagoland area.
- A qualifying candidate must be employed at a Member company or an immediate family member, as described below, of an employee of the qualifying company.

**Which applicants qualify?**

To qualify for the scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- The candidate must be enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college, university, or an accredited junior college program. Qualified high school seniors of the class of 2026, who are enrolled for the fall 2026 term, will also be considered. Regrettably, we cannot accept applicants who are working on a postgraduate degree.
- A minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA (based on a 4.0 scale) is required for college students and high school seniors.
- Applicants must be an employee of a member firm, their spouse, their children, or their legal stepchildren who reside within the bounds of metro Chicago. Grandchildren, brothers, sisters, and similar relations are not included.

**How to apply:**

Complete the scholarship application including your most recent transcript (or report card for graduating high school seniors), your acceptance letter from your University, College or Accredited Junior college, and a personal narrative as detailed on the application.

*We welcome your application! Please email the completed application and all other required forms to [Scholarship2026@ccbfa.org](mailto:Scholarship2026@ccbfa.org). The committee will evaluate all applications received on or before 5 PM April 9th, 2026. The scholarship awardees will be announced on or about May 5<sup>th</sup> 2026. Scholarship payments will be made to the educational institution identified on the application. Note that any funds that are not used in the first semester of the 2026/27 school year must be returned to the association.*

*If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to us at the above email address.*

**The C.C.B.F.A. Scholarship Committee**

**Mary Peglow, David Pasco, Justin Campbell, Erica Budzilek, Lisa Hennessey**



Chicago Customs Brokers and Forwarders  
Association 2026 Scholarship Application

**First-time applicant**      Yes       No

*If you selected no, please provide changes and updates to your original application, including how the completion of your studies to date has given you a perspective and desire to achieve your goals.*

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Name of applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Complete home address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell phone number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
CCBFA Member Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company address

\_\_\_\_\_  
CCBFA member employee name and relationship to applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
College or University where the applicant has been accepted or enrolled for this fall (2026)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City and State

\_\_\_\_\_  
Field of study/Interest

\_\_\_\_\_  
College Advisor or High School Counselor

\_\_\_\_\_  
email address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Advisor/Counselor Phone number

## Directions

- 1) **Complete 2026 application.**
- 2) **Attach most recent transcript containing grades. If a 2026 high school graduate, most current report card.**
- 3) **If graduating senior attach your college acceptance letter.**
- 4) **A narrative type-written by the applicant, outlining both personal and educational goals, highlighting your community service experiences and achievements.**
- 5) **Complete package, print and scan to [Scholarship2026@ccbfa.org](mailto:Scholarship2026@ccbfa.org) containing required items in 1-4 as shown above.**