

TOWN OF SURFSIDE ARYA GRAY HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is Monday, August 3rd, 2026, 5:00 P.M. (no exceptions).
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
4. If any question does not apply to you in this application, please put N/A in the space.
5. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be disqualified.
6. You will be notified by e-mail regarding the status of your application.
7. If you have any questions about the application, please call the Parks & Recreation Department at 305-866-3635.

NOTE: Scholarship funds will be awarded to the successful student applications upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

Purpose: To Provide scholarships to one (1) deserving Town of Surfside graduating senior interested in or intending to pursue post-high school course of study at either college/university or other post-secondary educational institution.

Award Components: One (1) \$1000 scholarships and individual certificate awarded to one (1) student selected by the Town of Surfside Parks and Recreation Committee.

Criteria:

1. Applicant must be a Surfside resident for at least 5 years.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior in the year of the award.
3. Applicant must have a minimum graduating GPA of 3.0.
4. Applicant must have a financial need for the scholarship.
5. Applicant must demonstrate a positive-impact through community/civic involvement as determined through letters of recommendation and responses included in the application.

Evaluation:

Applicant must meet the minimum criteria as set forth above in items 1 through 4, the application will then be evaluated by the Parks and Recreation Committee on criteria set forth in item 5.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Parks and Recreation Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
3. Three (3) letters of recommendations from choice of high school teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or non-related individual with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement.

4. An official and recent high school transcript with cumulative grade point average and a class standing/rank.
5. Personal Essay. In your essay, please answer the following question on the enclosed essay form:

How has your involvement within the Surfside community, or the community at large, had a positive impact?

Deadline for the application is Monday, August 3rd, 2026 by 5:00 P.M Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.

Please mail OR submit application in person to:

Town Clerk Office
Town Hall
9293 Harding Ave.
Surfside, FL 33154

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Please type or print your answers. If application is illegible, it will be returned to you.	
1.	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()
4.	Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____
5.	Current High School: _____ Number of years attended: _____
6.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2026</u> : _____ Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment from the above school is required prior to receipt of funds.
7.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent official school transcript required.
8.	ACT Score: _____ Or _____ A copy of your ACT or SAT score sheet on official high school transcript is required. SAT Score: _____
9.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home phone of parents or legal guardians: _____
10.	Name and city of other high schools attended: _____ Number of years attended: _____
11.	What specialty/major do you plan to pursue as you continue your education?
12.	List expenses you expect to incur per semester or quarter: (Approximate figures acceptable)
A.	Tuition: _____ Amount: \$
B.	Books: _____ Amount: \$
C.	Room & Board: _____ Amount: \$
D.	Other expenses: _____ Amount: \$
Comments:	

13.	List other financial assistance you will receive (add an 'R') or applied for (add an 'A') per semester or quarter:	
	A.	Personal: Amount: \$
	B.	Other Scholarship(s): Amount: \$
	C.	Grants: Amount: \$
	D.	Student Loan(s): Amount: \$
	E.	Other Financial Resources: Amount: \$
Comments:		

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Academic Questions:

14. List, and indicate year, your academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school:

15. List, and indicate year with length of service, your community service activities, hobbies, outside interests, and extracurricular activities:

16. What is your short term after high school graduation career goals?
(Example: One to five years after graduation):

17. What is your long term after college graduation career goals? (Example: Ten years from now):

18. What unique circumstances make you an ideal scholarship candidate compared to other applicants?

22.	<p>A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Committee.</p> <p>B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)</p> <p>C. Circle “YES” or “NO” to be sure you have attached each item as required.</p>	
YES	NO	Three (3) reference forms. Return these completed forms in a sealed envelope from your teachers or professors.
YES	NO	Proof of college acceptance or current student enrollment. A letter of college acceptance or program acceptance is required for receipt of funds.
YES	NO	Most recent official high school. Photocopies of your transcript are not acceptable.
YES	NO	Personal Essay. How have you made a positive difference in your community, school, family, etc.?

23. Personal Essay

Please answer the following question:

How have you worked in your life to make a positive difference in a South Florida community?

Submit your response on the last sheet provided with this application.

Statement of Accuracy

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation's scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to Town of Surfside Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____

Date: _____

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Personal Essay

How has your involvement within the Surfside community, or the community at large, had a positive impact? (Limit: 500 words)