

Finnell Higher Learning Tuition Grant Guidelines

Eligibility

Any person who lives in the Keytesville School District, attends Keytesville High School from the beginning of the second semester of their junior year and subsequently receives a graduation diploma from Keytesville High School after completing their senior year, is eligible to apply for a Finnell Higher Learning Tuition Grant.

Said graduate must have been a legal resident of the Keytesville School District from the beginning of the second semester of their junior year through their senior year, to be eligible for the grant.

Further, students who, upon high school graduation, move away from Keytesville may still apply for the grant, as long as the above stipulations have been met.

Said graduate must be desirous of furthering his or her education at any fully accredited college, university, or vocational-technical school.

Said graduate must be enrolled as a full-student at that institution (at least 12 college credit hours).

Terms of Educational Grants

Grants shall be awarded in the amount not to exceed \$2,250 per semester (dependent on funds available) to cover tuition and required fees by the accredited college, university, or vocational- technical school the graduate wishes to attend.

Checks will be issued by the Finnell Trust Fund to the institution of higher learning, not to the individual.

The Finnell Higher Learning Tuition Grant will only be awarded to students demonstrating financial need. Specifically, if a student is awarded a “full-ride” scholarship, either through the institution or another entity, the Finnell Board will not award a grant.

All applicants for the Finnell Higher Learning Tuition Grant must be able to prove to the Finnell Trust Fund Board that they have sought other financial awards or scholarships. Commonly, this will be done through the Keytesville High School Guidance Counselor, who will report all financial award applications to the Board on the students’ behalf. For a graduate wishing to attend a four-year college or university at least three (3) other scholarships should have been applied for, for a graduate wishing to attend a two-year college at least three (3) other scholarships should have been applied for, and for a graduate wishing to attend a vocational-technical school at least two (2) other scholarships should have been applied for.

All applications for educational grants from the Finnell Trust Fund Board are subject to the Finnell Trust Fund Board's approval, and all decisions by the Finnell Trust Fund Board are final.

Renewal of Educational Grants

The Higher Learning Tuition Grant requires enrolled, full-time students to reapply with each semester of school.

After the first academic year, students must submit documentation reflecting their grade point average (GPA) which must be no lower than a B- or 2.66 on 4.0 scale. If necessary, students can submit proof of their GPA after the deadline for the application, but the application itself must be submitted on time to be considered.

Along with their application, students must each semester turn in a copy of their bill from their institution. If paperwork is delayed, the student must submit the Finnell Higher Learning Tuition Grant application on time, but can submit the copy of the bill after the deadline if necessary.

Finnell Higher Learning Tuition Grants, if all the above conditions are met, can be obtained by a graduate for a maximum of four (4) academic years or eight (8) semesters.