

Rocco C. Caffarelli Scholarship Guidelines

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ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

Rocco C. Caffarelli established this scholarship to provide educational opportunities for young men residing in Texas who plan to attend a Texas college and earn a bachelor's degree.

Mr. Caffarelli and his family immigrated to the United States from Italy. He and his brothers began their lives in the United States by playing their violins at weddings. Later, he owned a grocery store, then opened a wholesale grocery business that served stores all over South Texas. He passed away in 1951.

Mr. Caffarelli had no formal schooling, but he loved to read, sometimes even leaving the dinner table to look up a word in the dictionary. He lived a simple life, never marrying or driving a car. He valued education above all else. His philosophy was, "You can't do everything, so do one thing well." He loved Texas and wanted to give something back to the state that had been so good to him and his family. Even though he did not live to see any of his scholarship winners attend school, this generous man has made it possible for over 1,600 young men to achieve their academic dreams.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

As per the terms of the trust, candidates must meet the following criteria to be eligible for this scholarship:

- Young man residing in Texas
- Enrolled full-time as an undergraduate student
- Attending a Texas college, university, or seminary with the intent to major in one of the following fields of study: education, science, religion, business, music, applied arts or sciences
- Financial assistance need
- Person of sound mental capacity, good moral character and ideals
- Earned a minimum 3.2 GPA out of a 4.0 GPA scale

AWARD DETAILS

Recipients will be awarded by the trustee each year and the amount awarded may vary. Equal payments will be made for the fall and spring semesters.

DISTRIBUTION OF AWARD

The scholarship will be paid directly to the recipient's school and applied to tuition, books, educational equipment, room, board, transportation, and other living expenses.

Students may transfer from one institution to another within the state of Texas and retain the award. A letter of acceptance or proof of enrollment from an educational institution is required before the award is distributed.

RENEWAL CRITERIA

Recipients are eligible to renew their scholarship for up to three years if the following criteria is met:

- Enrolled at a Texas college or university (not a vocational school or online university)
- Achieved a minimum annual and cumulative 3.0 GPA each academic year

- Earned a minimum of 12 hours each semester toward a degree (these may include pass-fail hours if they count toward degree)
- Maintained continuous enrollment throughout the academic year

Recipients will be required to provide end-of-year transcripts and proof of enrollment or a copy of registration billing for the upcoming year.

SCHOLARSHIP PROBATION/SUSPENSION

If a recipient fails to maintain a minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA and/or is not enrolled in at least 12 hours per semester, they may be placed on academic probation for the following year. Scholarships may be withheld until a full year is completed following probation and the above requirements are met. If a recipient fails to meet the requirements after a year on probation, the scholarship will be forfeited.

Academic probation or suspension will be reviewed on an individual basis and is subject to the discretion of the trustee.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

Please upload the documents below to your application. All documents must have the applicant’s full name.

- Copy of driver’s license or identification card
- Proof of U.S. citizenship (copy of birth certificate, passport, or naturalization certificate)
- Current high school transcript (new applicants) including grades from most recent semester must be included and visible; unofficial transcript acceptable
- Current college transcript (new applicants with college credits and renewal applicants); unofficial transcript acceptable
- FAFSA submission summary

Applications that do not have the required attachments will be ineligible. Applicants who do not submit the required or correct attachments will have the opportunity to resubmit their application before the deadline. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted as part of the application; however, an official transcript may be requested as part of the award process to confirm eligibility of scholarship recipients.

All information received is confidential. The scholarship selection committee's deliberations are confidential, and its decisions are not subject to review.

APPLICATION DEADLINES

| Open Date | Due Date | Review Period | Notification of Award | Disbursement of Award |
|-----------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| January | February | March - April | May | July |

USE OF GENERATIVE AI IN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

To uphold the integrity and authenticity of the scholarship application process, we recognize the evolving role of Generative AI (GenAI) tools such as ChatGPT, Gemini, Grammarly, etc. in academic and creative work. While

these tools can be helpful, their use in scholarship applications must be limited and transparent.

Applicants may use GenAI tools to brainstorm ideas, develop an outline, and general proofreading. However, the core content of your essays must be written by you, the applicant, and reflect your personal experiences and voice. Note that over-reliance on AI-generated content often results in essays that appear overly generic and impersonal and may negatively impact the success of your application.

By submitting your application, you affirm that any essays reflect your own work and that any use of GenAI has been limited to the acceptable purposes outlined above.

DISCLOSURES

By submitting my application for the Rocco C. Caffarelli Scholarship, I confirm I have read and agree to the following disclosures:

I am not an officer, director or employee of Frost Bank and no member of my immediate family is an officer, director, or employee of Frost Bank, or a director of the Rocco C. Caffarelli Scholarship. I further certify that I am not a relative of the Rocco C. Caffarelli family and that all information given for the purpose of obtaining this scholarship is true, complete, valid, genuine, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the foundation will retain this application, whether or not it is approved.

I have received a copy of the Rocco C. Caffarelli Scholarship guidelines for my records and after reading these guidelines, I agree to abide by the policies set out in the guidelines.

I understand my scholarship is non-transferable to another individual and I am eligible to renew my scholarship if I meet the renewal criteria.

I understand that any remaining funds will be returned to me based on the institution's timeline provided in their refund policy.

I hereby authorize appropriate school authorities and personal references to release information and recommendations to the selection committee of the Rocco C. Caffarelli Scholarship to seek a scholarship grant.

I understand Frost Bank is the trustee of this scholarship. Frost Bank does not create the standards or requirements of the scholarship. The requirements are per the trust agreement.

I understand that approval is not automatic and will be based on academic requirements, financial data and available funding. Scholarship decisions are made for one year at a time and any subsequent application and renewal or extension may be subject to any policy change or modification as instituted by the trust or review committee.

Returning students must renew and qualify at the end of each academic year based on renewal criteria. This includes freshman applicants who may only have one semester as their overall grade point average.

CONTACT

If you have questions, please contact Philanthropic Services at scholarships@frostbank.com or 833-888-6817.