



Scott Weiss Scholarship Frequently Asked Questions

What is the T. Howard Foundation Scott Weiss Scholarship?

The Scott Weiss Scholarship provides T. Howard Foundation alumni currently enrolled in school with financial assistance for their academic and career pursuits. The scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit as defined by the Foundation.

The scholarship is intended to provide assistance with **tuition, fees, textbooks, and supplies** and with expenses related to **career development**, including conferences sponsored by professional organizations and/or professional development workshops or memberships that help prepare recipients for a career in the media and entertainment industry.

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must:

- Be an alumnus of the T. Howard Foundation summer internship program.
- Have a favorable host company supervisor evaluation on file with THF.
- Have a minimum GPA of 3.2 in their academic major.
- Be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university as an undergraduate or a graduate student.

Is there a cost to apply for a scholarship?

There is no fee to apply for a Scott Weiss Scholarship.

Can I submit a paper application?

No. All applications must be submitted online.

Where can I find the online application?

The online application can be found [here](#).

What must I submit as part of the application?

Online

- 1) Two 500-word essays, in response to application prompts. The essays not only demonstrate your writing ability but also your personality and other qualities.
- 2) One-page resume.
- 3) An academic recommender's contact information (.edu email address is required)

Additional submissions

- 1) Your official transcript from your current academic institution is required. Graduate students are required to provide both an official undergraduate transcript and, if available, a graduate transcript. The transcript must be signed and sealed by the Registrar and postmarked by October 7 to:

*T. Howard Foundation
Attn. Scholarship Subcommittee
8630 Fenton Street, Suite 316
Silver Spring, MD 20910*

- 2) Your host company Supervisor Evaluation, which the Foundation has on file, will also be reviewed.

What are the important dates to keep in mind?

- **September 8, 2016:** Online application form opens.
- **October 7, 2016:** Official transcript postmark date.
- **October 10, 2016:** Application due date. Application closes at 5:00 pm EST.

What is the process for the academic recommendation?

- 1) In the online form, you are asked to provide the Foundation with contact information for your academic recommender.
- 2) The link to an online Academic Recommendation Form will be sent directly to your recommender via email within three business days of the Foundation's receipt of your application.
- 3) Your academic recommender must complete your recommendation form within five business days of his/her receipt.

How much is a scholarship and what can the scholarship award cover?

Awards may be used for **tuition, fees, textbooks, and supplies** and with expenses related to **career development**, including conferences sponsored by professional organizations and/or professional development workshops or memberships that help prepare recipients for a career in the media and entertainment industry.

Award amounts vary based on the type of award you are seeking:

- Tuition, fees, textbooks/required supplies - up to \$2,500
- Media equipment - up to \$1,000
- Professional development conference or membership - up to \$500

Note: receipts are required for all purchases made with award funds.

Are there restrictions on how I can use my scholarship award?

Your scholarship funds *cannot* be used for college or internship room and board, relocation expenses, or non-conference travel.

Are the scholarship awards taxable?

Please check the [IRS website](#) to verify the taxable status of your award.

How does the Foundation make the decision regarding who receives a scholarship?

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic merit (transcript) and internship performance (host company evaluation), quality content and clear articulation in essays and resume, and a demonstrated pursuit of a career in the media and entertainment industry. The Scott Weiss Scholarship has an external subcommittee that reviews applications and makes recommendations for scholarship recipients.

When will I be notified of the decision?

You will be notified the first week of December whether or not you have been awarded a scholarship.

What reporting must I do with regard to my award?

The Foundation requires that you submit receipts for all expenditures related to your full award, no later than Monday, May 15, 2017. This can be done via mail or scanned and sent by email to Maire Hunter, Administrative Coordinator, mhunter@t-howard.org.

If I receive one Scott Weiss Scholarship award, am I eligible to receive another scholarship award?

Yes, but you can receive no more than two Scott Weiss Scholarship awards. In order to be considered for a second scholarship, you will have to complete the entire application process again.

Will the T. Howard Foundation release any of the personal information that I submit?

All information received is confidential and will only be reviewed by the appropriate scholarship review committee members who agree to maintain confidentiality.

Who should I contact with questions or for additional information?

Please contact Maire Hunter, Administrative Coordinator (mhunter@t-howard.org or 301-588-6767 Ext. 222)