

CBL STATE SAVINGS BANK FOUNDATION

# *Scholarship*



## **4 YEAR COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES & APPLICATION**

### **Community Scholarship Opportunity**

To eligible students of Greenville & Spartanburg Counties.  
See guidelines for requirements & application details.



**APPLY TODAY.**



October 1, 2024

Dear High School Senior,

At CBL State Savings Bank, we are committed to supporting higher education and investing in the future of our communities. That is why we are pleased to offer our CBL State Savings Bank Foundation Scholarship program, designed to help high-achieving students like you pursue careers in fields related to banking and finance.

Through this program, we will award up to three \$5,000 scholarships to high school seniors who live in Greenville or Spartanburg counties and who plan to attend a four-year university or college, majoring in a field connected to the banking industry. Whether your interest lies in business, finance, accounting, or another related area, we are eager to support your journey as you prepare to enter this vital sector.

Attached to this letter, you will find the scholarship guidelines and application materials. Please review them carefully for detailed information on eligibility, requirements, and deadlines. To apply, simply complete the necessary forms and return pages 4-7 along with all supporting documentation by the specified due date.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to advance your educational goals and contribute to the growth of our communities. We look forward to reviewing your application and wish you every success in your future endeavors.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us at 864-877-2054 or [scholarships@mycbl.bank](mailto:scholarships@mycbl.bank).

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jennifer Jones  
President and CEO  
CBL State Savings Bank



# Scholarship Guidelines

## 4 YEAR College / University



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### OVERVIEW

The CBL State Savings Bank Foundation is committed to fostering the next generation of banking professionals. Our scholarship program is designed to support high school seniors planning to pursue a four-year degree in a banking-related field(s). Through this scholarship, we aim to encourage students to consider careers in the banking industry and contribute to its growth and innovation.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. **High School Senior Status:** Applicant must be a high school senior graduating in the current academic year.
2. **Geographic Location:** Applicant must live in Greenville or Spartanburg County.
3. **College Enrollment:** Applicant must be accepted into a 4-year degree program at an accredited college or university.
4. **Field of Study:** Applicant must be planning to major in a field related to banking. Acceptable majors include, but are not limited to:
  - Finance
  - Accounting
  - Business Administration
  - Economics
  - Banking and Financial Services
  - Cybersecurity
5. **Academic Performance:** Applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
6. **CBL Relatives:** Relatives of CBL State Savings Bank employees and directors are not eligible to apply for this scholarship. This includes, but is not limited to, spouses, children, grandchildren, siblings, parents, nieces, and nephews.

## APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **Completed Application Form:** All sections must be filled out accurately and completely.
2. **Personal Essay:** A personal essay (500-750 words) outlining the applicant's career goals, interest in the banking industry and how this scholarship will help achieve those goals.
3. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or community leaders who can attest to the applicant's academic achievements, character, and potential.
4. **Official High School Transcript:** Must include the most recent grades and GPA.
5. **Proof of College Acceptance:** A copy of the acceptance letter from the college or university the applicant plans to attend.
6. **Resume:** A current resume highlighting academic achievements, extracurricular activities, work experience, and community service.

## SELECTION CRITERIA

1. **Academic Achievement:** Evaluated based on GPA and academic rigor.
2. **Leadership and Extracurricular Involvement:** Participation in clubs, sports, community service, and leadership roles.
3. **Essay Quality:** Clarity, originality, and relevance to the chosen topic.
4. **Recommendations:** Strength and relevance of the letters of recommendation.
5. **Career Goals:** Alignment with a career in the banking industry.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Submission Deadline:** All application materials must be submitted **by 5:00 pm on Friday, March 14, 2025.**
2. **Submission Method:** Applications can be submitted electronically via [scholarships@myCBL.bank](mailto:scholarships@myCBL.bank) or mailed to 229 Trade Street, Greer, SC 29651.
3. **Notification:** Scholarship recipients will be notified by phone or email.

## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

1. **Amount:** The scholarship amount will be \$5,000.
2. **Number of Awards:** Up to three scholarships will be granted, with one scholarship awarded to each recipient.
3. **Disbursement:** Funds will be disbursed directly to the recipient's college or university to be applied towards tuition, fees, and other educational expenses.
4. **Renewal:** The scholarship is a one-time award and is not renewable.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

For any questions or further information, please contact:

Jennifer Jones  
864-877-2054  
scholarships@mycbl.bank

## TIPS FOR APPLICANTS

- **Start Early:** Begin gathering materials and writing the essay well before the deadline.
- **Proofread:** Ensure all parts of the application are free of errors.
- **Follow Instructions:** Adhere to all guidelines and submission requirements.

By adhering to these guidelines, applicants can effectively present their qualifications and aspirations, enhancing their chances of receiving the scholarship.



# Scholarship Application

## 4 YEAR College / University



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### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Home Street Address:	
City, State, Zip Code:	
County:	
Phone Number:	
Email Address:	
High School Name:	
Expected Graduation Date (MM/YY):	
Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name:	

### ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Cumulative GPA (Weighted):	
Class Rank (if applicable)	
SAT/ACT Scores:	
Intended College/University:	
Planned Major/Field of Study:	
Have you been accepted?	

**PLEASE ALSO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO SUBMIT A COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR CONSIDERATION:**

1. **Personal Essay:** A personal essay (500-750 words) outlining the applicant's career goals, interest in the banking industry, and how this scholarship will help achieve those goals.
2. **Letters of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors, or community leaders who can attest to the applicant's academic achievements, character, and potential.
3. **Official High School Transcript:** Must include the most recent grades and GPA.
4. **Proof of College Acceptance:** A copy of the acceptance letter from the college or university the applicant plans to attend.
5. **Resume:** A current resume highlighting academic achievements, extracurricular activities, work experience, and community service.

**CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification of information may result in the disqualification of my application.

If selected as the scholarship recipient, I understand the scholarship will consist of a single payment of \$5,000.00 and will be sent directly to the college or university to which I provided an acceptance letter with my scholarship application. The single payment will be sent directly to the school prior to the first semester.

If selected as a scholarship recipient, I will maintain prompt and timely communication with representatives of CBL State Savings Bank. This includes responding to any requests for additional information, verifying enrollment at the institution of my choice, and providing necessary documentation to facilitate the proper awarding and disbursement of scholarship funds. Failure to maintain communication or provide requested information in a timely manner may result in delays or forfeiture of the scholarship.

**Applicant Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS**

- Completed applications, including all required documents, must be submitted by **5:00 pm on Friday, March 14, 2025.**
  - **Submit the completed application and supporting documentation to:**  
CBL State Savings Bank Foundation  
229 Trade Street  
Greer, SC 29651  
**OR**  
Email: [scholarships@myCBL.bank](mailto:scholarships@myCBL.bank)
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- Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_
- Application Complete: (Yes/No) \_\_\_\_\_
- Reviewed By: \_\_\_\_\_
- Decision: (Approved/Denied) \_\_\_\_\_
- Award Amount: \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Notified: \_\_\_\_\_