



St. Croix Educational Complex 20th Anniversary Reunion Committee Fund

Application Guidelines

Established in the fall of 2022, the **St. Croix Educational Complex (SCEC) 20th Anniversary Reunion Committee Fund** was conceived of by the SCEC's 2003 alum to support graduating high school students on the island of St. Croix who have chosen to further their studies at an institution of higher education. St. Croix Foundation for Community Development (SCF) administers the SCEC 20th Anniversary Fund in conjunction with the Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund, which was conceived of by Junior Gaspard (native son of St. Croix) in 2018 in honor of his grandparents, Patrick and Amelia Williams. Gaspard's grandparents demonstrated a work ethic, determination, and expectation of excellence despite great odds, which led to educational opportunities for multiple generations.

In the spirit of Patrick and Amelia, the **SCEC 20th Anniversary Fund's goal is to provide opportunities to youth who have met obstacles but persevere despite these challenges and see education as a means to achieving personal/professional success that can then be shared with the next generation.**

Award Cycle: The SCEC 20th Anniversary Fund will award a maximum of one (1) scholarship not to exceed \$5,000. **Applications may be submitted beginning April 27 and must be submitted by June 16.** Applicants will receive notice by June 30 as to the status of their application.

Qualifications: To qualify for an SCEC 20th Anniversary Fund Award, applicants must:

- ✓ Reside on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
- ✓ Be a graduating senior from St. Croix Educational Complex who is matriculating into college/university
- ✓ Have attended a public junior high school on St. Croix
- ✓ Provide proof of acceptance to an accredited college/university
- ✓ Demonstrate specific, long-term goals and financial need
- ✓ Indicate and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Review Process: All applicants that satisfy the above requirements are considered and reviewed carefully by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee, with priority given to applications that demonstrate:

- ✓ Meaningful community service/volunteering or work experience
- ✓ Participation in extra-curricular activities (e.g., clubs, after school programs, etc.) or description of socioeconomic circumstances that prevented the ability to join

Attachments: This completed application **MUST INCLUDE** (copies acceptable):

- ✓ Birth or baptismal certificate
- ✓ High school and junior high school transcript/report card
- ✓ Acceptance letter to college/university
- ✓ Two (2) letters of reference (one must be an academic reference; character reference also accepted)
- ✓ One (1) 500-word essay describing a time the applicant showed perseverance and overcame adversity and how this experience shaped the person he/she/they is/are today.
- ✓ One (1) video submission describing the impact that obtaining a college/university degree will have on the applicant's life. Videos should be no more than 4 minutes in length.

IMPORTANT: Complete and submit your application and all documentation by **JUNE 16th** in the Foundation's online portal at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=scf>.

If there are challenges with online submissions due to access or connection issues, please email Lilli Cox at lcx@stxfoundation.org for assistance and/or to make alternative arrangements to submit your application.