



THE LOWE/ASHMORE SCHOLARSHIP

2026 Award Year

A Post-Secondary Scholarship Program Offered to Glynn Academy Students Pursuing a Degree in Science, Engineering, Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Medical and Related Fields.

SCHOLARSHIP OVERVIEW

The Lowe/Ashmore Scholarship Fund was established by a generous donation from Kenneth E. Lowe (1933–2025). A 1952 graduate of Glynn Academy, Mr. Lowe earned a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Georgia and an M.S. in Chemistry from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. His distinguished career culminated in serving as editor and publisher of the nation's largest pulp and paper trade publication.

The Fund also honors Mr. Lowe's brother-in-law, George H. Ashmore, Jr. (1934–2006), also a member of Glynn Academy's Class of 1952. Mr. Ashmore completed a B.S. in Electrical Engineering at Georgia Tech and an M.S. in Physics at UCLA, eventually retiring as a Corporate Vice President of ITT Corporation.

Both men were the first in their families—and the only members of their generation—to attend college. They both achieved success in hard science fields but needed help to get started. The scholarship fund stands as a tribute to their shared belief in expanding opportunities for future students.

Purpose and Scope:

The scholarship awards an initial four (4) academic semesters of support at the undergraduate level, with requirements to maintain documented progress, academic achievement, and continued focus on the hard sciences as described above. Recipients may apply after the first award for additional support designed to allow them to complete their undergraduate degree.

After graduation with a degree in hard sciences, recipients may re-apply for scholarship-support for graduate-level education, recognizing that many careers in hard sciences require advanced degrees

These funds are not to be used to promote or encourage political or social programs but to be solely used to help students in the study of science, engineering, natural sciences, mathematics, medical and related fields.

Definition of Hard Sciences: For clarity, "hard sciences" refers to the disciplines originally described by Kenneth E. Lowe in his fund instruction (in his wishes), including science, engineering, natural sciences, mathematics, medical, and related fields.

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- A senior graduating from Glynn Academy High School in Glynn County.
- Have a declared and demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in hard science as described above.
- Accepted by a regionally accredited undergraduate institute in the United States, with the intention of majoring in the science, engineering, natural sciences, mathematics, medical and related fields.
 - Support beyond the first two years requires a documented major in the hard sciences.
- Applicants with demonstrated financial need will be given preference.
- Financial need is assessed using federal criteria:
 - Applicants are required to submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
 - The Student Aid Index (SAI) (generated from the FAFSA) is used to determine need.
 - Financial need is defined as Cost of Attendance (COA) – SAI.
 - The gap between what the family is expected to pay and the total cost to attend college represents the student's financial need.

- Completion of online application to include:
 - An essay (limit 750 words) demonstrating the student's interest in the hard sciences and achievements in the basic sciences in high school.
 - Two letters of recommendation (at least one must be from a professor or teacher in basic sciences).
 - Copy of student's high school transcript, including SAT or ACT scores.
 - Copy of acceptance letter from an accredited institution that offers a degree in at least one of the above-mentioned hard sciences.
 - Copy of the most recent year tax return of student of parents (whoever claims the student on their tax return).

Post Award Details:

- The scholarship provides \$2500 per semester for an initial four semesters, paid directly to the student's post-secondary institution to cover tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Any remaining funds are provided to students through the school's account services to help with living expenses.
- Once awarded a scholarship, students must maintain acceptable academic progress. Criteria include the student's GPA, institution attended, field of study, and the course load. The student must maintain qualifying enrollment status to receive subsequent year funding.

Selection Process:

The selection process for this scholarship fund will be overseen by the Communities of Coastal Georgia Foundation, where the fund is housed. Annually, the Board of the Foundation appoints a Scholarship Selection Committee to oversee the selection process for the various scholarship programs it administers. The Selection Committee will review application materials, interview applicants (as appropriate) and make recommendations for the award to the Board of the Foundation.

The application portal will open Wednesday, February 4, 2026, and close Wednesday, April 1, 2026.

Please direct any questions to info@coastalgeorgiafoundation.org

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