CFCC Common Application Checklist:

Scholarship applications for the 2021-2022 academic year will open in November 2020. Completing one Common Application online enters you into a selection process for more than 70+ scholarship funds. Start gathering the necessary items now to make the application process seamless and quick!

Gather these items before you apply:

- List of awards/recognition received in the past 1-2 years
- List of volunteer/employment/extracurricular activities in which you have participated in the last 1-2 years
- Academic transcript from most recent semester
  - high school seniors must include first semester of senior year
- Two letter(s) of recommendation from within the last year
- An up-to-date resume
- A recent high-quality photo of yourself

- Answers to the following essay topics:
  - Personal Statement (Min. word count: 500; Max. word count: 2,000)
    Tell your story. Consider including the following: What are you passionate about (socially, academically, professionally, etc.)? What makes you unique? Why do you feel you merit consideration for a scholarship? Any unusual circumstances you would like the committee to know about?
  - Describe a person, event or activity that has shaped you into the person you are today. (Min. word count: 250; Max. word count: 700)
    Why has this been so significant to you? What have you learned from this?
  - What has been most meaningful about your extracurricular activities, volunteering, or work experiences? (Min. word count: 250; Max. word count: 700)
  - Describe your academic and career goals. (Min. word count: 500; Max. word count: 2,000)
    Consider including the following: Why are you interested in a particular field or career? How has this interest/passion developed over time? What is your overall vision for your future?
  - How will you make a difference in your community? (Min. word count: 250; Max. word count: 700)
    Consider including the following: How will your higher education and/or career goals serve to improve your community specifically or society in general? How will your higher education and/or career goals help you to become a leader?
Special Circumstances (Max. word count: 2,000)

Please share anything that you would like to share with the committee that is not reflected anywhere on the application

The following financial information:

- First two pages of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (FSA)

- First two pages of most recent tax returns (2 year’s prior taxes—for the 2021-2022 academic year application, use 2019 taxes)
  - Applicants considered “dependent” for financial aid (FAFSA) purposes will need to submit their parents’ tax returns
  - Applications considered “independent” for financial aid (FAFSA) purposes will need to submit their own tax returns
    - If you need help determining your dependency status, please visit the Federal Student Aid website.