2027 CFNRV General Scholarship Application

Community Foundation of the New River Valley

Applicant Legal Name*

Please put in **last name, first name** format

Character Limit: 100

Preferred Name

Enter the name you like to be called

Character Limit: 100

May we text you concerning your application?

If yes, make sure you provide your mobile number in your profile.

Choices

Yes
No

Locality Where You Reside*

In what Virginia county or independent city do you live?

Character Limit: 250

Applicant's Current School*

Character Limit: 250

Applicant's Intended College*

Character Limit: 250

Are you a previous Community Foundation Scholarship Recipient?

If so, tell us what fund gave you the Scholarship Award.

Character Limit: 50

Personal and Educational Information

Scholarship Funds*

There are many scholarship funds, each with its own requirements and qualifications. To review the scholarship funds and the eligibility requirements, use our online list of scholarship funds. Note that some funds require additional essays. Check all scholarship funds for which you are eligible. To maximize your chances, please check all boxes which apply to you. Read our scholarship guide carefully as you will not be eligible for all scholarships, and selecting inappropriate funds may delay evaluation of your application.

Choices

1. Auxiliary/CNRVMC Scholarship Fund
2. Blacksburg Legacy Fund
3. Blacksburg Volunteer Rescue Squad Memorial Scholarship Fund
4. Blue Collar Scholarship
5. James E. and Kate H. Board Scholarship Fund
6. Citizens Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
7. Cranwell Family Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
8. Domermuth Scholarship Fund
9. Chris Dudley Scholarship Fund
10. T. Scott Eaton Scholarship Fund
11. Benjamin Eiss Memorial Scholarship Fund
12. Doris Huff Elliott Business Excellence Scholarship Fund
13. Epperly Family Fund
14. Marcus Allen Ford Memorial Scholarship Fund
15. Jim Gwazdauskas Memorial Scholarship Fund
16. Juanita Shelor Hall Memorial Scholarship Fund
17. Terry Helms Memorial Scholarship Fund
18. Warren Lloyd Holtzman Freedom Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
19. Raymond M. and Edith H. Ingram Scholarship Fund
20. Casey Jones Memorial Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
21. Lamba Horizon Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
22. Lineweaver Scholarship Fund
23. Living4Bri Scholarship Fund
24. Diana Love Legacy Instrumental Music Scholarship Fund
25. Amber Lutz Scholarship Fund
26. Allan Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund
27. Marie Mandelstamm Scholarship Fund
28. A. Phillip Meadows Leadership Fund
29. Morrow-Stevens Foundation Fund
30. Muffo Family Scholarship Fund
31. Mullins Scholarship Fund
32. Mary Ann King Peters Scholarship Fund
33. Plummer Family Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
34. RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund
35. Adrienne Marie Rhudy Memorial Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
36. Evelyn Rutrough Memorial Scholarship Fund
37. Josephine Shotts Memorial Scholarship Fund
38. Simon-Flora-Grohs Scholarship Fund
39. Jo Ann Slate Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
40. Dana R. and Marilyn Spencer Scholarship Fund
41. Dennis Stauffer Memorial Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
42. Eric E. Sutphin Memorial Scholarship For the Children of Law Enforcement Officers
43. Teel Family Scholarship Fund
44. William F. Teel Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
45. Larry Turman Memorial Scholarship Fund
46. Woodrow and Elma Turman Scholarship Fund
47. Earl Vest and Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund

48. VFW Post 5311 Legacy Scholarship Fund
49. Virginia Tech Women's Club Scholarship Fund
50. June and Joseph Wang Memorial Scholarship Fund, additional essay required
51. Jane Ann Wells Scholarship Fund
52. Virginia Whittaker Memorial Scholarship Fund
53. Williamsburg Consort Symphonic Band Scholarship Fund
54. Wings Fund

Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number*

Character Limit: 5

First Generation Student*

Please indicate if you are a first generation student. If neither of your parents have a college degree, then you are a first generation student. At the CFNRV, when we refer to "first generation student", we are asking if at least one of your parents completed a 4 yr college or university degree. If one parent has a degree, then you are not a first generation student. We do not include siblings in this definition.

Choices

Yes
No

First in Family

Character Limit: 10

Educational Attainment*

Select the educational attainment level that best describes you

Choices

I am a current high school senior
I have graduated high school
I am enrolled in my first year of college
I am enrolled in my second year of college
I am enrolled in my third year of college

Major*

Indicate your current or intended major/course of study. If you do not know, please write "undecided".

Character Limit: 30

If "undecided" on Major*

Tell us your motivations or what you are excited about learning

Character Limit: 250

Grade Point Average (GPA)*

If you are a currently enrolled student, enter your cumulative GPA and grading scale. *For example (3.1/ 4.0)= a 3.1 GPA on a scale of 4.0.*

Character Limit: 12

Veteran or Active Military Status*

Indicate whether you are an active member of the armed services (including Reserves and National Guard), a veteran, or the child, grandchild, or stepchild of an honorably discharged veteran or active member of the armed services.

Choices

I am a child, stepchild, or grandchild of a VFW Post 5311 member
I am the child, grandchild, or stepchild of an active member of the armed services
I am currently a member of the armed services
I am a veteran
I am the child, grandchild, or stepchild of a veteran
No veteran or armed services affiliation

AI Acceptable Use Policy Review Confirmation**

I have read the Community Foundation of the New River Valley's Policy on Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Scholarship Applicants, which outlines the acceptable and unacceptable use of AI writing tools, such as, but not limited to, ChatGPT, Gemini, Jasper, and CoPilot. If I do use AI tools for this scholarship application, I agree to abide by the policy's acceptable use parameters. I understand that my application may be removed from consideration if reviewers believe I have violated the policy and used AI tools in an inappropriate manner.

Choices

Yes, I affirm that I have read and followed the policy.

Student Essay*

Tell us about yourself. If you have applied to us before for a scholarship, this must be a new essay. Scholarships are awarded heavily based on your essay. We are looking for your resiliency, your passion, your motivations, your intentions. Your application is confidential. Be sure to include all of the following information:

- A brief biographical sketch.
- An experience that influenced you or where you had to be resilient at your comfort level
- Your goals and aspirations. Be clear on your goals and why you want to go into your preferred major
- How many years do you expect it to take to accomplish your goal

Character Limit: 5000

Additional Essay Needed for Fund Approval

If you are applying to scholarship funds that require an additional essay, **please combine each essay into one PDF** that clearly identifies each essay with its associated fund. *See our scholarship funds list for details on essay requirements.*

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Honors and Awards

List any honors and awards you have received in the past 2 years

Character Limit: 500

School Based Extracurricular Activities

List any extracurricular activities in your school you have been involved with in the last 2 years and any information on office positions held. Spell out any acronyms (i.e. write out "National Honor Society" instead of "NHS" so we understand what you are referring to.)

Character Limit: 500

Community Based Volunteer Activities

List any volunteer activities you have been involved in that were not affiliated with your school. Please spell out any acronyms.

Character Limit: 500

Personal Time*

Tell us how you spend your time when you are not in school or studying. We understand not all students have the time for sports, clubs or community activities. We are trying to understand you holistically.

Character Limit: 1000

Employment

List your employment history from the past 2 years. Please include whether it is full time, part-time or a summer job or no outside employment at all. Spell out any acronyms.

Character Limit: 500

Non Traditional Students

If you are going back to school after spending years in the workforce, please tell us why you are going back to school.

Character Limit: 500

Additional Considerations

Are there any special circumstances or expenses the Scholarship Committee should be aware of when reviewing your application, such as illness, medical conditions, loss of job, or student debt that affect your family's financial situation? If so, please describe.

Character Limit: 1000

Financial Information (Self Upload)

Financial Statement*

Fill out the Financial Statement, save it to your computer and upload below. The link will download a Word Document. Please save it as a PDF before uploading.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Transcript (self-upload)

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Upload a copy of your most recent official or unofficial academic transcript in .pdf form.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Letters of Recommendation Instructions

Letters of recommendation are submitted directly by the people you ask to write them. In the space below, you will be asked to provide contact email addresses for two writers.

- Examples of writers include current teachers, principals, coaches, employers, etc.
- **Writers cannot be family members.**
- At least one letter **must** be from a current teacher or professor or academic advisor!

Other important items to note:

- **We require two letters of recommendation.**
- After typing the contact's email address, click "compose email" and a pop-up window will prompt you to write an email asking for a recommendation
- **Be sure to include the application deadline in the body of your email**. Each writer will also receive an email from our application system with a link for submitting their letter, but this email DOES NOT include the application deadline.
- **We do not accept letters of recommendation by mail or email.**
- DO NOT submit your application until BOTH letters of recommendation have been submitted.

Keep in mind:

- **It is your responsibility** as the applicant to ensure your writers submit the letters of recommendation by the required deadline.
- **It is your responsibility** to then submit your application once those letters have been uploaded.
- **Your application will not be accepted if two letters have not been uploaded.**

Letter of Recommendation #1

Letter of Recommendation Contact Email*

Enter the email address of the person who will be writing your first letter of recommendation.

Character Limit: 254

Letter of Recommendation Form*

Upload a letter of recommendation for this student. Provide the most current information you have for the student. All letters must be in PDF format. *For help creating a PDF, please refer to page 4 of our FAQ.*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Letter of Recommendation #2

Third Party Email*

Character Limit: 254

Letter of Recommendation*

Upload a letter of recommendation for this student. Provide the most current information you have for the student. All letters must be in PDF format. *For help creating a PDF, please refer to page 4 of our FAQ.*

File Size Limit: 2 MB