2027 Scholarship Application for Trade Schools

Community Foundation of the New River Valley

General Information

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 or School*
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

Major or Area of Study*
Indicate your current or intended area of study

Character Limit: 250

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

17. David Surface and Robert Brown Scholarship Fund
22. Earl Vest and Mamie Phillips Vest Scholarship Fund
23. Eric E. Sutphin Memorial Scholarship for the Children of Law Enforcement Officers
25. Gary Mullins Memorial Scholarship Fund
35. Larry Turman Memorial Scholarship Fund
41. Muffo Family Scholarship Fund
43. Ray E. and Mary B. Epperly Family Fund
45. RBN Inc. Appreciation Scholarship Fund
46. Simon-Flora-Grohs Scholarship Fund
48. Teel Family Scholarship Fund
50. VFW Post 5311 Legacy Scholarship Fund
56. Wings Fund
57. Woodrow and Elma Turman Scholarship Fund

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

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.

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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.

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

Field of Study Essay*

Why are you interested in this field of study? Include any events that led you to this decision

Character Limit: 1000

Career Goals Essay*

What are your specific career goals?

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

School Based & Community Based Activities

If applicable, share any extracurricular activities either in or outside of school that you have been involved within 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

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

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.*

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