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The Carla Savage-Wells Scholarship Foundation, Inc. is proud to announce that it will award at least two scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year. Each scholarship recipient will receive up to \$3,000.

Scholarships will be awarded to a member of the Nandua High School Class of 2024 and to a graduating senior from all other high schools in Accomack County, Northampton County, and the Tidewater area, including students who are home schooled and are otherwise eligible to receive the scholarship.

As with prior awards, the ideal recipients of this year’s scholarship will embody, in word and in deed, the spirit and civic-mindedness of esteemed and beloved educator, Carla Savage-Wells.

### **Biographical Sketch of Carla Savage-Wells**

Carla was a 1977 graduate of Onancock High School, and she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Speech Communication from Old Dominion University in 1981. Mrs. Savage-Wells found her passion in educating young people. She taught at Nandua High School for more than two decades, and she excelled inside and outside the classroom. During her time at Nandua, she amassed unprecedented success as the coach of the forensics team—guiding her students to 10 consecutive Regional Championships, culminating in a State Championship in 2008 (a first for Nandua). In recognition of her success, Carla was inducted into Nandua’s Athletic/Academic Hall of Fame in 2020.

Carla was a larger-than-life personality. She was a gifted orator, writer, singer, and actor. In addition to her scholastic pursuits, Mrs. Savage-Wells always found time to give back to the community, fundraising for the Literacy Council, the Eastern Shore Public Library Foundation, the Mary N. Smith Enrichment Center, the Desegregation Virginia Education Project, and the Historical Society. Her community involvement also extended to Macedonia AME Church where she served in various roles.

Nothing, however, was more important to Carla than family. For 25 years, she was a devoted wife to her husband, Norm Wells, and their union was blessed with a beautiful daughter, Sheridan. Mrs. Savage-Wells departed this life on October 25, 2020, after a courageous and dignified fight with cancer.

To know her was to love her.

## Eligibility Requirements

1. Must be a senior at Nandua High School or any high school in Accomack County, Northampton County, or the Tidewater area; or otherwise eligible home-school student;
2. Must enroll in an accredited college or trade school in the Fall of 2024;
3. Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5;
4. Must have a demonstrated commitment to community service; and
5. Must submit a 500-word essay on one of the following topics:
  - a. What have you done to contribute to the improvement of your community? How do you intend to have a lasting impact on the betterment of your community?
  - b. What act of community service would you perform to improve your community? How would you accomplish this goal?
  - c. If you could start your own charity to improve your community, what would your mission be? Why is the charity you chose particularly relevant to your community?

## Required Materials

1. Completed application;
2. Current high school transcript;
3. Resume;
4. One letter of recommendation from a teacher, employer, or community leader;
5. 500-word essay; and
6. Proof of enrollment in an accredited college or trade school upon request (if selected for award)

**Completed application and required forms must be submitted by April 2nd, 2024. Materials should be emailed to [cswscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cswscholarship@gmail.com) by the deadline. Any questions related to this application, or the scholarship generally should be directed to [cswscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:cswscholarship@gmail.com).**

## Selection of Scholarship Recipient

The Executive Board of the Carla Savage-Wells Scholarship Foundation, Inc. will select finalists for each scholarship from the eligible applicants. To honor Mrs. Savage-Wells' commitment to bettering students as public speakers, the finalists will be asked to prepare a brief speech to present to the Executive Board via Zoom. Finalists will be notified of the topic and date for their presentation in early April 2024.



**Carla Savage-Wells**  
SCHOLARSHIP

**Applicant Information**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

\_\_\_\_\_ City State ZIP Code

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative High School GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

**College Applications**

List all colleges/universities/trade schools applied to and the status of your application(s)  
(Accepted/Rejected/Deferred/Pending):

School Name	Application Status

How will this scholarship impact your life? (For your answer, please use the space below or submit your response in a separate document.)

## Disclaimer and Signature

*I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_