

John Handley High School

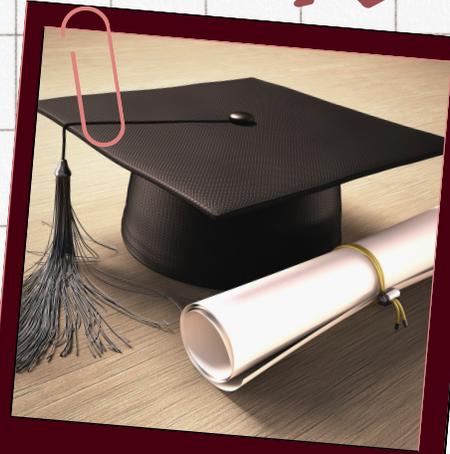
Senior Newsletter

OCTOBER 31ST 2025

College & Military Visits

University of Mary Washington - Nov. 3rd
(Expedited Admissions- Counseling Dept.)

Radford - Nov. 5th
@Senior Cafeteria During Lunch



Class of 2026

Scholarship News

Listed Below are links to apply for Scholarships & Current Applications that are available in Counseling

Important Dates:

*Speed Networking Event - Thursday, November 6th @ CAO 10:30am-1:30pm

Reminders:

Check The Counseling Canvas Page
Diploma Name Verification (Form Link Below)

Diploma Name Verification

100% OF SENIORS NEED TO COMPLETE THIS [FORM](#). THIS FORM IS USED TO CONFIRM THE ACCURACY OF STUDENT'S NAMES AS THEY APPEAR IN POWERSCHOOL. THE NAME LISTED WILL BE PRINTED ON THE STUDENT'S HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA AND ANNOUNCED DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. PLEASE REVIEW THE INFORMATION CAREFULLY. BY COMPLETING THIS FORM, YOU ARE EITHER VERIFYING THAT THE NAME IS CORRECT OR ARE NOTIFYING US OF ANY CHANGES NEEDED. THIS FORM IS USED TO ENSURE THE STUDENTS DIPLOMA IS PRINTED ACCURATELY AND THE NAME IS READ CORRECTLY DURING THE GRADUATION CEREMONY IN MAY.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: December 12, 2025 @ 3:30PM

FREE!
**FINANCIAL AID
WEBINARS FOR
VIRGINIA
STUDENTS
& FAMILIES**



Register for webinars on the following topics:
(All webinars are from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm)

- FAFSA Walkthrough - Oct. 21, 2025
- Financial Aid for Current College Students - Nov. 6, 2025
- Scholarships Basics and Tips - Nov. 13, 2025
- Next Steps Post-FAFSA - Jan. 22, 2026
- Financial Aid Offer Review - Feb. 10, 2026
- Summer Steps for Financial Aid - Apr. 21, 2026



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Scholarships



Local Scholarship Application Now Available

The Local Scholarship Application is officially open! 🎉 This is your chance to be considered for scholarships generously provided by community organizations and donors who want to support your future. Don't miss out!

To be eligible, you must have applied (or plan to apply) for admission to one of the following:

- a four-year college/university
- a two-year college
- a vocational/technical school
- or another accredited institution of higher learning

 **Deadline: January 9, 2026**

Here's how to apply:

1. Review the [Local Scholarship Application Link](#) — make a copy to complete digitally.
2. Print, sign, and submit your application.
 - Printed applications are also available in the Counseling Office

💡 Tip: Start early! Don't wait until the last minute — this is free money for college, and you don't want to miss the opportunity.

Scholarships



VSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP DUE: JANUARY 30TH, 2026 BY 4:00PM

THE VIRGINIA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (VSBA) IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE A BRAND-NEW SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY DESIGNED TO SUPPORT HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH! THE VSBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGIONAL SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNIZES STUDENTS WHO EXCEL IN ACADEMICS, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE, PROVIDING THEM WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PURSUE THEIR POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION.

KEY DETAILS:

- ✓ **WHO CAN APPLY? HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING IN SPRING 2026 WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN A DIVISION THAT IS A MEMBER OF THE VSBA AND LOCATED WITHIN ONE OF THE NINE VSBA REGIONS.**
- ✓ **SCHOLARSHIP AWARD: \$5,000 PER REGIONAL WINNER!**
- ✓ **SCHOLARSHIP THEME: CHAMPION FOR IMPACT – SHARE HOW YOU PLAN TO USE YOUR EDUCATION TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**
- ✓ **APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 30, 2026, BY 4:00 P.M.**

SELECTED RECIPIENTS WILL BE HONORED DURING THE 2026 VSBA REGIONAL SPRING NETWORKING FORUMS. ATTENDANCE TO THE STUDENT'S RESPECTIVE REGIONAL SPRING NETWORKING FORUM IS REQUIRED TO RECEIVE THEIR AWARD. REGIONAL WINNERS WILL BE SELECTED AND NOTIFIED IN FEBRUARY 2026. A FULL LIST OF 2026 VSBA REGIONAL SPRING NETWORKING FORUMS IS INCLUDED IN THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKET LINKED BELOW.

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHICH VSBA REGION YOUR SCHOOL DIVISION IS IN, PLEASE VISIT:
[HTTPS://WWW.VSBA.ORG/VSBA-REGIONS/LINKS](https://www.vsba.org/vsba-regions/links) TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.**

DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITY! BE A CHAMPION FOR IMPACT AND TAKE THE NEXT STEP TOWARD YOUR FUTURE.

HAVE QUESTIONS? REACH OUT TO BELLA CORBO AT BELLA^[AT]VSBA.ORG OR CALL 434-295-8722 EXT. 2.

[CLICK HERE FOR SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE](#)

[CLICK HERE FOR ONLINE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE](#)

Scholarships



Park Scholarship at NC State DUE: November 1st, 2025

[APPLY FOR THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPLINKS](#) TO AN EXTERNAL SITE. PROGRAM AT NC STATE. THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM BRINGS TOGETHER STUDENTS WITH OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND POTENTIAL IN SCHOLARSHIP, LEADERSHIP, SERVICE AND CHARACTER. [LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#) APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD OF PARK SCHOLARSHIPS ARE DESIGNATED FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS.

**THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM
IS A FOUR-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP VALUED AT \$236,000 AND COVERS:
TUITION, FEES, AND ROOM AND BOARD
BOOKS AND PERSONAL EXPENSES
\$2,000 COMPUTER STIPEND**

**ENRICHMENT GRANTS TO FUND STUDY ABROAD, RESEARCH PROJECTS, SERVICE ACTIVITIES, CONFERENCES
AND MORE**

GUARANTEED INVITATION TO JOIN THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM [LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#)

THE PARK EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

**PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP, PUBLIC SPEAKING AND BUSINESS ETIQUETTE
EDUCATIONAL TRIPS, RETREATS AND SEMINARS [LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#)**

**FACULTY MENTORS AND A NETWORK OF MORE THAN 1,100 ACCOMPLISHED PARK SCHOLARSHIPS ALUMNI
WORLDWIDE**

**NC STATE IS NORTH CAROLINA'S PREEMINENT RESEARCH INSTITUTION, WITH NATIONALLY RENOWNED
PROGRAMS IN ENGINEERING, VETERINARY MEDICINE, TEXTILES, STATISTICS, DESIGN, AGRICULTURE,
BUSINESS AND MORE.**

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE PARK SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAM [LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#) AND ADMISSION TO
NC STATE [LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#), ARE BOTH DUE BY 11:59 P.M. ET ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1 FOR
CONSIDERATION FOR THE PARK SCHOLARSHIP. FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

[PARK SCHOLARSHIP BROCHURE LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#)

[PARK UNDER-RESOURCED ASSISTANCE \(PURA\) BROCHURE LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](#)

Scholarships



BRADDOCK STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Four full-time semesters (tuition only) Funded Tuition at Laurel Ridge Community College!

Are you ready to take the next step toward your future? Our church is offering a scholarship covering four full-time semesters (tuition only) at Laurel Ridge Community College — giving you the opportunity to earn an associate degree or complete a vocational program at no cost!

Eligibility Requirements:

Must plan to attend Laurel Ridge Community College full-time
Must be pursuing an associate degree or vocational certificate

Application Requirements:

*Three Letters of Recommendation:

One from your school counselor, Two from teachers who have established a genuine relationship with you (past or present)

*Responses to Two Essay Questions (See attached)

*High School Transcript

 **DEADLINE: November 7th, 2025**

 Submit all materials to the Counseling Office

Scholarships

PLEASE CHECK THE COUNSELING DEPARTMENTS CANVAS ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE SCHOLARSHIPS LISTED BELOW OR STOP BY THE COUNSELING OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION!

YOU MUST SUBMIT A FORM (LOCATED IN THE COUNSELING OFFICE) TO THE COUNSELING OFFICE ALONG WITH A TYPED RESUME (INCLUDE YOUR NAME, ACTIVITIES, HONORS, COMMUNITY SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT, AND LEADERSHIP ROLES BY THE GRADE IN WHICH THEY OCCURRED) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025.

JOHN HANDLEY HIGH SCHOOL MAY NOMINATE ONE STUDENT FOR EACH OF THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. PLEASE SEE THE LINK FOR EACH SCHOLARSHIP TO GET MORE INFORMATION.

THE JEFFERSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM AND THE WALENTAS SCHOLARS PROGRAM—CULTIVATE OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS, PROVIDING THEM WITH FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO PURSUE THEIR PASSIONS AND DEVELOP THEIR TALENTS FOR THE GOOD OF THE UNIVERSITY AND BEYOND.

JEFFERSON AND WALENTAS SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDE THE ENTIRE COST OF ATTENDANCE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA AND MANY SUPPLEMENTAL ENRICHMENT EXPERIENCES.

THE CHOSEN NOMINEE FOR THE WALENTAS SCHOLARS PROGRAM MUST ALSO BE A FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENT.

DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL AND STUDENT SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 1, 2025

LEARN MORE: [HTTPS://WWW.JEFFERSONSCHOLARS.ORG/SCHOLARSHIP](https://www.jeffersonscholars.org/scholarship)

----- JEFFERSON SCHOLARSHIP

----- WALENTAS SCHOLARSHIP

----- **THE HARRY F. BYRD, JR. LEADERSHIP AWARD SEEKS TO REWARD APPLICANTS WHO CONSISTENTLY DISPLAY EXCELLENCE OF CHARACTER, QUALITIES OF LEADERSHIP, DEVOTION TO DUTY, AND ACADEMIC ACCOMPLISHMENT. WHILE ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE IS A CONSIDERATION, THE SELECTION OF AWARD RECIPIENTS EMPHASIZES THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC SERVICE. THEREFORE, MOST RECIPIENTS ARE LEADERS WHO GO ABOVE AND BEYOND THEIR PEERS TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES AND TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS. MOST RECIPIENTS ENGAGE IN ENDEAVORS THAT DEMONSTRATE THEIR INDEPENDENCE, INITIATIVE, COURAGE, PERSONAL DISCIPLINE, STRONG WORK ETHIC, COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITY SERVICE, LEADERSHIP QUALITIES, ABILITY TO CONFRONT CHALLENGES, AND PURSUIT OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE. THIS IS A \$30,000 SCHOLARSHIP, AND STUDENTS DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND A COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY IN VA. AFTER NOMINATION, THE SELECTED STUDENT MUST COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION WITH SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS, SUBMIT A TRANSCRIPT AND A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION FROM THE PRINCIPAL.**

DEADLINE FOR STUDENT SUBMISSION: DECEMBER 1, 2025

LEARN MORE: [WWW.BYRDLEADERSHIPAWARD.ORG](http://www.byrdleadershipaward.org)

----- **THE PAMPLIN LEADERSHIP AWARD (PLA) SEEKS STUDENTS WHO DEMONSTRATE SUPERIOR INTELLECTUAL PROMISE, ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE, DEDICATION TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, INTEREST AND SUCCESS IN PHYSICAL FITNESS AND HEALTH, AND UNIMPEACHABLE INTEGRITY. THIS IS A 1-YEAR, MERIT-BASED \$5,000 VA TECH SCHOLARSHIP. STUDENTS MUST HAVE AT LEAST A 3.8 GPA. STUDENTS MUST HAVE ALREADY COMPLETED THE VT UNDERGRADUATE APPLICATION. THE STUDENT SELECTED BY JHHS MUST THEN COMPLETE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION AND AN ESSAY.**

DEADLINE FOR STUDENT SUBMISSION: JANUARY 15, 2026

LEARN MORE: [HTTPS://VT.ACADEMICWORKS.COM/OPPORTUNITIES/53039](https://vt.academicworks.com/opportunities/53039)

Scholarships



2025-2026 Virginia JCI Senate Scholarship Program

THE VIRGINIA JUNIOR CHAMBER INTERNATIONAL SENATE (VA JCI SENATE), AN AFFILIATE ORGANIZATION OF THE VIRGINIA JAYCEES, IS PROUD TO CONTINUE TO OFFER THE FUTURE LEADERS OF AMERICA AN OPPORTUNITY TO EARN SCHOLARSHIP MONEY FOR THE PURSUIT OF HIGHER EDUCATION. THE APPLICATION, REQUIREMENTS, AND STUDENT CHECKLIST MAY BE FOUND ON OUR WEB SITE AT THIS LINK:

[HTTPS://WWW.VAJCISENATE.ORG/SCHOLARSHIPLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](https://www.vajcisenate.org/scholarshiplinks) OR HERE:

[HTTPS://USJCISENATE.ORG/INDEX.PHP/SCHOLARSHIP-PROGRAMLINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE.](https://usjcisenate.org/index.php/scholarship-programlinks)

OR NAVIGATE TO [WWW.USJCISENATE.ORG](http://www.usjcisenate.org)LINKS TO AN EXTERNAL SITE. AND SELECT "SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM" FROM THE MENU.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ADDITION TO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS FOR FOUR-YEAR COLLEGES/UNIVERSITIES, A SCHOLARSHIP OFFERING FOR STUDENTS PLANNING TO ATTEND TRADE, VOCATIONAL, OR TECHNICAL SCHOOLS IS AVAILABLE. LAST YEAR, THERE WAS ONLY ONE APPLICANT FOR THIS PROGRAM FROM WITHIN VIRGINIA AND WAS AN AUTOMATIC WINNER. WE STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THESE STUDENTS TO APPLY. APPLICANTS SHOULD SELECT "VOCATIONAL APPLICATION" AT THE LINK PROVIDED ABOVE.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE NOTE THERE ARE SOME CHANGES IN PROCESS FROM LAST YEAR.

DOWNLOAD AND COMPLETE THE APPLICATION FROM THE LINK PROVIDED ABOVE.

STUDENTS SHOULD ASSEMBLE THEIR APPLICATION INTO A SINGLE PDF FILE ENSURING THAT ALL ATTACHMENTS ARE INCLUDED. THE PDF DOCUMENT SHOULD BE NO LARGER THAN 25 MB. APPLICANTS OR THEIR PARENTS MUST EMAIL ME AT VIRGINIAJCISENATESCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM FOR SPECIFIC MAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR HARDCOPY APPLICATIONS. PLEASE SEE ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS AT THE VIRGINIA JCI SENATE WEBSITE. EMAILED APPLICATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED BUT ARE APPRECIATED.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JANUARY 12, 2026.

THE COMPLETED APPLICATION IN PDF FORMAT SHOULD BE EMAILED VIRGINIAJCISENATESCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM BY MIDNIGHT JANUARY 12, 2026.

TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY AND ONE VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE AWARDED BY THE VIRGINIA JCI SENATE. WINNERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS FROM THE US JCI SENATE AND WILL BE NOTIFIED WITH INSTRUCTIONS FOR FORWARDING THE COMPLETED HARD COPY APPLICATION WITH ORIGINAL SIGNATURE TO CINDY KINNEY, VIRGINIA JCI SENATE SCHOLARSHIP CHAIR.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT CINDY KINNEY WITH QUESTIONS. SHE CAN BE REACHED AT VIRGINIAJCISENATESCHOLARSHIP@GMAIL.COM.

Scholarships



Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative Scholarship

SINCE 1992, SVEC HAS OFFERED SCHOLARSHIPS TO HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS IN THE REGION WE SERVE. A STUDENT'S PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST BE MEMBERS OF SVEC WHOSE PRIMARY RESIDENCE IS IN THE VALLEY, AND THE STUDENT MUST ATTEND A HIGH SCHOOL LOCATED IN THE COUNTIES OR CITY SERVED BY THE COOPERATIVE. SCHOLARSHIPS ARE VALUED AT \$2,000.

SCHOLARSHIPS ARE INTENDED TO BE AWARDED TO STUDENTS FOR THE FALL SEMESTER FOLLOWING THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, AND FUNDS ARE EXPECTED TO GO TOWARD THE INTENDED CAREER PATH OUTLINED IN A STUDENT'S APPLICATION. SVEC'S SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER SITUATIONS ON A CASE-BY-CASE BASIS.

INITIAL JUDGING CRITERIA ARE THE QUALITY OF ESSAY PROVIDED BY THE STUDENT AND THREE LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION, WITH THE INTENT OF THESE DOCUMENTS TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE TO BETTER KNOW THE STUDENT APPLYING. FURTHER REVIEW IS THEN CONDUCTED OF THE APPLICANT'S SCHOOL/COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, FINANCIAL NEED AND THE QUALITY OF THE APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL COURSE LOAD AND PERFORMANCE.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM ARE DUE 4:30 P.M. FRIDAY, JAN. 30, 2026.

[APPLY HERE!](#)

Scholarships



Current Scholarship Applications Available in Counseling

*Winchester Lioness Lions Club Memorial Scholarship

*Braddock Street United Methodist Church Scholarship - DUE: November 7th, 2025

*Local Scholarship Applications - DUE: January 9th, 2026

*Isaac Newton Good Masonic Scholarship Application - DUE: March 27th, 2026

