

Nell Cooke Byers Scholarship

OVERVIEW: Nell Cooke Byers was an associate professor of art at the Virginia Military Institute and long-time member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce who passed away before her 35th birthday. A scholarship was endowed in her memory by the Junior Chamber, which today is known as the Lexington-Rockbridge Jaycees. Nell was an active member of the community, so the scholarship will be awarded with a preference for college-bound students with academic records worthy of recognition who have also been active in service efforts during their high school careers.

REQUIREMENTS: Must be a United States Citizen
Must be a resident of Virginia
Must be a senior at a high school located in Rockbridge County, Virginia
Must have plans to attend a degree-granting institution of higher education

SCHOLARSHIP: Two (2) \$500.00 non-renewable scholarships will be awarded annually

DUE DATE: April 18th, 2026

****Incomplete scholarship applications will be disqualified from consideration****

Please mail the completed application, current resume and personal statement to:

*Lexington-Rockbridge Jaycees
P.O. Box 1488, Lexington, Virginia 24450*

APPLICATION

DATE: _____

FULL NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADDRESS: _____
(Home) (City) (State) (Zip)

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____

GPA: _____ **RANK:** _____ out of _____
(Senior Fall Semester) (Cumulative)

Expected Institution: _____

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Anticipated Major: _____

PERSONAL STATEMENT

This portion of the application is intended to help the selection committee obtain a better sense of you as a person and as a student. The selection committee does not need you to repeat information in your response that is presented elsewhere in the application form. You are free to use whatever approach that you find most appropriate and are encouraged to submit a response that answers the following questions:

- 1) How have you been involved at your high school or in the community?
- 2) How do you see yourself contributing back to the community in college and after?

Applicants must keep their responses between **250 - 500 typed words** (approximately one page).

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Please list the clubs, organizations and outreach efforts specifically related to community service you have been involved in while in high school, including any relevant leadership positions. You may use additional paper if needed or submit a one-page resume in lieu of the form below.

	Club / Organization Name or Activity Description	Positions(s) Held or Time Spent	Years Involved
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