



## Nathaniel G. Hughes Memorial Scholarship

The Nathaniel G. Hughes Memorial Scholarship is to be awarded to graduating seniors from Rockbridge County High School who are pursuing a career in a field related to special education services. The scholarship is intended to help students pursuing a career as a **special education teacher, occupational therapist, physical therapist, or speech and language pathologist**. Nathan enjoyed the blessing of working with the finest teachers and therapists available. In cooperation with DePaul Community Resources, the Hughes family hopes to allow future generations of students to have excellent and compassionate teachers and therapists as well.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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 Name of College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Major/Field of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

Please write a brief statement/essay explaining why you have chosen your career path. (One page is sufficient).  
 Some of the things you might want to include could be:

- What motivated you to pursue this career?
- What are your past experiences with individuals who have special needs?
- Anything else you would like us to know about you.

**DEADLINE: April 10th, 2026**

Please submit your application to Ms. vanRavenswaay in the guidance office, along with a letter of recommendation from a teacher, club sponsor or another individual who knows you well. You can also email it to Michelle Hughes: [mhughes5@vt.edu](mailto:mhughes5@vt.edu) or [michelle\\_hughes@rockbridge.k12.va.us](mailto:michelle_hughes@rockbridge.k12.va.us)