



Through the generous support of our Donors, the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation offers many scholarships that honor or memorialize loved ones, recognize specific academic institutions, or support a particular field of study. As a result, many students will realize many benefits that will ultimately affect their lives and our community both today, and for future generations.

Unless otherwise noted, the application deadline is May 01, 2025. Each Scholarship has its unique requirements. Please visit our website at <https://sevacf.org/scholarships/scholarship-offerings/> for more information.

- **Al Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** Two \$7,500 scholarships available for graduating seniors or college students who graduated with a minimum 2.5 GPA from a high school in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Newport News and, Isle of Wight County. Applicants must exhibit qualities of leadership, citizenship and, service and must participate in extra-curricular activities, volunteer in community activities, or be employed. Applicants must attend an accredited college or university.
- **Brantley Memorial Scholarship:** One \$2,000 scholarship to a graduating Senior of Chesapeake and Portsmouth Public Schools who has been accepted or enrolled at Longwood University in Farmville, Virginia. Applicants must have a minimum 3.0 GPA.
- **Calder S. Sherwood Memorial Scholarship:** Six \$2,000 scholarships will be awarded altogether. Two graduating seniors from each of the three Portsmouth public high schools will be chosen. The scholarship will be renewable for a total of four years as long as the student meets the following criteria: 1) maintain a 2.5 GPA at a Virginia college or university that is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities, 2) enroll full time with a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester, and 3) submit official transcript and fall schedule to the scholarship office by June 30th of each year for renewal consideration. Students will be selected by the scholarship committee at their high school. Each applicant must be of good character, be in the upper 20% of their class, and show financial need on the application. The deadline for this scholarship varies from year-to-year. **Please apply for this scholarship through your school's scholarship counselor.**
Application deadline: March 29.



- **C.H. Jordan Memorial Scholarship:** Scholarship award(s) available to students who are members of Third Baptist Church in Portsmouth, Virginia and who are pursuing a college or seminary education. The number of scholarships awarded and their amounts vary from year-to-year. **Please apply for this scholarship through the Third Baptist Church in Portsmouth.**
- **Conner McGrevy Memorial Scholarship:** One \$1,000 scholarship available to a graduating senior of First Colonial High School who will be attending a College or Trade school, pursuing a STEM degree, Arts degree, or Trade.
- **Eastern Amateur Golf Scholarship:** Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to graduating High School seniors in Portsmouth, Chesapeake, and Suffolk who were members and played on their high school's varsity golf team their senior year. **Please apply for this scholarship through the Eastern Amateur.**
- **Foskey-VanDyck Scholarship:** One \$1,000 scholarship available to Portsmouth and Western Branch High School seniors pursuing a degree (in preference order) in music education, music, or at James Madison University with the award being based on financial need.
- **Frances V.C. Major Memorial Scholarship:** One \$1,000 scholarship available to a graduating senior of Smithfield High School with a minimum 2.8 GPA who is first generation of color that desires to pursue studies in education, S.T.E.M, medicine, or music with the award being based on financial need.
- **Gladys Clarke Memorial Scholarship:** One \$2,000 scholarship available with the goal of rewarding academic achievement. Applicants must have a minimum 3.5 GPA and graduate from a high school in Chesapeake, Norfolk, or Portsmouth. Applicants must exhibit qualities of leadership and service, through participation in their church, school, or community. Applicants must attend an accredited 4-year college or university.
- **Horace Savage Scholarship:** Two \$1,000 scholarships available every other year (2025, 2027, 2029 etc.) for I.C. Norcom High School seniors to attend a Virginia ACE-accredited institution of higher learning.



- **Jarrold B. Shivers Memorial Scholarship:** One \$1,500 scholarship for (in order of preference) police officers, children of deceased police officers who were not killed in the line of duty, and children of current police officers.
- **Josef D. Collins Memorial Scholarship:** One \$1,000 scholarship available to a I.C. Norcom High School senior pursuing a degree in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math) or Arts at an ACE-accredited community college or 4-year college or university. Selection will be based on the following criteria: financial need, academic merit, and community service.
- **Karen Mellet Colston Scholarship:** Two \$2,000 scholarships are available to graduating seniors of Great Bridge High School with a minimum 3.0 GPA to attend an accredited college or university. Students must exemplify the “Tradition and Pride” for which Great Bridge High School is so well known. Students must exhibit qualities of leadership, citizenship, and service. **Applications are available at Great Bridge High School. Application deadline: April 3.**
- **Mason Hackworth Theatre Scholarship:** Scholarships awarded to graduating students from Grassfield High School, who participated in Theatre, are members in good standing with the International Thespian Society, and will continue their studies in theatre at a regionally accredited institution of higher education. This award is merit-based; financial need is not a factor. Applicants will complete a Mason Hackworth Scholarship **Application Form made available through the Fine Arts Department and Guidance Office at Grassfield High School. Application deadline Apr 25.**
- **Maylea Brockington Beasley Love and Laughter Scholarship:** Two \$500 scholarships: One \$500 scholarship is available to a graduating First Colonial High School Girls’ Volleyball player who applies for the scholarship through the ***High School’s application system.*** The second \$500 scholarship will be available for a graduating senior who is a member of a recognized Troop of the Girl Scouts of Colonial Coast and has been the recipient of the Girl Scouts “Gold Award” by April 1st of their Senior Year of High School.
Applications for the Girls Scouts scholarship is available on the SEVACF website. Both recipients must attend an accredited college or university.



- **Portsmouth Service League “PSL” Scholarship:** Two \$1,500 scholarships for women residing in Portsmouth, Virginia who are pursuing a higher education at an ACE-accredited community college, technical school, professional program, or 4-year college or university. One scholarship requires that an applicant be a high school senior of Portsmouth Public Schools. The other applicant can be any woman living in Portsmouth who is trying to advance her education in any program. All applicants must have a proven record of community service and one of the references must be from a Community Service supervisor. Note: Active/sustaining/provisional members of the PSL are not eligible to apply.
 - The requirements for a **graduating high school senior** are as follows: (1) applicant must have a letter of acceptance from an educational institution (2) a reference from the individual supervising their community service or from the organization where they performed their community service (3) a second reference (4) a one-page statement, special essay (see below).
 - The requirements for a **college student** or **non-traditional student** are as follows: (1) applicant must have a college transcript or equivalent report from the last educational institution attended (2) a reference from the individual supervising their current community service (3) a second reference. Applicants who were awarded this scholarship as a high school senior are welcome to re-apply as a college student with the above requirements.
- **Susan Berry Reitelbach Memorial Scholarship:** One \$2,000 scholarship available to a graduating senior at any Chesapeake high school with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The student must display a love of libraries and for helping other readers through volunteering in a Chesapeake Public Schools library, Chesapeake Public Library, and/or other media centers. The student must be enrolled in a Virginia college or university.
- **W. Clayton Robertson Memorial Scholarship:** One \$1,200 scholarship available to an applicant who meets the following criteria: 1) Portsmouth, Chesapeake, or Suffolk, Virginia high school student pursuing an undergraduate degree at any ACE-accredited Virginia College or University in the pre-medical and/or pharmaceutical field with a 3.0 GPA or higher, or 2) Virginia resident attending the Medical College of Virginia for an advanced degree in the medical or pharmaceutical field with a 3.3 GPA or higher. Each applicant must meet GPA requirements or show financial need on the application.



Scholarship Application

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation offers the following scholarship opportunities for 2025. **Please place a checkmark on each scholarship for which you are applying.**

Application deadlines vary. Generally, the application deadline is **May 01** at 11:59 pm.

- Al Taylor Memorial Scholarship
- Brantley Memorial Scholarship
- Conner McGrevy Memorial Scholarship
- Foskey-VanDyck Scholarship
- Frances V.C. Major Memorial Scholarship
- Gladys Clarke Memorial Scholarship
- Horace Savage Scholarship – only available during odd numbered years (i.e.2025, 2027 etc.)
- Jarrod B. Shivers Memorial Scholarship
- Josef D. Collins Memorial Scholarship
- Portsmouth Service League “PSL” Scholarship
- Susan Berry Reitelbach Memorial Scholarship
- W. Clayton Robertson Memorial Scholarship

Requirements:

- Minimum of 2.5 GPA, unless otherwise noted
- Official high school transcript and SAT/Achievement scores
- Two letters of reference
- FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), if applicable
- 1-page essay describing your educational dream, how you plan to impact the future; and any special circumstance or information that may be helpful to the Selection Committee. If the scholarship for which you are applying has its own essay, this essay is not required.
- Senior photo, digital copy.

Additional Required Essays:

- Portsmouth Service League “PSL” Scholarship: How do you live PSL’s vision statement, “To empower innovative women to lead and serve while leaving a positive legacy on the community and each other?” (250-500 words)



- W. Clayton Robertson Memorial Scholarship: Why do you wish to go into the medical or pharmaceutical field?
- Foskey-VanDyck Scholarship: What is your goal and what support system do you have to achieve your goal? Why have you chosen music or music education as your focus?

Return application to:

The Southeast Virginia Community Foundation
1435 Crossways Blvd, Suite 303
Chesapeake, VA 23320

Applicant Information:

Full Name:

Date of Birth: ___/___/___

Address:

Email Address:

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) address (if different):

Parent's Military Command: _____ Rank: _____

Parent is a police officer: yes no District: _____

Full Name:



Education Information:

High School:

Cumulative GPA: _____

College Choices:

1st Choice:

Tuition: \$ _____/year Accepted Pending

2nd Choice:

Tuition: \$ _____/year Accepted Pending

3rd Choice:

Tuition: \$ _____/year Accepted Pending

What field of study are you considering?

Why are you considering that field?

Is this a five-year program? Yes No

Financial Information:

Applicant's annual income: \$ _____ Parent(s) annual income: \$ _____

Applicant's financial assets (529 Plans): \$ _____



Number of children currently in college: _____

Other financial considerations: _____

Please provide a listing of scholarships applied for or awarded:

Scholarship:

Amount Awarded: \$_____ Renewable: Yes No

Scholarship:

Amount Awarded: \$_____ Renewable: Yes No

Provide a supplemental list of all school activities in which you have participated (e.g. clubs, sports, student government, honor societies, band, etc.); include each year participated.

I certify that the information I have provided in this application is accurate and is subject to verification by the Southeast Virginia Community Foundation's Selection Committee representatives at its discretion. I understand that the Foundation reserves the right to provide this application information to additional scholarship selection committees if determined appropriate.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___

Photo Release:

Southeast Virginia Community Foundation has my permission to use my photograph publically to promote their business. I understand that the images may be used in print publications, online publications, websites, and social media. I also understand that no royalty, fee, or other compensation shall become payable to me by reason of such use. Images will only be used if the applicant is selected for a scholarship. SEVACF posts, on our website, the senior photo of our scholarship recipients.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** ___/___/___