



Karen Mellott Colston Memorial Scholarship

Karen Mellott Colston was an incredible lady who loved people and lived life to the fullest. Known for her infectious smile and wonderful personality, she demonstrated a life-long love for Chesapeake, the community of Great Bridge and her alma mater Great Bridge High School. She was the Senior Class President of the Class of 1977, and found great joy in the “tradition and pride” represented in her school. As such, she was a tremendous supporter of Great Bridge High School throughout her adult life. As the founder and owner of Great Bridge Child Care, she had a genuine love for children and loved watching each one grow and mature into successful adults. The purpose of this scholarship is to honor the memory and the many contributions of Karen’s life and reward students who are seeking higher education and share in her love and passion for the community.

Eligibility:

- The applicant must be a graduating senior at Great Bridge High School.
- The applicant must have at least a 3.0 weighted GPA.
- The applicant must exhibit qualities of leadership, citizenship, and service.
- The applicant must participate in extra-curricular activities.
- The applicant must compose a 1 page essay describing how he or she exemplifies the “Tradition and Pride” for which Great Bridge High School is so well known.
- The applicant must have a financial need.
- The applicant must be attending an accredited college or university in the Fall.

Application Process:

Applicants must email the completed Karen Mellott Colston Memorial Scholarship Application, as well as all supporting documentation, to Mrs. Kennedy (Adrienne.Kennedy@cpschools.com) no later than **April 3, 2026**. The application, resume, and essay must be completed *by the student*.



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Applicant Information:

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Names: _____

Cumulative weighted GPA: _____

College Information:

1st Choice: _____

Tuition: \$ _____/year Accepted Pending

2nd Choice: _____

Tuition: \$ _____/year Accepted Pending

3rd Choice: _____

Tuition: \$ _____/year Accepted Pending

What field of study/major 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: \$ _____

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

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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.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

Please submit the following supplemental materials with your completed application:

- Official high school transcript and SAT/Achievement scores
- One page resume that includes all of school activities in which you have participated (e.g. clubs, sports, student government, honor societies, band, etc.); include each year participated.
- Copy of the first page of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) that shows Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- One page essay describing how you exemplify the "Tradition and Pride" for which Great Bridge High School is so well known

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