

2026 Scholarship Reception



**Community
Foundation**
of the
Dan River Region



A MESSAGE FROM THE FOUNDATION

Welcome to The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region's annual Scholarship Award Reception. We are thrilled to be able to gather once again to celebrate the 2026 scholarship recipients who are dedicated to their education and endeavor to continue that journey.

We wish to thank and recognize the generosity of our donors who established The Foundation's scholarship funds. Their gifts have made 75 scholarship funds possible, and with their vision, the journey for many is less burdensome.

The Community Foundation of the Dan River Region is a public charity established in 1996. In the last 30 years, we have grown to more than \$85 million in assets. Each year, we return earnings from these funds to our community through grants and scholarships.

Since The Foundation was established, we have awarded scholarships to area students totaling more than \$5 million.

This year we are pleased to be awarding 181 scholarships totaling \$412,490 to 165 students from Danville, Pittsylvania County, Halifax County and Caswell County.

We congratulate all students on their scholarship award, and we wish everyone much success in the pursuit of higher education!

Best wishes,

The Community Foundation Board of Directors and Staff

2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

scholarship awards totaling \$412,490



Adkerson-Dodson Special Education Scholarship

Established in 2012 in memory of Elsie Carolyn Adkerson, who was born prematurely in 1944. She lived with epilepsy and handicaps until her death in 2000, but was able to attend school through the seventh grade. The scholarship is also in memory of Robert Edward Adkerson and Elsie Herndon Adkerson, who raised and cared for Elsie Carolyn during an era when no local, state or federal assistance was available for individuals with special education needs. The scholarship supports deserving Danville/Pittsylvania residents who have a need for financial support and who are pursuing an undergraduate degree or licensure in special education.

Madyson Aron - \$1,200
Westover Christian Academy Class of 2026



William E. Barr Scholarship

Established in 2013 in memory of William E. Barr who graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in 1987. The scholarship supports Danville-Pittsylvania County graduates attending Hampden-Sydney College.

Jayden Smith - \$2,500
Gretna High School Class of 2026

Walter and Barbara Bass Scholarship

Established in 2022, the scholarship supports Halifax County graduating seniors who maintain a 3.0 GPA, and have completed 120 hours of community service or are a JROTC member.



Jayyden Leigh - \$2,300
Halifax County High School Class of 2026

Kaiyah Stephens - \$2,300
Halifax County High School Class of 2026

Bennett-Bushnell-Jones-Kaufman Scholarship

Established in 2008 to honor the memory of Betty Jones Bennett, Helen Lucile Neathery Bushnell, Julie and Miranda Jones, and Julius Kaufman.



Hanyi Zhang - \$2,500
Radford University - Carilion



Anonymous Donors

Cruising to a Better Future Scholarship

Established in 2024 by donors who chose to remain anonymous but wanted to invest in the community, this scholarship is open to students in Danville, Pittsylvania County, Halifax County, Virginia; and Caswell County, North Carolina.

Aubree Murray - \$1,000
American University



Deputy Frankie Lynn Betterton Scholarship

Established in 2012 in memory of Deputy Sheriff Frankie Lynn Betterton who was shot and killed while making a traffic stop on May 17, 2002. The scholarship is for Danville-Pittsylvania County residents who have a financial need and who are pursuing a career in law enforcement.

Joshua Gunter - \$1,400
George Washington High School Class of 2026



Robert R. Blackwell and Virginia M. Blackwell Scholarship

Established in 2018 by the estate of Judge Robert R. Blackwell. Judge Blackwell graduated with his bachelor's degree from Mars Hill College and then continued his education by graduating from Wake Forest University School of Law. Judge Blackwell practiced law for 30 years, and served as Chief District Judge for Judicial Districts comprising the following counties: Person, Caswell and Rockingham. The scholarship is for Bartlett Yancey High School graduates, with a preference for those attending Mars Hill University or Wake Forest University.

Taylor Stanley - \$2,600
Bartlett Yancey High School Class of 2026



Sadie Banks Brown Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2021 in memory of Sadie Banks Brown. The scholarship is awarded to local students from Danville and Pittsylvania County with a preference for students attending historically black colleges and universities.

Natalia Morrison - \$1,300
Old Dominion University



Bernard C. Calvert Scholarship

Established in 2004 in memory of Bernard C. Calvert by the Brosville Council #51 of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. Mr. Calvert was a member and a State Councilman of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics. The scholarship is awarded to Tunstall High School graduates, preferably students who attended either Brosville or Stony Mill Schools.

Blake Swiger - \$2,700
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



James W. Bryant, Sr. and James T. Collie Scholarship

Established in 2005 by Mrs. Virginia Collie, a retired Pittsylvania County school teacher, in honor of her father and father-in-law. The scholarship is for Pittsylvania County Public School graduates, with a preference for those pursuing education or nursing.

Jacob Davis - \$2,085
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Tristan Hernandez - \$2,085
University of Virginia

Kayden Hernandez Galvan - \$2,085
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Danielle Barbour - \$2,085
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Dylan Mitchell - \$2,085
**Liberty University College of Osteopathic
Medicine**

Zohari Freeman - \$2,085
Radford University

MacKenzie Adkins - \$2,085
Catawba College

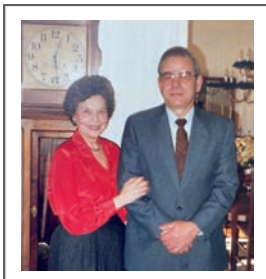
Elijah Glass - \$2,085
James Madison University



Caswell County Schools Scholarship

Established in 2019 for Bartlett Yancey High School graduating seniors attending an accredited two-year or four-year post-secondary institution in the field of education with the intent to earn a bachelor degree for the purpose of teaching school in Caswell County Schools.

Melanie Pinto - \$1,900
Bartlett Yancey High School Class of 2026



Barbara Shields Collie and John Collie, Jr. Scholarship

Established in 2025 for residents of Danville and Pittsylvania County who enroll at a Virginia nonprofit public or private institution and maintain good academic standing.

Kathryn McDonald - \$1,100
Liberty University



Frank, Mary, and Ray Compton Scholarship

Established in 2007 by Dr. Elizabeth Compton in memory of her family. Scholarships are awarded to area students attending post-secondary education schools who have demonstrated a devotion to academics, or are otherwise talented.

Emily Davis - \$2,330
Longwood University

Danilu Acevedo-Garcia - \$2,330
Galileo Magnet High School Class of 2026

Khamauri Mays - \$2,330
Radford University Carillion



Lawrence R. Dabbs Scholarship

Established in 2017 by the estate of George Earl Dabbs to create an endowed scholarship fund to benefit high school graduates in Caswell County. George Earl Dabbs wanted the scholarship to be created in memory of his brother, Lawrence R. Dabbs, who was killed in the war.

Kathy Pichardo - \$1,000
Bartlett Yancey High School Class of 2026



John Watson Daniel Scholarship

The John Watson Daniel Scholarship was established in memory of John W. Daniel in 1997 by the JWD Retirement Club. The scholarship is for Danville, Pittsylvania and Caswell County graduates and may give primary consideration to descendants of employees or retirees of John W. Daniel Construction Company.

Lauren Torborg - \$1,300
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Steven Bruce Daniels, Jr. Scholarship

Established in 2014 in memory of Steven Bruce Daniels, Jr. This scholarship is for Danville, Pittsylvania or Caswell County graduates attending either North Carolina State University or Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University with plans to study the field of agriculture (primary) or with a high school varsity athletics background (secondary).

Lydia Carter - \$2,230
Virginia Tech

Cole Abercrombie - \$2,230
Virginia Tech

Grace Stowe - \$2,230
Virginia Tech



Danville Academic Boosters Scholarship

Transferred to The Community Foundation from the Danville Academic Boosters in 2003. The scholarship is given each year to the top academic students from Danville Public Schools.

Semiya Buckner - \$725
Galileo Magnet High School Class of 2026

Sophia Li - \$625
Galileo Magnet High School Class of 2026

Kobe Morrison - \$525
George Washington High School Class of 2026

Franklin Leigg - \$425
George Washington High School Class of 2026



Danville Lions Foundation Scholarship

Established in 2016, this scholarship is for Danville, Pittsylvania, or Caswell County graduates who are pursuing a health-related profession, with a preference for those in a graduate level of study, especially those concentrating in sight and speech/hearing professions.

Bailey Calhoun - \$2,460
Radford University

Taylor Dodson - \$2,460
University of Lynchburg

Kayleigh Griffith-Teemer - \$2,460
Emory & Henry University

Sydney Mahoney - \$2,460
Virginia Commonwealth University

Patrick Haney - \$2,460
Averett University



Danville Pittsylvania Academy of Medicine Alliance Scholarship

Established in 2018 by the Danville/Pittsylvania Academy of Medicine Alliance, Physician Spouse Group, this scholarship benefits Danville and Pittsylvania County graduates who are pursuing medical fields of study.

Ashlyn Loftis - \$800
Westover Christian Academy Class of 2026



Danville Regional Medical Center Auxiliary/Volunteers Scholarship

Established in 2008 for Danville Regional Medical Center (now known as SOVAH Health) employees, volunteers and their immediate families, who are studying a medical field.

Caroline Clay - \$2,400
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Roy L. and Mary G. Doss Scholarship

Established in 2010 in memory of Roy L. and Mary G. Doss to benefit graduating seniors of Danville or Pittsylvania County. This scholarship is renewable for four years.

Aranza Ramirez Leon - \$6,000
University of Virginia

Unique Savage - \$6,000
Averett University

Brittany Hicks - \$6,000
Averett University

Emma Foley - \$6,000
University of Virginia

John Pointer - \$6,000
Halifax County High School
Class of 2026

Alyssa Robertson - \$6,000
Longwood University

Jonathan Westrick - \$6,000
University of Virginia

Esperanza Bolanos - \$6,000
Moore College of Art and Design

Daryl Brimmer - \$6,000
George Mason University

Ja-Meriona Valentine-James - \$6,000
Averett University

Mattilyn Herndon - \$6,000
James Madison University

Dakotah Younger - \$6,000
Virginia Tech

Erin Payne - \$6,000
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Donnovan Perez - \$6,000
Galileo Magnet High School
Class of 2026



Susan L. Edwards Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2012 in memory of Susan L. Edwards. Mrs. Edwards knew the importance of education beyond high school but could not afford going to college. She discovered the Radiological Technician program at Memorial Hospital of Danville, now SOVAH Health, which allowed students to receive training in exchange for working at the hospital following successful completion of coursework. Mrs. Edwards completed the program in June of 1965 and immediately began working as an x-ray technician for the hospital. The scholarship is given to students pursuing the field of radiologic technology.

Paul Salas - \$1,400
SOVAH School of Health Professions



John R. and Betty B. Eggleston Scholarship

Established in memory of Dr. and Mrs. John Eggleston. Dr. Eggleston was a pediatrician in Southside Virginia who was known for treating his patients like family. In 1954, after examining a child from the Faith Home orphanage, Dr. Eggleston called a relative in Tennessee about adopting the 2-year-old boy. John Eggleston Mayfield's life was changed forever. He found a family. To show his gratitude, John E. Mayfield of Tennessee started the John R. and Betty B. Eggleston Scholarship Fund in 2002.

Kelsie Scott - \$1,000
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Fairview Church Scholarship

Established in 2017, this scholarship represents the merger of three different scholarships (the United Methodist Women Scholarship, the Cox-Hardy Scholarship and the Edna Davis Scholarship) into the Fairview Church Scholarship. This scholarship benefits members of Fairview Church in Danville, Virginia.

Katelyn Brooks - \$1,400
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Samuel Manning Farmer Scholarship

Established in 2019 by R. Lee and Elizabeth M. Farmer to provide scholarships for Bartlett Yancey High School graduates who demonstrate a devotion to academics or are otherwise talented. Preference is given to students attending Elon University, Greensboro College, Guilford College, North Carolina State University and Wake Forest University.

William Boaz - \$2,600
North Carolina State University



First Responder-Hero Education Scholarship

Established in 2013 by Pat and Cathy Daly to provide scholarships for Danville-Pittsylvania-Caswell County high school graduates whose parents are armed forces members, veterans, law enforcement officers, or fulltime or volunteer firefighters, with a preference for graduates whose parents were killed or wounded while performing their duties.

Ava Presley - \$2,265
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Eli Farmer - \$2,265
Averett University

Amanda Talbott - \$2,265
Virginia Commonwealth University



Margaret Spruce Floyd Scholarship

Established in memory of Mrs. Floyd and transferred to The Community Foundation in 2004. The scholarship is awarded to female graduates from Pittsylvania County.

Katie Turner - \$2,800
Chatham High School Class of 2026



H. Lee Fowlkes Memorial Scholarship for the Arts

Established in memory of Mr. Fowlkes to provide post-secondary educational scholarships to graduates of Bartlett Yancey High School in the fields of visual or performing arts who have demonstrated a devotion to academics.

Kathy Pichardo - \$1,000
Bartlett Yancey High School Class of 2026



John Wesley and Juanita Stokes Fulton Scholarship

Established to provide post-secondary educational scholarships to Bartlett Yancey graduates with a preference for students attending a HBCU institution or a descendant of a present or former member of the Eta Eta Zeta Yanceyville Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Makayla Graves - \$2,300
Winston-Salem State University



G.W. Class of 1957 Scholarship

Established on November 5, 2007 with a gift of \$500. The scholarship was established in honor of the 50th class reunion and was designated to benefit high school graduates of George Washington High School.

LaPriannah Keen - \$1,800
George Washington High School Class of 2026

Sherri Dickens - \$1,800
Bellevue University



Gantsoudes Scholarship

Established in 2008 by Helen Kanos Gantsoudes. Helen's commitment to the Danville community and to the importance of higher education for all children led her to provide a scholarship fund for GW students attending school in Virginia or North Carolina.

Tikiiya Thomas - \$1,950
George Washington High School Class of 2026

Naomi Price - \$1,950
Norfolk State University



Virginia Ann Miller Garmon Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2021, this scholarship is to benefit graduates of Halifax County High School and George Washington High School who desire to pursue post-secondary education in the fields of education, business or religion.

Jenna Austin - \$800
Old Dominion University



Roy G. and Joan F. Gignac Scholarship

Established by Roy G. and Joan F. Gignac in 2000 to benefit area students pursuing technical fields of study, preferably attending the Illinois Institute of Technology.

Andrew Clark - \$2,210
Liberty University

Esirah Scott - \$2,210
Chatham High School Class of 2026

Sophia Li - \$2,210
Galileo Magnet High School
Class of 2026

Troy Edmonds - \$2,210
Bridgewater College

Marco Pineda - \$2,210
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

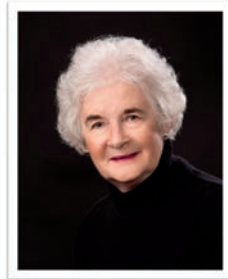
Brandon Quintero - \$2,210
Virginia Tech

Kayla Hamlett - \$2,210
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Bronson Craddock - \$2,210
Dan River High School Class of 2026

William Carson - \$2,210
Halifax County High School
Class of 2026

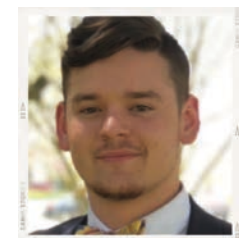
Khalil Richardson - \$2,210
Old Dominion University



Meredith Wilson Gravely Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be given to graduates of Danville, Pittsylvania and Caswell County who were attendees of Meredith Wilson Gravely School of Dance with a preference for those pursuing studies in performing arts.

Sydney Lackey - \$900
University of Virginia



George A. Grekos Scholarship

Established in 2019 by Dr. Paul Grekos, shortly after the tragic death of his son. George was an honor graduate of Chatham High School and a junior at Christopher Newport University. This scholarship is for Danville/Pittsylvania County graduates, with a preference for Chatham High School graduates, who attend Christopher Newport University.

Savannah Clay - \$1,800
Chatham High School Class of 2026



Diane Marie Gross Scholarship

Established in 2013 in memory of Diane Marie Gross who was killed in an automobile accident at the young age of 16. The scholarship, established by her mother, benefits graduates of high schools in Danville/Pittsylvania County who attend Washington and Lee University or the College of William and Mary.

Julia Kent - \$3,100
College of William & Mary



John B. Grubb Scholarship

Established in 2007 by Ruby Hodges Grubb in memory of her late husband, John Booker Grubb. The scholarship benefits Danville and Pittsylvania County graduates.

Ashlyn Chappell - \$1,100
Radford University



Gail and Walter Gunn Scholarship

Established in 2015, this scholarship is awarded to local African American students with a preference for those studying business or with an entrepreneurial interest.

Kamari Davis - \$1,600
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Ray M. Harris Scholarship

Created in memory of Mr. Harris and transferred to The Community Foundation in 2004. The scholarship gives primary consideration to Pittsylvania County High School graduates.

Christopher Bowman - \$2,800
Liberty University

Nhyla Terry - \$2,800
Dan River High School Class of 2026



Stuart Harris Drama Scholarship

Given each year to outstanding drama students in Danville and Pittsylvania County. Stuart Harris was a native of Danville, but his career centered in New York. He worked for well-known advertising and book publishing firms. His interest in drama began in childhood and continued through his life.

Piper Fairplay - \$1,600
Galileo Magnet High School Class of 2026



Douglas Sager Hayes and Mildred “Mickey” Hayes Scholarship

Established in 2013 to provide scholarships for Danville-Pittsylvania graduates studying art. “Mickey” Hayes was a well-known artist who loved painting and sharing her gifted ability. She loved growing her own flowers and they were her inspiration for most of her work. Her paintings are hanging in homes and businesses, both local and abroad.

Elaina Carter - \$2,280
Homeschooled Class of 2026

Tes Rodgers - \$2,280
University of Virginia

Hayley Shumate - \$2,280
Dan River High School
Class of 2026

Lauren White - \$2,280
Liberty University

Coy Hamlett - \$2,280
Hampden-Sydney

Kaelyn Roach - \$2,280
University of Virginia

Anna Barber - \$2,280
Westover Christian Academy Class of 2026

Cameron Puckett - \$2,280
Dan River High School Class of 2026

Victoria Wagner - \$2,280
Westover Christian Academy Class of 2026

Saniah Lyons - \$2,280
Galileo Magnet High School Class of 2026

Zachary Stowe - \$2,280
Chatham High School Class of 2026

Miranda Smallwood - \$2,280
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Eliza Patterson Hines Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2014 to support local graduates pursuing a career in teaching, preferably grades 1-7. Mrs. Hines was an employee of Pittsylvania County Schools for 51 years, teaching 6th and 7th grade at Renan School and was the Librarian at Gretna High School for 20 years.

Alyssa Keesee - \$2,000
Liberty University

Hokie Bird Scholarship

Established in 2013 to support Danville-Pittsylvania County graduates attending Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.



Faith Newell - \$2,100
Virginia Tech

Blake Presley - \$2,100
Virginia Tech

Sawyer Hankins - \$2,100
Chatham High School Class of 2026



Hospitality Management and Tourism Scholarship

Established in 2023 to provide scholarships for graduates of Danville, Pittsylvania, Halifax and Caswell counties who plan to attend Hospitality Management and Tourism programs in the geographical service area of The Community Foundation.

David Alexander - \$1,300
Averett University



Ruby Sartin Hovatter Educator Scholarship

Established in 2017 to provide scholarships for graduates of George Washington High School and Bartlett Yancey High School who plan to become a classroom teacher. Mrs. Hovatter spent more than 50 years in education and wishes to inspire future educators.

Brady Woodson - \$1,500
Virginia Commonwealth University



John L. Hurt, Jr. Scholarship

Established by Mrs. Frances Hallam Hurt to support students of Gretna High School, with a preference given to students who attended John L. Hurt, Jr. Elementary School. Major John L. Hurt, the great-uncle of Mrs. Hurt's husband, was the founder of the town of Hurt. His nephew, the late John L. Hurt, Jr., spent his life encouraging and supervising its growth. Because John L. Hurt, Jr. was a passionate believer in education, Mrs. Hurt felt that a college scholarship in his memory would be appropriate.

Jacob Shelton - \$2,800
Virginia Tech



M. Etta Jennings Nursing Scholarship

Established in 2013 to provide scholarships to Danville-Pittsylvania high school graduates in a two-year nursing program with a preference for programs located in Danville. Ms. Jennings was inspired to pursue nursing during World War II and received her training at Danville Memorial Hospital's Nursing Program as a member of the Cadet Nurses Corps. Her formal nursing career spanned 45 years.

Gracie Taylor - \$2,000
Averett University



Robert and Bernice Milam Scholarship

Transferred to The Foundation in 2010 from Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church. Robert and Bernice were married on November 10, 1933. They did not have children of their own but wanted to help the children of Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church pursue a higher education. The scholarship benefits active members of Third Avenue Congregational Christian Church or Stone Creek Church.

Canaan Sloane - \$2,525
Liberty University

Pierson Sloane - \$2,525
Chatham High School Class of 2026

Reagan Payne - \$2,525
Liberty University

Caroline Vicks - \$2,525
**Auburn University College of
Veterinary Medicine**



Onnie H. and Bertie W. Milloway Scholarship

Transferred to The Community Foundation in 1998 from American National Bank and Trust. The scholarship was established to provide educational assistance to local students attending Averett University.

Alana Blair - \$2,500
Averett University

Sasha Puckett - \$2,500
Averett University

Kiley Sheets - \$2,500
Averett University



Patrick H. Musick Scholarship

Established to provide funding for deserving local Averett University students who have a tennis-playing background. Mr. Musick was a local attorney and a strong supporter of Averett University, especially the tennis team.

Zachary Setliff - \$1,600
Averett University



Pamela K. Parrish Scholarship

Established in 2023 in memory of Pamela K. Parrish to benefit graduates of Dan River High School pursuing post-secondary education.

Karsyn Smith - \$2,025
Averett University

Amare White - \$2,025
University of Virginia

Macy Blanks - \$2,025
**Dan River High School
Class of 2026**

Natalia Swanson - \$2,025
University of Lynchburg

**Plumblee Scholarship**

This scholarship was originally established in 1977 by Millard Quentin Plumblee and Elizabeth Chandler Plumblee. Their son, Mr. Gordon Plumblee, was instrumental in transferring this scholarship from The Caswell County Board of Education to The Foundation in 2019. Gordon Plumblee taught biology for 35 years at Western Alamance High School in Elon, NC, receiving numerous awards for teaching throughout his career. This scholarship benefits graduates of Caswell County Public Schools.



Taylor Stanley - \$2,090
Bartlett Yancey High School
Class of 2026

William McGhee, Jr. - \$2,090
Bartlett Yancey High School
Class of 2026

Jordan Johnson - \$2,090
Averett University

Akyia Wilson - \$2,090
University of North Carolina Greensboro

Molly Boaz - \$2,090
Bartlett Yancey High School
Class of 2026

Melanie Pinto - \$2,090
Bartlett Yancey High School
Class of 2026

Eliza Brewer - \$2,090
Bartlett Yancey High School
Class of 2026

James Martin - \$2,090
Bartlett Yancey High School
Class of 2026

Makayla Graves - \$2,090
Winston-Salem State
University

Miranda Hancock - \$2,090
University of North Carolina
Greensboro

**Arnold B. Porter and Elizabeth J. Porter Scholarship**

Established in 2008 for students who are members of Fairview Church and demonstrate a need for financial aid.

Katelyn Brooks - \$4,500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Elizabeth Whitlow Reith Price R.N.
Whitlow Family Nursing Scholarship

Established in 2016 to support graduates of Bartlett Yancey High School who are pursuing nursing or health-related professions at an associate, bachelor, or graduate degree level. The scholarship was named to honor Elizabeth's dedication to helping others through her nursing career, to honor her three older sisters who also had careers in nursing, and to acknowledge the importance of a strong, supporting family.

Akyia Wilson - \$2,550
University of North Carolina
Greensboro

Miranda Hancock - \$2,550
University of North Carolina
Greensboro



Irene L. Pritchett Scholarship

Established by Mrs. Pritchett to benefit deserving African American students. A tobacco factory worker, Irene L. Pritchett believed in a better tomorrow for African-American children through higher education. This visually-handicapped woman worked hard, invested her money wisely, and through her will, established this scholarship fund. The scholarship was transferred to The Community Foundation from First State Bank in 2001.

Jachaia Lea - \$2,400
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Cherish Adkins - \$2,400
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Alger Pugh Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of George Washington High School Football Coach, Mr. Alger Pugh. The scholarship is given each year to deserving G.W. High School athletes.

Jalen Williamson - \$2,500
Virginia State University

William Daniel - \$2,500
**East Carolina University School of
Dental Medicine**



Richard Ramsey Scholarship

Created many years ago in memory of Mr. Ramsey, a Gretna High School teacher, and transferred to The Community Foundation in 2010. This scholarship benefits top graduates of Gretna High School.

Vivian Taylor - \$2,125
Gretna High School Class of 2026

Doris Stallard - \$2,125
Gretna High School Class of 2026

Sophia Brooks - \$2,125
Gretna High School Class of 2026

Jenna Motley - \$2,125
Gretna High School Class of 2026



Riddle-Francis Scholarship

Mrs. Garnett Francis, a retired Pittsylvania County teacher, established the Riddle-Francis Scholarship in 2005. The scholarship benefits graduates of Pittsylvania County Public Schools, with a preference for Tunstall or Dan River students.

Collin Stevens - \$1,800
Averett University

Bobbie French - \$1,800
Danville Community College



Rotary Club of Chatham Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Chatham established the Rotary Club of Chatham Scholarship in 2019. The scholarship benefits graduating seniors of Gretna High School and Chatham High School, with a preference for students who are a member of their school's Interact Club.

Abigail Breedlove - \$1,000

Gretna High School Class of 2026

Sydney Moss - \$1,000

Chatham High School Class of 2026



Rotary Club of Yanceyville Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Yanceyville established the Rotary Club of Yanceyville Scholarship in 2013. The scholarship benefits graduates of Bartlett Yancey High School who have demonstrated a devotion to academics, or are otherwise talented, and who have a need for financial support.

William Boaz - \$1,800

North Carolina State University



Percy and Velna Scarce Scholarship

Established by Moffett Memorial Baptist Church in 2000 in memory of Percy and Velna Scarce. Scholarships are awarded to graduates in Danville, Pittsylvania and Caswell counties who actively support their religious convictions, are academically merited and have financial need.

Madeleine Jones - \$2,400

Tunstall High School Class of 2025



Addison Singh Scholarship

Established in 2023 in memory of Addison Singh, a sonographer at SOVAH Health Danville. The scholarship supports students in the fields of sonography or radiology.

Zoe Hardy - \$1,100

SOVAH School of Health Professions



Spiros Skenderis Memorial Scholarship

Established in 1999 by the Danville Bar Association in memory of Judge Skenderis. The scholarship benefits Danville-Pittsylvania County graduates who have overcome a hardship. Spiros Skenderis was a compassionate judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Danville for nineteen years. During this time, he was focused on improving scholastic achievement and building character in the young people who appeared before him.

Carolina Wheeler - \$2,700
Tunstall High School Class of 2026

Layla DeShazor - \$2,700
Dan River High School Class of 2026

Lauren Gauldin - \$2,700
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Eileen and Joseph Stendig Scholarship

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Stendig in 2005 to assist deserving Danville Public School students.

Carol-Anne Garrett - \$2,155
James Madison University

Madison Hodges - \$2,155
Liberty University

Enyia Mills - \$2,155
George Washington High School Class of 2026

Ashley Johnson - \$2,155
Glenville State University

Krystie-Shiomara Eugene - \$2,155
Galileo Magnet High School Class of 2026

Jordan Greene - \$2,155
Longwood University

Semiya Buckner - \$2,155
Galileo Magnet High School Class of 2026



Shoemaker-Velarde Fine Arts Scholarship

Established in 2025 by the Gretna Little Theatre, this scholarship supports high school graduates majoring in Fine Arts, with a preference for Gretna graduates.

Olivia Franklin - \$3,500
Gretna High School Class of 2026

Louise P. Surles Scholarship

Established by Mrs. Surles to support local students attending the University of Virginia. The scholarship was transferred to The Community Foundation in 1999.



Kayla Wise - \$2,150
University of Virginia

Caroline Hylton - \$2,150
University of Virginia



Thomas “Tommy” Stump Memorial Scholarship

Established in 2025 by his wife to honor the memory of a beloved husband, this scholarship supports Danville, Pittsylvania County, Halifax County and Caswell County students attending Virginia Tech.

**Graham Haskins - \$2,000
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**



The Brother Joe Carey Scholarship

Established in 2023 to honor the memory of a beloved best friend, this scholarship supports Danville and Pittsylvania County students pursuing post secondary education.

**Shiloh Pickrel - \$1,000
SOVAH School of Health Professions**



Tricia’s Nursing Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of Patricia Harris Towler by Caswell Family Medical Center to provide scholarships for any age student pursuing a career in nursing and who has demonstrated a devotion to academics.

**HaiLan Zhao - \$2,200
University of Lynchburg**



Tunstall Academic Boosters Club Scholarship

Transferred to The Community Foundation in 2017 by Dr. Albert Payne and Mrs. Sandra Payne. The scholarship benefits top students graduating from Tunstall High School.

**Jacob Howard - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Mason Clark - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Madeleine Jones - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Ava Presley - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Caroline Clay - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Katelyn Brooks - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Kaitlyn Gregory - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Samuel Payne - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Reese Jenkins - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**

**Emily Hylton - \$500
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**Morgan Phillips - \$500
Tunstall High School Class of 2026**



Florence P. Wagner and Jennie Lee Wagner Scholarship

Established in 2008 to benefit Pittsylvania County High School graduates. Jennie was a long-time educator in the Pittsylvania County Schools.

Caitlyn Jarrett - \$1,950
James Madison University

Mohammad Adil Khan - \$1,950
Tunstall High School Class of 2026



Andy Warren Memorial Scholarship

Established in memory of George Washington High School Football Coach, Mr. Andy Warren. The scholarship is awarded to deserving athletes from George Washington High School.

Kobe Morrison - \$2,430
George Washington High School Class of 2026

Franklin Leigg - \$2,430
George Washington High School Class of 2026

Nyla Walters - \$2,430
George Washington High School Class of 2026



Laurie Anne Wilmoth Nursing Scholarship

Established in 2021 to benefit City of Danville High School graduates attending Danville Community College or Averett University nursing programs with a preference given to those planning to work in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Sarah Garrett - \$1,000
Averett University



Woodlawn Academy Scholarship

Established in 2014 with proceeds from the sale of Woodlawn Academy to benefit former Woodlawn Academy students and immediate family of former students.

Matthew Arnold - \$2,850
Virginia Tech

MacKenzie Harris - \$2,850
Longwood University

ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP

Are you passionate about education and have an interest in establishing a permanent scholarship fund? Perhaps you wish to honor a loved one or want to support a particular high school or college.

The Community Foundation welcomes the opportunity to assist you with creating a scholarship fund tailored to your interests. Scholarship funds can be structured to benefit students at any education level, or eligibility may be restricted to students attending a specific institution or studying a particular field. The Community Foundation Board of Directors and staff facilitate the required administration of scholarship funds to ensure scholarships are awarded equitably.



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