2021-22 Northern Piedmont Community Foundation Scholarship Application

Northern Piedmont Community Foundation Scholarships

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

Required questions are marked by an asterisk (*). If at any time you need to save your answers and complete the application later, click on the **SAVE APPLICATION** button at the bottom of this form. A message will appear at the top of your screen indicating the application has been saved.

Your draft will be on your Applicant Dashboard when you log in. Click Edit Application to the far right.

Applicant Information

Application ID*

This 6-character-ID will be used to locate your scholarship application. Please use the last 4 digits of your phone number (cell or home) followed by two letters (upper case). For example, an ID should resemble this - 5987TZ

Character Limit: 6

First Generation College Student*

Are you the first person in your family to attend college?

Choices
Yes
No
Unsure

County of Residence*

Choices
Culpeper
Fauquier
Frederick
Madison
Orange
Rappahannock
St. Louis County

Warren
Winchester
Other

Other County

If you chose "other" in the question above, please specify your county of residence here.

Character Limit: 200

Gender Identity*

Choices

Female
Male
Other
Prefer not to answer

Race/Ethnicity*

How do you identify your race or ethnicity?

Choices

American Indian or Alaskan Native
Asian
Black or African American
Hispanic
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
White (not of Hispanic origin)
Other

Education Status*

Choices

Graduating high school senior
Adult not currently enrolled in school
College freshman
College sophomore
College junior
College senior
Graduate Student

High School Information

Name of High School*

Choices

Brentsville District High School
Culpeper County High School
Eastern View High School
Fauquier High School

Highland School
James Wood High School
John Handley High School
Kettle Run High School
Liberty High School
Madison County High School
Mesabi East High School
Millbrook High School
Orange County High School
Rappahannock County High School
Southeastern Alternative
Sherando High School
Warren County High School
Wakefield Country Day School
Wakefield School in the Plains
Other
Homeschool

Other High School

If you chose "other" in the question above, please enter the full name of your high school here.

Character Limit: 200

High School Transcript*

File Size Limit: 3 MB

Graduation Eligibility*

Are you eligible to graduate from high school in 2022?

Choices

Yes
No

County of High School*

Choices

Culpeper
Fauquier
Frederick
Madison
Orange
Prince William
Rappahannock
Warren
Winchester
Other

Cumulative GPA*

Character Limit: 20

Select Eligibility Criteria*

Select all that apply to you and if none do, that is fine. We use this as a tool for a few scholarships that have very specific criteria.

Choices

Participation in Varsity athletics
Participation in Future Business Leaders of America (for at least one year)
Attended Margaret M. Pierce Elementary School
Attended a private school in Culpeper County (at any point in school career)
A member of or a family is a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church of Warrenton
Played baseball/softball during High School
Played varsity field hockey during high school
Member of Fauquier High Band or Orchestra
None of the above

AP, IB, Dual Enrollment*

In the past two years, how many AP, IB, or dual enrollment classes have you taken? Enter 0 if none.

Character Limit: 3

Activities and Service*

Have you been involved in extracurricular activities and/or community service in the last two years?

Choices

Yes
No

Employment/Internship Participation*

Are you currently or have you previously been employed (including internships)?

Choices

Yes
No

Awards and Honors

List any awards, honors, or recognition received.

Note: Only include awards/honors received in grades 9-12.

Character Limit: 1000

Culpeper County Private School

Culpeper Private School*
Click on the school(s) you have attended.

Choices
Culpepper Christian School
Epiphany Catholic School
St. Luke's School
None of the above

Extracurricular Activities and Service

Have you participated in Community Service?*
Choices
Yes
No

Extracurricular Activities/Community Service*
Please list the following:

- Any extracurricular and/or service activities with which you are involved,

- Activities that demonstrate leadership & character,

Note: Please only include activities from the last two years.

Character Limit: 2000

Post-secondary Information

Post-secondary Institution Type*
What best describes the type of institution you plan to attend?

Choices
Two-year institution
Four-year institution
Trade/Vocational School
Other
Undecided

Other Type
If you chose "Other," please explain.

Character Limit: 200

U.S. Location*

Do you plan to attend a post-secondary institution in the continental U.S.?

Choices

Yes
No

Name of Post-secondary Institution

If you have chosen an institution **and been accepted**, please enter the name here.

Character Limit: 200

Select Colleges

Some scholarship opportunities require a student attend a specific college or university. Select all colleges that you are applying to or have applied to.

Choices

Bridgewater College
Germanna Community College
James Madison University
Virginia Polytechnic Institute (Virginia Tech)
A Virginia Public College or University
Other college or university in Virginia
I do not plan to attend any of these schools

Undecided

If you have not yet chosen an institution, please provide details about those colleges or universities being considered.

Character Limit: 750

Full or Part-time Enrollment*

Do you plan to be enrolled full or part-time?
Note: Full-time is defined as 12 credit hours or more.

Choices

Full-time
Part-time
Unsure

Field of Study*

Select <u>all</u> the fields of study you plan to pursue or are currently pursuing.

Choices

Agriculture
Architecture
Art or Arts & Crafts
Automotive

Behavioral Health - Mental Health, psychology, social work, Behavioral health policy
Business-related
Civil Engineering
Computer engineering
Computer science
Culinary Arts
Equipment Repair
Fire Science
Mathematics
Medical/Health Care related (including Physician, Surgeon, nursing, physical therapy, etc.)
Music
Other Field of Study
Science
Sports-related
Theatre-related
Undecided
Veterinary Science
Visual or Performing Arts
Welding

Standardized Test Score

Please attached your most recent Standardized Test Score (if SAT is required for the school you are applying).
This may include an official copy of your SAT/ACT report OR a screenshot of your SAT/ACT score from CollegeBoard.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Will you play on a college sports team?*
Choices
Yes
No
Unsure

Employment and Internships

Employment & Internships*
Please list any work or internship experience you completed during high school. Include:

- Name of business/employer,

- Number of hours worked per month,

- Length of employment (e.g. 1 month, 2 years, etc.)

Character Limit: 2500

Financial Need

NOTE: Questions related to financial need may be used on more than one scholarship that you're applying for, and your response will carry across the applications.
If you update your response on one application, it will automatically update on the other applications using that question. Be sure that your information is accurate.

Financial Documentation*

Please attach the first page of your FAFSA Student Aid Report (aka SAR) for the current academic year, as we require the Estimated Family Contribution (aka EFC) as determined on Page One.

Note: If your SAR Page One does not contain your Estimated Family Contribution (EFC), then please upload your parents' (or your own, if you are independent) most recent 1040 tax statement that contain the Adjusted Gross Income.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Please list your first parent/guardian's name, employer, and job title.*
Character Limit: 200

Please list your second parent/guardian's name, employer, and job title.
Character Limit: 200

Annual Family Gross Income*
Character Limit: 20

Number in Household*
How many family members are in your household including yourself?

Character Limit: 3

Number in College*
Including you, how many family members will be enrolled in college during the upcoming school year?

Character Limit: 3

College Sports

NCAA Division*
Will you compete in NCAA Division sports while attending college?

Choices
Yes
No

Unsure

Baseball or Softball*

Will you play baseball or softball while attending college?

Choices

Yes
No
Unsure

RECOMMENDATION INSTRUCTIONS

This scholarship application requires one individual, who is not related to you, to complete a Recommendation Questionnaire on your behalf.

Please be certain that the people you are choosing know that you are seeking their help You will need their email address. It is suggested you send your request for a recommendation well in advance of the application due date.

You will be able to check the status of your recommendation request by logging into your account and viewing the status of "Third Party Responses" on your home page. For further details, you can click "Edit Application" or "View Application" and scroll to the "Recommendation" section of your application.

ONE RECOMMENDATION IS REQUIRED for this application to be considered complete. Acceptable references include: teachers, administrators, counselors, community and religious leaders, employers, and mentors. Unfortunately - recommendations from family members will not satisfy this requirement.

It is your responsibility to check your dashboard to see if references have been submitted. The number of completed references will be displayed as **Third Parties: # submitted / # requested.**

Example 1
Third Parties: 0/1 (0 submitted / 1 requested)

Example 2
Third Parties: 1/1 (1 submitted / 1 requested)

Example 3
Third Parties: 2/3 (2 submitted / 3 requested)

To send emails to your personal references so that they can upload a letter of recommendation, please follow these important instructions.

1. NOTE: At least one of your recommendations must be from a teacher, guidance counselor, faith-based leader or work/community service manager.

2. Please use the example language* below to compose an email to your personal reference.

3. Highlight and copy the text.

4. CAREFULLY enter the email address of your reference in the field "Compose Email."

5. Select "Compose Email."

6. Enter a subject, such as "**Scholarship Application Reference Request**"

7. Paste the email text in the "Compose Email" box.

8. Send.

* I am applying for scholarships at Northern Piedmont Community Foundation. The application requires a recommendation regarding my achievements and personal characteristics. A link to the online recommendation form will be sent in a separate email, so please add 'administrator@grantinterface.com' to your safe senders list to keep my request from landing in your junk folder.

Essays

Essay 1*
Please address the following in your essay:

- What personal characteristics or experiences qualify you to receive a scholarship? In other words, tell us a bit about yourself and why you want to go to college and what compelled you to go online and apply for a scholarship. Be true

- If you know your long-term or career goals/plans, please describe the steps you will take to achieve

- If you do not know - talk about that and why you think attending college may have impact on your goals.

Character Limit: 2500

Essay 2*
Thinking back to your school activities or your community involvement, let us know about an experience, in these venues, having impact on your life and what that experience has meant to you personally.

Character Limit: 2500

Scholarship Certification

Personal Information is Confidential*

Reviewers of my application will not have access to my personal identifying information or ever see my name. I understand that I am not to use my name in my essay responses.

Choices
Yes
No

References*

I understand that my application requires one reference. I am responsible for:

- entering a correct email address for each reference & sending them a request from the application

- checking the status

Choices
Yes
No

Certification*

By electronically signing below, I agree that the information provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Character Limit: 200

Date*
Character Limit: 10

Patrick Ryan Gay Memorial JMU Scholarship (supplemental essay)

Supplemental Essay*

Patrick Ryan Gay was a very hard-working, kind, and compassionate young adult. In 250 words or less, please tell us why you are deserving of this scholarship.

Character Limit: 2500

Recommendation 1

Third Party Email*

- Carefully enter the email address and click "Compose Email."

- Using the sample email as an example, write a brief email to your reference letting them know a *second* email from admin@grantinterface.com will be sent containing a link to the application where they can upload their letter.

- Click "Send."

Sample email: *I am applying for scholarships at Northern Piedmont Community Foundation. The application requires a recommendation regarding my achievements and personal characteristics. A link to the online recommendation form will be sent in a separate email, so please add 'administrator@grantinterface.com' to your safe senders list to insure it does not go into spam.*

Character Limit: 254

Dear Sir/Madam:

A student has listed you as a reference on his/her scholarship application to the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation. An Online Recommendation is required for applications to be considered complete, and you are asked to answer the questions below. Your response is important, as a scholarship award could contribute funds towards this student's higher education. Time is also of the essence, as this student will receive zero points for any reference submitted after the March 19th deadline.

Please take 5 minutes to help us evaluate this student for a possible scholarship by completing the Recommendation Questionnaire below. Upon completion, click the "Save Responses" button. You will receive a confirmation message when your Questionnaire is successfully submitted.

The student will not see your responses. Therefore, we are relying on your honest and candid assessment to help us award scholarships on the merit of each applicant.

IMPORTANT : Please DO NOT list the applicant's name in any of your responses. Our review process requires complete anonymity. Should you have any questions, or need assistance, please contact us via email at communityservices@npcf.org, or by phone at 540-349-0631. You can also learn more about the Foundation by visiting our website at npcf.org.

We thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in the Foundation's goal of awarding hundreds of thousands of dollars to qualified graduates in the Northern Piedmont region.

👥 Relationship to Applicant
Choices
Teacher
School Administrator
School Counselor
Coach
Community Leader
Religious Leader
Employer
Mentor
Other

👥 How well do you know the applicant?
Choices
Very well
Well
Somewhat
Not very well
Not at all

Even if you don't know this applicant well, please score every category below to the best of your ability. Please rank this student in the categories below by placing a score of 1-5 as follows:

1 = Below Average, 2 = Average, 3 = Good, 4 = Excellent, 5 = Superior

👥 Dependability
Scoring Options: 1 - 5

👥 Hard-working
Scoring Options: 1 - 5

👥 Meets Challenges
Scoring Options: 1 - 5

👥 Sets and Achieves Goals
Scoring Options: 1 - 5

👥 Works Well with Others
Scoring Options: 1 - 5

👥 Additional Comments

Is there anything else you would like us to know about this applicant?

Please **DO NOT** use the applicant's name in your response.

Character Limit: 5000

Upon completion, click the "Submit" button to SAVE and SEND your response. A Confirmation Page will appear. To save your responses for submission at another time, click the "Save as Draft" option.

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Recommendation 2

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