

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's Scholarship Newsletter: February 2020

Dear ACPS Students, Families, and Alumni,

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria application is DUE FEBRUARY 3rd! SFA offers scholarships just for TC seniors -- about 50% of applicants receive a scholarship each year! Go to <https://sfa.awardspring.com> to begin filling out your application and stop by room A-121 or A-115 with any questions.

TC ALUMNI:

- **Transferring?** - For many of you it is time to start thinking about transferring from NOVA to a 4-year school. I'd be more than happy to assist with narrowing down your list of schools, editing essays, navigating the Guaranteed Admissions Agreements with Virginia colleges, etc.
- **Summer Classes at NOVA?** - Registration for NOVA summer classes typically begins at the end of March. If you wish to take Summer Classes at NOVA and you have never applied to NOVA (remember, if you took a dual enrollment class at TCW there is a chance you already have a NOVA ID) you should apply to NOVA ASAP. NOVA's [Virtual Advising Team \(email or CHAT\)](#) can assist you with registration. If the course you wish to take at NOVA has prerequisites you will be required to email NOVA's Virtual Advising team with your name, your NOVA ID number, the course(s) you wish to take AND your college transcript (it can be an unofficial copy or screen shot) showing you meet the prerequisites. Check out the [course content summaries](#) and prerequisites for every NOVA course. Also take a look at the [Transient Student Registration Guide](#) for detailed information on how transient students (students from another college who wish to take classes at NOVA) can register for class; if you plan to use financial aid to pay for your NOVA classes pay close attention to the "pay your tuition" section.
- **Graduating?** - Class of 2015, if you need help brushing up your resume, writing cover letters, preparing for job interviews, or completing grad school applications, please know that you can still reach out to the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria for help!

12th GRADE FAMILIES:

- **Don't miss out on free money for college!** - Fill out the FAFSA and the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria application before it's too late! . So far, **only 52% of seniors have completed the FAFSA!** Don't pass up this chance to make college affordable for your family! Please contact me with any questions in room A-115, email college@acps.k12.va.us or call (703) 824-6730
- **Financial aid verification** - Have you gotten an email from IDOC, the School Servicing Center (sscp.org) or Inceptia? These are not spam! Many colleges require submission of tax documents to verify that you completed the FAFSA accurately. Colleges often contract with third party vendors to collect these documents. Be sure to respond to all verification requests in a timely manner.

Financial aid dollars are often awarded first come, first served, any delays in submitting

verification materials can cost you thousands of dollars in potential aid. Check your email, application portals, and home mailbox regularly for communication from colleges, and please see me if you have any questions or need assistance with the verification process!

- **CSS Profile deadlines past due or quickly approaching for W&M, UVA, and more...** - Are you applying to any colleges that require the CSS Profile? The CSS Profile is College Board's (more complicated) version of the FAFSA. See [this link](#) for a list of the colleges that require the CSS Profile, and make an appointment to complete it with me, in A115 or Ms. Morris, in the College and Career Center. **If you fail to complete the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA, you will not receive any institutional aid from that college.**
- **Thursday February 6 (during the school day) is the Senior Information Session.** We will discuss the timeline for the remainder of the year, graduation requirements, Senior Experience, Cap and Gown, Prom, Yearbook, Graduation March, Financial Aid Verification, Graduation and All Night Grad Party.

9th, 10th & 11th GRADE FAMILIES:

- **9th, 10th & 11th Grade Families: Academic Advisement season is here!** *Info from the TCW Counseling Department.* The academic advisement and course selection process for next year will begin soon! Academic advisement is a collaborative process during which students, teachers, parents and counselors work together to plan for the upcoming year. Thoughtfully choosing the courses a student will take is an important step in creating a rewarding high school experience. As students choose courses, it is important to consider the following: graduation requirements, career and postsecondary education interests, personal well-being, balancing exploration with commitment and consistency and extracurricular and other activities that demand time and energy.
- **To learn more about available courses and academic programs, students and families can now access the [2020-21 Program of Studies and course catalog](#).** The Program of Studies provides a comprehensive overview of educational opportunities available. New this year, the catalog is fully interactive and searchable. [Learn more in this week's ACPS Express.](#)
- **9th & 10th Grade Families: Save the date for the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's College Night Virginia at 6pm on Wednesday, March 18th** - What are your goals for life after high school? Are you on track to achieve those goals? What can you do now to make sure you'll be a great college applicant?

9th and 10th grade families, please bring your questions and come to College Night Virginia for an interactive presentation with experienced college and financial aid advisers. Learn how to navigate the college process and make college affordable for your family. Attendees will be entered into a \$1,000 scholarship drawing.

Join us for free refreshments at 6:00pm in the cafeteria; the presentation and discussion session will begin at 6:30pm in the auditorium. Interpretation will be provided with **FACE Center registration**-the registration link will be available next week. Please contact Mr. Darien Waters with any questions in room A-117, email darien.waters@acps.k12.va.us or call (703) 824-6730!

7th GRADE FAMILIES:

Apply now for Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program - High-performing 7th grade students with financial need are invited to apply for a 5-year, pre-college scholarship. [The Young Scholars Program](#) provides comprehensive academic and college advising, as well as financial support for school, Cooke-sponsored summer programs, internships, and other learning enrichment opportunities. Each Young Scholar is assigned an educational adviser who works closely with the student and his or her family, individually and as part of a scholar community. Educational advisers support Young Scholars to maximize high school experiences and go on to thrive at the nation's top-performing colleges. **Applications due by March 23rd!**

9th-12th GRADE FAMILIES:

Looking for summer opportunities? Check out the following. Please see me in A-115 with any questions.

- **Girls Who Code** - Current 10th and 11th grade girls, this summer, there's an opportunity to learn computer science & get exposure to jobs in tech with the Girls Who Code 7-week [Summer Immersion Program](#). Applications (available in both English and Spanish) are due in March! For more specific info about the application and deadlines see the [Girl Who Code Flyer](#).
- **UVA Advance** - Current 10th and 11th graders are eligible to apply for [UVA Advance](#), a 4-week residential summer program at the University of Virginia (July 11-August 7). Participants take two college classes and get a feel for university life! Some need-based scholarships are available - applications due March 15th.
- **QuestBridge College Prep Summer Program**- **current 11th grade students!** Students with high financial need (household income of \$65,000 per year or less) who have a 3.75+ GPA and are enrolled in AP/DE courses should consider applying to [QuestBridge College Prep Scholars summer program](#) (including undocumented or DACA students). This all-expense-paid summer program will give students a leg-up in applying for QuestBridge College Match, a 4-year full-ride scholarship to top ranked partner colleges. Applications are due **March 24th** for the summer program and late September for the college scholarship. ***If interested, please see Ms. Harrington in A-115 or Ms. Morris in the College and Career Center.***
- **Carleton Summer Academic Program** - Current 10th and 11th graders are eligible to apply for [Carleton's Summer Academic Program](#), a 3-week residential summer program at Carleton College. Need-based scholarships available for lower income applicants (including undocumented or DACA students). Applications due February 14!

- **Black College Institute** - Current 10th and 11th graders are eligible to apply for [Black College Institute](#), a free 5-day academic summer enrichment program at Virginia Tech for talented, high achieving and intellectually curious students - applications due April 1.
- **C-Tech²** - A two-week summer camp at Virginia Tech (June 28-July 11) for current 10th and 11th grade girls. [C-Tech²](#) introduces participants to engineering and related technologies through various hands-on activities, laboratories, presentations and a team design project sponsored by General Electric. Full scholarship available based on financial need - applications due March 30th.
- **Pathways for Future Engineers** - Current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders, apply for [Pathways for Future Engineers](#), a FREE Virginia Tech multi-year program for first-generation students that includes pre-college activities (while students are still in high school) as well as additional support as students pursue their undergraduate degree. Program expenses are completely covered for students and a “Pathways Partner”- a family representative, mentor, coach, etc. - applications due February 1.
- **Smithsonian Latino Center's Young Ambassadors Program** - Current 12th graders with 3.25+ GPA who are interested in the arts, humanities, or sciences as it pertains to Latino communities and cultures are eligible to apply for the [Young Ambassadors Program](#), a week-long leadership and college preparatory summer program followed by a 4-week internship. Participants will receive a \$2,000 college scholarship at the conclusion of the program. 2020 Application (and deadline) will be posted soon.
- **VALHEN's Hispanic College Institute** - Current 10th & 11th graders with 2.5+ GPA are invited to apply for [VALHEN](#), a free summer program (July 18-21) empowering Latinx students in the Commonwealth of Virginia with the tools to succeed in high school, college, and beyond, applications due April 30th.

Below is a list of upcoming scholarships. Local scholarships are indicated by pink text. February-April is when the majority of scholarship applications are due. There will be many more April scholarships listed in the SFA March Scholarship Email.

February

1. **Scholarship Fund of Alexandria - February 3, 2020 - Renewable scholarship just for TC Williams seniors! Financial need-based and non-need based awards available, ranging from \$500 - \$6,000 per year of college. About 50% of applicants win!**
2. **Ronald McDonald HACER Scholarship** - February 5, 2020 - Open to high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA who have at least one parent of Hispanic heritage and demonstrate financial need and a legal US resident.
3. **Hispanic Scholarship Fund** - February 15, 2020 - \$500-\$5,000 scholarship open to high school seniors and current college students of Hispanic heritage (**including DACA students**)
4. **Boren Study Abroad** - February 5, 2020 - Up to \$20,000 for current college students who are planning to study less commonly taught languages in world regions critical to U.S. interests, and underrepresented in study abroad, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Boren Scholars must wish

to work in the federal national security arena and commit to working in the federal government for at least one year after graduation

5. [AMS Scholarship - February 5-7, 2020](#) - American Meteorological Society (AMS) Open to high school seniors and current college students pursuing a career in the atmospheric and related oceanic or hydrologic sciences
6. [Wayne V Black Scholarship - February 14, 2020](#) - \$5,000 scholarship for current college student studying Pre-law, political science, telecommunications or STEM
7. [Apple Federal Credit Union Scholarship - February 13, 2020](#)-\$5,000 scholarship for seniors with 2.5+ GPA for two year schools and 3.0+GPA for four year schools, who are members of a local Apple Federal Credit Union
8. [Davidson Fellows - February 12, 2020](#) - \$50,000, \$25,000 and \$10,000 scholarships for students 18 and under who have completed a significant piece of work. Application categories are Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Literature, Music, Philosophy and Outside the Box
9. [AFS Keith A. Voigt Study Abroad Scholarship](#); February 13, 2020. \$8,000 for study abroad. Have a 2.5-4.0. Show some financial need.
10. [Fairfax Young Artist Scholarship - February 14, 2020](#) - \$2,000 cash award for a high school junior or senior enrolled in a northern Virginia high school band or orchestra
11. [DAR National Scholarship](#) - (Opened August 1) February 15, 2020 - \$5,000 per year renewable scholarship open to US Citizen high school seniors
12. [Jashemski Scholarship - February 15, 2020](#) - Open to students in the DC area, age 17-25, with 3.5+ GPA and significant religious commitment as evidenced by formal membership in a specific religious body (see link), regular participation in its worship life, and active involvement in its service ministry. Financial need based award up to \$10,000
13. [Goya Culinary Arts - February 17, 2020](#) - \$5,000 scholarship open to high school seniors (including DACA students) with 3.0+ GPA planning to pursue a 2 or 4 year degree in culinary arts
14. [Virginia PEO Scholarship - February 15, 2020](#)- \$1,500 scholarship open to female residents of Virginia with 3.0+ GPA who plan to attend an in-state college
15. [Virginia State Golf Association Scholarship - February 19, 2020](#)- Open to Virginia high school seniors who play golf
16. [Daughters of the American Revolution](#) – August 1, 2019-February 15, 2020 - Several different DAR scholarships. Click link to learn eligibility and award for the more than 15 DAR scholarships.
17. [Team DC Sports Scholarship - February 21, 2020](#) - \$2,000 scholarship for LGBTQ student-athletes who have contributed to the sport in which they participate and enhanced the perception of the LGBTQ community as a result of their contributions and involvement
18. [Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Northern VA Alumni Chapter - February 21, 2020](#) - Local scholarship for graduating seniors with 2.5+ GPA. [More info](#)
19. [ECF Estelle Gaymon Scholarship - February 23, 2020](#) - \$5,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 2.5+ GPA who exhibits leadership and commitment to community service

20. [ECF HBCU Scholarship](#) - February 23, 2020 - \$2,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 2.5+ GPA who exhibits leadership and commitment to community service and will enroll at an HBCU in fall 2020
21. [ECF STEM Scholarship](#) - February 23, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 3.75+ GPA and demonstrated interest in majoring in STEM
22. [ECF Kozy Kap Scholarship](#) - February 23, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship for a DC area senior with 2.5+ GPA who has been diagnosed with cancer (or had a parent diagnosed with cancer) in the last five years
26. [Dream US Scholarship](#) - February 27, 2020 - Full tuition and fees scholarship for DACA and TPS high school and college students applying to a Dream US partner college (NOVA, GMU)
27. [Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Centennial Scholarship](#), February 28, 2020. \$100,000 to one student each year. Must be a female student attending Title I High school. Must have at least a 3.0 on 4.0 scale and have demonstrated financial need.
28. [Microsoft Scholarship Program](#): The Tuition Scholarship and the Diversity Conference scholarship will reopen in February 2020. Scholarships are for students already enrolled and attending college.

March

1. [AFOSC](#) - March 2, 2020 - Merit-based scholarships for eligible US Air Force dependent children who are graduating high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA AND for current college students with a 2.75+ GPA
2. [American Chemistry Society](#) – March 1, 2020 – \$2,500 renewable scholarships for underrepresented minority students who want to enter chemistry-related fields; open to current high school seniors as well as college students
3. [Virginia PTA Scholarship](#) – March 2, 2020 – \$1,000 scholarship open to high school seniors with 2.5+ GPA, commitment to community service, and financial need
4. [National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity](#) – March 1, 2020 – \$2,500 renewable scholarship open to high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA and plans to pursue a career bringing diversity to journalism
5. [Zimmerman Journalism Scholarship](#) – March 1, 2020– \$5,000 non-renewable scholarship open to high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA and plans to pursue a career in journalism
6. [NVADACA](#) - March 2, 2020 - Open to northern Virginia high school seniors who have participated in a sport
7. [Asian Pacific Fund](#) – March 2, 2020 - The Asian Pacific Fund administers 10 scholarship programs, from \$1,000 to \$10,00, open to both high school seniors and current college students (undergrad and grad) with 3.0+ GPA. See site for details about each scholarship. Deadlines run from early March to mid-April.
8. [HI USA Travel Scholarship](#) - March 1, 2020- \$1,000 scholarship & 7 free overnights at approved hostels. For students with demonstrated need. Must be 8-30 years old and need help financing US travel
9. [Religious Liberty Essay Contest](#) - March 6, 2020 - \$2,000 essay contest open to high school juniors and seniors. Write an essay in the form of a letter to your state

representative, encouraging them to adopt or oppose legislation mandating the prominent placement of “In God We Trust” in public schools.

10. [Kenneth R. Scott Virginia Aviation Scholarship Program](#) - March 6, 2020 - \$3,000 scholarship for a Virginia high school senior with 3.5+ GPA planning a degree in the field of aviation
11. [John R. Lillard Virginia Aviation Scholarship Program](#) - March 6, 2020 - \$3,000 scholarship for a Virginia high school senior with 3.5+ GPA planning a degree in the field of aviation
12. [Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarships](#): TMCF offers merit, plus need-based scholarships to address the financial needs of students attending a TMCF member school or other accredited university.
 - [Ford Blue Oval Scholarship](#): March 9, 2020, \$6,200, African American male, with leadership experience. 3.0 or higher GPA. Be enrolled full-time as a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior at a TMCF member-school during the 2020-2021 academic school year.
 - [National Black McDonald’s Operators Association \(NBMOA\)](#): March 9, 2020-12, \$5,000 scholarships. Provide proof of enrollment as a full-time student as a sophomore, junior or senior at a TMCF member-school during the 2020-2021 academic school year. 3.0 or higher GPA. Demonstrated leadership. Merit based.
 - [Wells Fargo](#), March 9, 2020. \$5,000. Be enrolled full-time as a sophomore, junior or senior at a TMCF member-school during the 2020-2021 academic school year. 3.0 or higher GPA and financial need.
 - [Thurgood Marshall College Fund All Around Scholarship](#), March 30, 2020. Enrolled as a Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior for the 2020-2021 school year at a [TMCF 47 member-schools](#). 3.0 or higher GPA. Demonstrated leadership and financial need.
 - [NAF: Be Future Ready](#), March 9, 2020. \$1,500 for 15 students. Rising college Freshman at 2 or 4 years. 3.0 or higher GPA and financial need.
13. [Willard G. Plentl Aviation Scholarship](#) - March 13, 2020 - \$1,000 scholarship for a Virginia high school senior with 3.5+ GPA planning a non-engineering degree in the field of aviation
14. [AFS and BP Global STEM academies scholarship](#); March 9, 2020. Full merit scholarship for study abroad. Born between Dec 1 2002 and June 1 2005, ability to participate fully in a classroom and program conducted entirely in English, demonstrated interest in STEM, study abroad, and interacting with different culture, willingness to attend Academy destinations – Brazil, Egypt, or India
15. [Blacks In Government-Department of Labor Chapter](#) - March 15, 2020 - Open to graduating high school seniors from the DC area with 2.0+ GPA
16. [Old Town Alexandria Connections Scholarship](#) - March 15, 2020 - Open to Alexandria high school seniors who display an understanding of the responsibility business leaders owe the community in which they work
17. [Boule’ Foundation Scholarship](#) - March 16, 2020 - \$4,000 merit based scholarship for African American high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA

18. WISER - March 27, 2020 - Two \$1,500 scholarships open to high school seniors with community service experience and a documented learning challenge
19. Virginia Mayflower Society - March 16, 2020 - \$1,620 scholarship open to high school seniors from Virginia with a B average or higher
20. [AFS Visual Storyteller Scholarship](#); March 23, 2020. Full merit based scholarship for 15-18 year old, high school students or recent graduates with a passion for crafting compelling stories through visual arts and a variety of media. Experience with a digital SLR camera is preferred, but not required. Trips to Argentina, Columbia, Hungary and Kenya.
21. Flag House Scholarship - March 27, 2020- \$1,812 scholarship awarded to high school senior for 300 word essay contest
22. Booz Allen Hamilton - March 23, 2020 - \$3,000 renewable scholarship open to children of Booz Allen Hamilton employees
23. USPAAC - March 27, 2020 - \$3,000-\$5,000 scholarship open to high school seniors of Asian Pacific Island heritage, 3.3+ GPA, community service experience, and financial need
24. Legacy of Life Scholarship – March 31, 2020 - Write a 1,000 word essay or produce a video persuading the audience to become registered organ donors; \$5,000 first prize in both categories
25. Commonwealth One Kathryn Coleman Scholarships - March 31, 2020 - Two \$2,500 scholarships open to current college students and high school seniors who are members of Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union
26. Foster Care 2 Success - March 31, 2020 - \$2,500 -\$5,000 renewable scholarship open to students who have been in public or private foster care for the 12 consecutive months leading up to and including their 18th birthday; OR have been adopted or placed into legal guardianship after their 16th birthday; OR have been orphaned for at least one year at the time of their 18th birthday and not subsequently adopted
27. [Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship](#) - March 31, 2020- Scholarship for high school seniors and current college students planning a career in the automotive industry
28. [GWSCPA Scholarship](#) - March 31, 2020 - \$3,000-\$5,000 scholarship open to current college juniors studying accounting (at accredited school to sit for CPA)at a college within 25 miles of the White House. 3.2 GPA or higher.
29. [VSU NOVA Scholarship](#) - March 31, 2020 - Open to graduating high school seniors from Northern VA who plan to attend VSU. Financial need. 2.5 or higher GPA.

April

1. Esperanza - April 1, 2020 - \$5,000 - \$20,000 scholarships open to students who were born outside the US (including undocumented or DACA students) or students who had two parents born outside the US
2. [The Leslie V. Forte Scholarship Fund](#), April 2, 2020-\$2,000. Full-time, minority student attending Northern Virginia Community College. GPA 2.5 or higher.
3. [The Elizabeth Koury Scholarship](#), April 2, 2020, \$5,000 for 4 years-total of \$20,000. For Northern Virginia High School Seniors who plan to enter the field of medicine. Must have demonstrated financial need and enroll in college full-time.

4. [The Rose Koury Scholarship](#), April 2, 2020, 5,000 for 4 years-total of \$20,000. For Northern Virginia High School Seniors who plan to enter the field of early childhood education. Must have demonstrated financial need and enroll in college full-time.
5. [The Vance International, Inc. Scholarship](#), April 2, 2020, \$500-\$2000. For a Northern Virginia student, with a 2.5 or higher GPA pursuing a career in law enforcement or security, including the administration of justice. Can be full or part-time student.
6. [Ashworth Grogan Scholarship](#) - April 2, 2020 - \$5,000 scholarship open to current high school seniors from Northern Virginia and current NOVA students with a 2.5+ GPA
7. [Congressional Black Caucus Visual Arts Scholarship](#) - April 3, 2020 - \$3,000 scholarship open to graduating African American seniors and current college students who are pursuing a degree in the visual arts; GPA of 2.5 or higher
8. [Congressional Black Caucus Performing Arts Scholarship](#) - April 3, 2020- \$3,000 scholarship open to graduating African American seniors and current college students who are pursuing a degree in the performing arts; GPA of 2.5 or higher
9. [Virginia ESL Scholarship](#) - April 5, 2019 - Scholarship for current high school seniors from Virginia with 3.0+ GPA who was enrolled in an ESL program for at least 1 year in grades 6-12 **(no citizenship requirement)**
10. [National High School Essay Contest](#) - April 6, 2020 - \$2,500 scholarship and all-expense-paid semester at sea for winner of essay contest on why diplomacy and peacebuilding matter; runner up receives \$1,250. open to 9th-12th graders
11. TCMF Scholarships-[American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation \(AIPLEF\), Sydney B. Williams Scholarship](#): April 6, 2020. \$30,000 over 3 years. For students entering law school to study patent law (ABA curriculum). Have financial need and leadership/service record. Proven academic performance.
12. [Blacks at Microsoft \(BAM\) Scholarships](#): April 10, 2020, \$5,000, renewable. For high school seniors of African descent (African American or African), with a 3.3 GPA or higher and will enroll fulltime in fall 2020 at a university. Demonstrate passion for technology and financial need.
13. [2020 Porch Skilled Trade & Technology Scholarships](#); April 16, 2020 (four deadlines per year, April 16 is the winter scholarship deadline). \$2,000. Be at least 18, 3.4 or higher GPA and be enrolled in a high school, community college, undergrad, grad or technical college or vocational program, pursuing a degree that enables you or others in your community to learn a new trade, develop skills and technology or start a small business related to home services offered by Porch.

Other Study Abroad Scholarship Sites

- [YFU \(Youth for Understanding\) Intercultural Exchange Programs](#)
- [AFS Study Abroad Scholarships](#)

Monthly Drawings

- \$2,000 No Essay Scholarship
- \$1,000 Cappex Easy Money Scholarship

Have a wonderful February, and please feel free to contact me with any questions! Stop by room A-115 for help with any of the following:

- Scholarships and financial aid
- Finding a good college fit
- Writing college and scholarship essays
- [SAT/ACT](#) preparation
- Building a résumé
- Financial aid options for undocumented students
- Completing the Scholarship Fund Application

Best,
Ms. Melissa Harrington