

Dear ACPS Students, Families, and Alumni,

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria advisers continue to be available virtually from 8 AM to 4:30 PM **Monday** through **Friday**. In addition to helping with scholarship questions, we'd also love to support you and your family with the verification process, analyzing and comparing financial aid packages, and any other post-secondary questions you may have. Please make an appointment with us using [this link](#).

TC ALUMNI:

- **Renew your FAFSA!** - It is time to submit your FAFSA for next school year! Feel free to reach out to the Scholarship Fund adviser for assistance. We'd love to hear about your fall semester & help you renew your financial aid.
- **Transferring?** - For many of you it is time to start thinking about transferring from NOVA to a 4-year school. We would be more than happy to assist with narrowing down your list of schools, editing essays, navigating the Guaranteed Admissions Agreements with Virginia colleges, etc.
- **Graduating?** - Class of 2017, can you believe your college graduation is almost here? 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 us for help!

12th GRADE FAMILIES:

- **Submit the FAFSA as soon as possible!** - It is critical that every senior submit the FAFSA immediately to qualify for free money from the federal government, the state of Virginia, and colleges. Even if you are not sure you will go to college after graduation, you should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible to keep their options open! If you need assistance or have questions, please email college@acps.k12.va.us for support. ***Some priority financial aid deadlines have already passed- submit the FAFSA ASAP to maximize the financial aid you will receive!***
- **Financial aid verification - Have you recently received emails from financial** aid offices requesting financial aid documentation? Many colleges require submission of tax documents to verify that you completed the FAFSA accurately. Be sure to respond to all verification requests in a timely manner, as failing to do so will slow down the financial aid process. Please reach out via email at college@acps.k12.va.us with any verification questions.
- **CSS Profile past due 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 ASAP. **If you fail to complete the CSS Profile in addition to the FAFSA, you will not receive any institutional aid from that college.**

9th, 10th, and 11th GRADE FAMILIES:

- **Looking for summer opportunities? Check out the following and contact me with questions ASAP!**
 - **Girls Who Code** – Rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors who identify as girls, as well as non-binary students; there’s an opportunity to learn computer science & get exposure to jobs in tech with the free Girls Who Code 2-week [Summer Immersion Program](#). Applications due by March 19th!
 - **RISING SENIORS (Current Juniors)-QuestBridge College Prep Scholars** - 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 the 2021 [QuestBridge College Prep Scholar 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 Wednesday, March 24th. ***If interested, please email college@acps.k12.va.us for assistance!***
 - **C-Tech²** - A two-week summer camp at Virginia Tech 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 15th. Please note that it has not yet been determine if the 2021 program will take place virtually or in-person.
 - **Rising TCW Juniors and Seniors** (current Juniors and Sophomores) who are interested in attending Virginia Tech should consider [Virginia Tech’s Virtual Black College Institute](#). This is a FREE program that takes place over the summer. The program is designed to attract underrepresented or first-generation students but is open to any student with an interest in Virginia Tech. Applications for 2021 are being taken **RIGHT NOW**, so please take the time to check out the details. The deadline to apply is April 1st.
 - **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 April 5th.

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 22nd!

Below is a list of upcoming scholarships. Local scholarships are indicated by **pink text**.

March

1. [Air Force Officers' Spouses' Club Scholarship](#) - March 1, 2021 - Merit-based scholarships for eligible US Air Force dependent children who are either graduating high school seniors with a 3.25+ GPA or are current college students with a 3.0+ GPA
2. [American Chemistry Society](#) – March 1, 2021 – \$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/PTSA Scholarship](#) – March 1, 2021 – **\$1,000 scholarship open to high school seniors with 2.5+ GPA, commitment to community service, and financial need. Students must be a member of a local unit PTA/PTSA in good standing**
4. [National Press Club Scholarship for Journalism Diversity](#) – March 1, 2021 – \$2,500 renewable scholarship (with an additional \$500 book stipend) 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, 2021 – \$5,000 non-renewable scholarship open to high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA and plans to pursue a career in journalism
6. [Delta Sigma Theta Sorority](#) - **March 12, 2021 - Local scholarship for graduating seniors with 2.5+ GPA**
7. [Jewel College Scholarship](#) - **March 12, 2021 - \$2,000 scholarship available to graduating high school seniors residing in the greater Washington D.C. area who plan to enroll in college for the Fall 2021 semester**
8. [Blacks In Government-Department of Labor Chapter](#) – March 15, 2021 - **Open to graduating high school seniors from the DC area with 2.0+ GPA**
9. [QuestBridge College Prep Scholars](#) - March 24, 2021 - 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 contact Ms. Samuel at college@acps.k12.va.us***
10. [Religious Liberty Essay Contest](#) - March 26, 2021 - \$2,000 essay contest open to high school juniors and seniors answering the following prompt: "Does a religious leader, such as a rabbi, imam, priest, or any

other clergy in a religious tradition, have the right to run for public office? What if any, steps should a religious leader running for public office take to acknowledge the bedrock American principle of the separation of church and state?

11. [Legacy of Life Scholarship](#) – March 31, 2021 - Write a 1,000 word essay or produce a video persuading the audience to become registered organ donors; \$5,000 first prize, \$3,000 second prize, and \$1,000 third prize in both categories
12. [Boule' Foundation Scholarship](#) - March 31, 2021 - \$4,000 merit based scholarship for African American high school seniors with 3.0+ GPA
13. [CommonWealth One Kathryn Coleman Scholarships](#) - March 31, 2021 - Two \$2,500 scholarships open to current college students and high school seniors who are members of CommonWealth One Federal Credit Union
14. [Foster Care 2 Success](#) - March 31, 2021 - \$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
15. [Automotive Aftermarket Scholarship](#) - March 31, 2021 - Scholarship for high school seniors and current college students planning a career in the automotive industry
16. [NOVA Pan-Hellenic Council](#) – March 31, 2021 – Two \$1,000 scholarships to high school graduating seniors with a GPA of 3.2 or higher who plan to attend an accredited four-year college or university upon graduation. Must be a resident of one of the following Northern Virginia city/county (Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, and Falls Church)
17. [Davis Putter Scholarship](#) – March 31, 2021 - \$15,000 scholarship open to high school seniors and current college students who actively participate in struggles for civil rights, economic justice, international solidarity or other progressive issues (including undocumented or DACA students)
18. [Blacks at Microsoft \(BAM\) Scholarships](#) - March 31, 2021 - \$1,000 - \$5,000 scholarships available, some of which are renewable, for high school seniors of African descent with a 3.3 GPA or higher and will enroll at a college or university in the fall. Demonstrate passion for technology and financial need

April

1. [Esperanza Education Fund](#) - April 1, 2021 - \$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. Applicant must be a graduating senior from a high school in Washington D.C., Maryland, or Northern Virginia with a family income less than \$100,000 in 2020
2. [Project Yellow Light Scholarship Competition \(Radio\)](#) – April 1, 2021 – \$2,000 1st place prize open to high school juniors and seniors and current undergraduate students. Applicant must create a radio recording that promotes safe driving
3. [Project Yellow Light Scholarship Competition \(Video\)](#) – April 1, 2021 – \$8,000 1st place prize open to high school juniors and seniors and current undergraduate students. Applicant must submit a video that encourages friends to avoid distracted driving

4. [ANS Community College and Trade Scholarship – April 1, 2021](#) – \$2,500 scholarships open to current two-year college students pursuing a degree in nuclear science, nuclear engineering, or a nuclear-related field
5. [Southeastern Theatre Conference, Inc. Scholarship – April 1, 2021](#) – \$1,500 - \$5,000 scholarships are open to graduating high school seniors and current undergraduate and graduate students attending school in the 10-state region of SETC (Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia). Applicant must be studying or planning to study theater or a closely related field
6. [Student with Self Employment Experience Scholarship – April 1, 2021](#) – \$1,000 scholarship is open to undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in a degree program at any accredited American institution with self employment experience. Examples of self employment include mowing lawns for neighbors, tutoring students, and babysitting
7. [Bachelor’s Degree Scholarship in Communication and Journalism - April 1, 2021](#) - \$500 Scholarship is open to graduating high school seniors and current undergraduate students pursuing Bachelor-level degrees related to Communications, Journalism, Public Relations, Business Communications, Advertising, and Broadcasting
8. [Curtis E. Huntington Scholarship – April 1, 2021](#) – \$3,000 scholarship awarded annually to undergraduate Seniors who are enrolled as a full-time student at a U.S. accredited educational institution, have successfully completed at least one actuarial examination, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (on 4.0 scale) and must be nominated by a professor at their school
9. [Generation Hope Scholarship – April 1, 2021](#) – \$1,200- \$2,400 scholarship and mentoring open to high school seniors and current college students with 2.5+ GPA who are teen parents attending college in the DC metro area (including DACA students)
10. [Naval Officer's Spouses Club – April 1, 2021](#) – Merit-based scholarship for children of active duty, retired, or deceased US Navy service members living in the DC area
11. [Education Theatre Association Scholarships – April 1, 2021](#) – \$1,000 - \$3,000 scholarships open to high school seniors and current college students who are active members of the International Thespian Society
12. [Herbert Lehman Education Fund Scholarship – April 1, 2021](#) – \$2,000 renewable scholarship is open to high school seniors, college freshman, and students transferring who are enrolled, or plan to enroll, full-time at a four-year college or university. Applicant must demonstrate academic achievement, leadership, financial need, and a commitment to public service
13. [InvestmentZen Financial Future Scholarship – April 1, 2021](#) – \$1,000 scholarship is open to students currently enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university. Applicant must submit an essay on one of three given topics related to personal finance
14. [Frame My Future Contest – April 1, 2021](#) – \$5,000 contest is open to legal U.S. residents who will be a full-time student at a U.S. college or university in the 2020-2021 academic year. Applicant can choose to share through poetry, photography, ink, collage, painting, mixed media, or graphic design – as long as it is an original creation

15. [Virginia Heinlein Memorial Scholarship](#) – April 1, 2021 – \$3,000 scholarships for full-time undergraduate students enrolled in an accredited college that awards Bachelor of Science or Arts degree who are residents of Virginia. Applicant must be majoring in Engineering, Math, or Biological or Physical Sciences, or Science Fiction as Literature
16. [The Leslie V. Forte Scholarship Fund](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$2,000 scholarship for a full-time, minority student currently enrolled at Northern Virginia Community College. Applicant must have a GPA 2.5 or higher
17. [The Elizabeth Koury Scholarship](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$5,000 renewable scholarship 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
18. [The Rose Koury Scholarship](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$5,000 renewable scholarship 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
19. [The Vance International, Inc. Scholarship](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$500-\$2000 scholarships 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
20. [Ashworth Grogan Scholarship](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$5,000 scholarship open to current high school seniors from Northern Virginia and current NOVA students with a 2.5+ GPA
21. [Charles Homer Barton Scholarship](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$4,000 scholarships open to legal dependent of children of police officers or sheriff deputies who are employed by Fairfax, Loudoun, Leesburg, Middleburg, Purcellville, VA Police Department, or VA Sheriff's Department. Primary attention will be given to children of police officers who have been killed in the line of duty
22. [ABA Foundation Diversity Scholarships](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$5,000 scholarship open to traditionally underrepresented students who have completed, at a minimum, their first year of college at an accredited university. Applicant must have a declared major or course of study relevant to the transportation, travel, and tourism industry and applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA
23. [NBC University Student Veterans of America Scholarship](#) – April 2, 2021 – \$12,000 scholarship open to student veterans with an interest in the entertainment industry who are pursuing bachelor's or graduate degree from an accredited two-year or four-year institution during the 2020-2021 academic year
24. [National High School Essay Contest](#) – April 5, 2021 – \$2,500 scholarship and all-expense-paid semester at sea for winner of essay contest on the topic of when diplomacy and peace-building. Open to 9th - 12th graders
25. [DC Phi Beta Kappa Scholarship](#) – April 10, 2021 – \$1,000 merit scholarships open to DC area seniors with 3.5+ (unweighted) GPA
26. [Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#) – April 15, 2021 – \$10,000 scholarship honors young leaders ages 8 to 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our environment via service

27. [2020 Porch Skilled Trade & Technology Scholarships – April 16, 2021](#) – \$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
28. [Congressional Black Caucus Spouses Scholarships – April 30, 2021](#) – Various scholarships open to graduating African American seniors and college students in the Fall of 2021; GPA of 2.5 or higher
29. [Joshua David Gardner HBCU Scholarship – April 30, 2021](#) – \$2,000 non-renewable scholarships open to seniors and current college students with 2.8+ GPA who will be studying at an HBCU. **Students should have ACT score of 21 or SAT score of 1200. Unofficial test score copies are acceptable.** A 500-word essay on the topic of, “What is the importance of participating in political and social change processes?”

As usual, please feel free to contact me with any questions! Please feel free to make an appointment using [this link](#) to discuss any of the topics below.

- Scholarships and financial aid
- Analyzing financial aid award letters
- Writing college and scholarship essays
- Building a résumé
- Financial aid options for undocumented students

Best,

Ms. Samuel