

Ridley Foundation Scholarships

Instructions for applicants

Each year, the Trustees of the Ridley Foundation review all applications and make scholarship grants. The requirements for an applicant to receive a scholarship are:

1. The student must be either a communicant of the Diocese of Southern Virginia, or a dependent of an employee of the Diocese, a resident of Southampton County or the city of Franklin, Virginia.
2. The student must have a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale for the previous semester.
3. The student must be enrolled full time, 12 semester hours or more, in a program that leads to an undergraduate degree from a fully accredited institution.
4. The student must complete the application and return along with the required documents listed on the application form.

The letters of reference should include one from the rector or other clergy person who knows the applicant and who can confirm the abilities, character and needs. A letter from a senior warden or lay leader of the congregation will suffice in the absence of clergy. The other two letters may be from a guidance counselor, teacher or community leader.

All of the above must be postmarked by **January 15th** in order for the student's application to be considered for the spring semester, or **by June 20th** in order for the student's application to be considered for the fall semester.

All grants are for **one school year only**. If a grant is approved, the Treasurer will issue checks in two installments. The second installment will be made only if the student has a 2.5 GPA for the previous semester.

IMPORTANT: The student **MUST** submit his or her grades for the prior semester to receive the next installment including the course load for the upcoming semester showing a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Scholarship grants are made on a "need" basis, and the amount of the grant will depend on the financial need of the student determined by a current FAFSA Student Aid Report.

The Ridley Foundation Scholarship Application Form is enclosed. Please complete it, include all requested attachments and return the completed Application and attachments to

The Ridley Foundation Scholarship Committee
11832 Rock Landing Dr., Suite 100
Newport News, VA 23606

Since scholarship grants are made only on a one-school-year basis, the student must re-apply each school year.

**THE RIDLEY FOUNDATION
APPLICATION**

In order to process your application, the Scholarship Committee needs the following information:

- The completed application.
- A copy of the prior semester's high school or college **official** transcript including the course load for the upcoming semester showing a minimum of 12 semester hours.
- Current FAFSA Student Aid Report showing the EFC score.
- A recommendation letter from your rector or other clergy person who knows the applicant and who can confirm the abilities, character and needs. A letter from a senior warden or lay leader of the congregation will suffice in the absence of clergy.
- Two recommendation letters from a guidance counselor, teacher or community leader.

Please complete the following:

Full Name of applicant _____

Date of birth _____

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

Home Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Church affiliation and location _____

College attending or admitted to attend _____

Year (check one): freshman sophomore junior senior 5th year senior

Your major _____

Do you intend to work while a student? yes no

Have you served in the Armed Forces? yes no

If you worked during the summer or school year, or have served in the military, or have any information you would like to share about your extra-curricular or volunteer activities, you are encouraged to provide that with your application.

NOTE: Email is our preferred method of communication. Please be sure your email address is included and legible.

Signed _____ Date _____

Applications must be postmarked by June 20th for the full year or January 15th for the second semester.