

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE
RJ Reynolds High School
September 18, 2020

Applying for scholarships and financial aid is an essential part of the college planning process. While many students may receive merit scholarships, all students may receive financial aid based on family income and resources. You must apply for scholarships and apply for financial aid to be awarded merit-based or need-based scholarships or financial aid. Seniors and their families must become informed about scholarship opportunities and financial aid. Read through and keep updated with the scholarship and financial aid information that we provide regularly. Questions about scholarships and financial aid may be directed to Ms. Beale and/or your school counselor. **Your diligence in searching for scholarship and financial aid opportunities will determine your outcome.**

The new 2021–22 FAFSA form will be available to upload on Thursday, October 1.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Note: Many state universities, like Clemson University, the University of South Carolina, the University of Alabama and The Ohio State University, have scholarship programs for out-of-state students with specific GPA and test score credentials-look closely at schools that interest you.

The RJR Scholarship Newsletter will include a sampling of scholarship opportunities that are available from colleges and universities but is in no way a comprehensive list.

UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

Criteria: U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx is accepting applications from students interested in attending a U.S. service academy. There are five service academies: US Naval, Air Force, US Military, US Coast Guard and Merchant Marine

Awards: Visit Website

Deadline: October 30, 2020

Contact: Complete information available at <https://foxx.house.gov/constituent-services/serviceacademynominations.htm>

ARMY ROTC

Criteria: Be a U.S. citizen, between the ages of 17 and 26, have a high school GPA of at least 2.50, meet physical standards, agree to accept a commission and serve in the Army on Active Duty or in a Reserve Component (Army Reserve or Army National Guard) See website for COMMITMENT

Awards: Visit Website

Deadline: February 4, 2021

Contact: Complete information available at <https://www.goarmy.com/rotc/high-school-students/four-year-scholarship.html#>

AIR FORCE ROTC

Criteria: Competition is based on the whole-person concept (academics, demonstrated leadership, athletics).

Awards: Visit Website

Deadline: January 14, 2021

Contact: Complete information available at <https://www.afrotc.com/scholarships/>

JEFFERSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM @ THE UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA

- Criteria: Demonstrated uncommon academic abilities, exceptional leadership talents and an understanding of the broader community around them-LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, CITIZENSHIP (**one RJR senior** may be nominated to apply and will be selected by the RJR scholarship committee)
- Awards: 4 years of tuition, fees, room & board, and expenses; extensive enrichment program (over \$240,000 for non-Virginians)
- Deadline: December 1, 2020 is the deadline for submission of all forms.
If you are seeking the nomination, **October 19, 2020 is the deadline for completing RJR Senior Resume Google Form and uploading your college essay and awards & activities document. A short additional personal statement that describes how you meet the criteria of exceptional leadership, scholarship and citizenship is suggested but not required.**
To be considered, please email Mrs. Beale nbbeale1@wsfcs.k12.nc.us and put "Nominate for Jefferson" in the subject.
- Contact: Complete information available at www.jeffersonscholars.org

JOHN MONTGOMERY BELK SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM @ DAVIDSON COLLEGE

- Criteria: Seniors with the following attributes: intellectual depth and academic achievement, strength of character and integrity, global awareness, commitment to service, and leadership ability and potential for continuing impact (**RJR may nominate ONE or TWO seniors**)
- Awards: Eight Belk Scholars will be chosen, each receiving an annually renewable scholarship equivalent to the college's comprehensive fees and special study stipends.
- Deadline: December 1, 2020 for nomination deadline
December 15, 2020 for a completed admission application
If you are seeking a nomination, **October 19, 2020 is the deadline for completing RJR Senior Resume Google Form and uploading your college essay and awards & activities document. A short additional personal statement that describes how you meet the criteria of exceptional leadership, scholarship and citizenship is suggested but not required.**
To be considered, please email Mrs. Beale nbbeale1@wsfcs.k12.nc.us and put "Nominate for Belk" in the subject.
- Contact: Find more details at www.davidson.edu/Belk

THE ROBERTSON SCHOLARS PROGRAM @ UNC-CHAPEL HILL AND DUKE UNIVERSITY

- Criteria: Scholars that pursue a range of passions, academic interests, and personal and professional goals; strong applicants demonstrate purposeful leadership intellectual curiosity, strength of character and collaborative spirit
- Awards: Full merit scholarships
- Deadline: November 15, 2020
- Contact: Complete information available at www.robertsonscholars.org

HISPANIC HERITAGE FOUNDATION YOUTH AWARDS

- Criteria: Have a minimum unweighted 3.0 GPA, be of Hispanic Heritage, must enroll in an accredited higher education institution in 2021-22
- Awards: Youth Award recipients will receive up to a \$1,000 education grant to use for their college education
- Deadline: December 6, 2020
- Contact: Apply at <https://hhfawards.hispanicheritage.org/2020/forms/welcome.php>

COCA-COLA SCHOLARS FOUNDATION

Criteria: The Coca-Cola Scholars Program scholarship is an achievement-based scholarship awarded to graduating high school seniors. Students are recognized for their capacity to lead and serve, as well as their commitment to making a significant impact on their schools and communities.

Awards: 150 scholarships of \$20,000 (\$3.55 million each year)

Deadline: October 31, 2020

Contact: Apply online at www.coca-colascholarsfoundation.org/apply/

RON BROWN SCHOLAR PROGRAM

Criteria: The Program which was named for the late Secretary of Commerce and inspired by his dedication to public service, focuses on encouraging civic engagement among Scholars while promoting academic excellence, community and lifelong interactions. Recipients are young African Americans of outstanding promise who are offered academic scholarships, service opportunities and leadership experiences. Demonstrate financial need.

Awards: Scholarships (\$10,000 per year for four years)

Deadline: January 9, 2021

Contact: Information and application available at: www.ronbrown.org

THE THOMAS WOLFE SCHOLARSHIP @ UNC-CHAPEL HILL

Criteria: Student writers who will apply to UNC-Chapel Hill for fall 2021; sponsored by the Creative Writing Program and Department of English

Awards: One full scholarship

Deadline: November 15, 2020 and admissions application must be completed by October 15, 2020

Contact: Complete information at <http://englishcomplit.unc.edu/creative/scholarships>

GOODNIGHT SCHOLARS PROGRAM @ NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Criteria: Be a NC resident, select a STEM career, and demonstrate a history of exceptional academic performance

Awards: Scholarships valued at \$20,500 and are renewable for up to four years

Deadline: Must submit general NCSU application for admission by November 1, 2020 Indicate a family income of less than \$110,000 on the NC State Application. FAFSA must be submitted by February 15th.

Contact: Find more information at <http://goodnight.ncsu.edu/> Email Mrs. Beale with questions **and put "Questions for Goodnight" in the subject.**

JACK KENT COOKE FOUNDATION COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Criteria: Students that will graduate in spring of 2021 with a cumulative unweighted GPA of 3.5 or higher and demonstrate financial need. Will consider participation in advanced courses and commitment to learning. Leadership, persistence and service to others. The average family income of Cooke Foundation scholars selected this past year was \$35,000

Awards: Several scholarships up to \$40,000 per year

Deadline: October 30, 2020 Student will apply through the common application.

Contact: More information and online application at: <https://www.jkcf.org/our-scholarships/college-scholarship-program/how-to-apply/>

THE PRUDENTIAL SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY AWARDS

Criteria: Student who has devoted a significant number of volunteer hours over the past year (awards at the local, state, and national levels); applicants may also be eligible for the President's Volunteer Service Award

Awards: State award is a \$1,000 scholarship. National Honorees receive an additional \$5,000.

Deadline: November 10, 2020 to complete the online application and request certification by your principal

Contact: Visit <http://spirit.prudential.com> or www.nassp.org/spirit, "Click Here To Apply" link.

CHEATHAM-WHITE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM @ NORTH CAROLINA A&T OR NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Criteria: To be nominated student should show exceptional qualities of character and leadership, be significantly involved in extracurricular activities and demonstrate a strong commitment to service. Average GPA 4.42, Average ACT 28.8, Average SAT 1322

Awards: A fully funded 4 year scholarship (Reynolds had a winner in 2018)

Deadline: November 15, 2020

Contact: **Email Mrs. Beale by **October 19, 2020** if you would like to be considered for this scholarship and put **“Nominate for Cheatham-White”** in the subject.**

North Carolina A&T Link <https://www.ncat.edu/academics/honors/cheatham-white-scholars.php>

North Carolina Central Link <https://www.nccu.edu/usp/cheatham-white-scholarship-program>

ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION “MOST VALUABLE STUDENT” SCHOLARSHIPS

Criteria: High school seniors based on academic achievements and records, leadership and financial need.

Awards: Local Regional, State, and National scholarships (500 four-year awards), ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,500 per year-six local scholarships will be awarded; top scholarship at national level is \$50,000 (2)

Deadline: November 15, 2020

Contact: Applications available at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/mvs.cfm (Carefully follow all directions and seek assistance from Mrs. Beale, if you have questions). This organization expects and appreciates applications that are neatly completed and placed in a folder with all parts in order. Exhibits (newspaper articles, certificates of achievement, copies of awards or any form of documentation that supports your accomplishments) should be included. Questions email Scholarship@elks.org