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# Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands Scholarship Applications Available March 31, 2021

Students encouraged to apply by May 15, 2021 deadline

**U.S. Virgin Islands, March 31, 2021**—The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands (CFVI) is pleased to announce that applications for its annual academic scholarship cycle for graduate and undergraduate students will become available online on March 31, 2021. Consistent with the Foundation's mission to enhance the quality of life for children, youth, and families in the territory by making enriching opportunities attainable, funds for the scholarships are provided through generous donors to CFVI.

In 2020, CFVI awarded more than \$312,000 in scholarships and scholar-grants to students in the St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John districts.

For the 2021-2022 scholarship cycle, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands will be awarding academic scholarships based on the following criteria.

## An applicant must:

- Be a senior in or graduate of a U.S. Virgin Islands high school (or a graduate of a high school outside of the Territory who can provide documentation that they transferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic or Hurricanes Irma and Maria)
- Provide proof of enrollment or admission:

- For Undergraduate scholarships: Be currently enrolled in or have applied for full-time admission to an accredited institution with a program leading to an Associate or Bachelor's degree, or a professional certification (depending on specific scholarship criteria).
- For Graduate scholarships: Be currently enrolled in or have applied for fulltime admission to an accredited institution with a program leading to an advanced degree (Master's, Ph.D., JD, MD, etc.)
- Have submitted all reports for previous scholarships received.

CFVI's scholarship review committee will make recommendations for selection based on the specific criteria of scholarships available, which may include: overall financial need, academic progress, extracurricular activities and answers to essay questions. Each year scholarships are offered spanning a variety of subject/focus areas, such as marine biology, arts/humanities, accounting, early childhood education, education, and health sciences. Scholarships specific to students enrolled/enrolling at the University of the Virgin Islands are also available.

Applications for undergraduate and graduate scholarships must be submitted through CFVI's online portal at <a href="mailto:cfvi.co/ScholarshipPortal">cfvi.co/ScholarshipPortal</a>. All returning applicants must log in to their previously created account. All new applicants must create a new account with the online scholarship portal.

### 2021 Scholarships Available

- Alexander A. Farrelly Scholarship Up to two \$2,000 scholarships for undergraduate students pursuing degrees in early childhood education, education or health sciences.
- Anna Green Walsh Scholar Award Up to four \$2,500 scholarships awarded to undergraduate students that have applied to, or are already enrolled in, any accredited college or university.
- Artrelle M. Wheatley Scholarship Up to one year full tuition scholarship to an
  undergraduate student attending University of the Virgin Islands with an outstanding
  record in community service who will have completed two semesters at UVI by June
  2021.
- Blackhall Family Scholarship \$2,500 to a student pursuing post-high school technical training in the fields of plumbing, electrical, or other forms of construction.
- CAHS Physician Alumni Scholarship \$5,000 to a Charlotte Amalie High School (CAHS) graduate who attended CAHS for at least 3 years, resided in the V.I. for at least 5 years and who has been accepted to an accredited medical school.
- Coral World Scholarship \$3,500 to a student pursuing a four-year degree in science at any accredited college or university, with first preference going to applicants in the fields of environmental science or marine biology.
- David O'Connell Accounting Scholarship \$2,500 scholarship awarded to an undergraduate student pursuing a degree in Accounting.
- Isaac and Rebecca Paiewonsky Scholarship \$2,000 per year for up to four years (\$8,000 total) for a high school senior graduating from Charlotte Amalie High School.
- Judy and Scott Barber Family Scholarship \$2,500 scholarship awarded to one undergraduate student that has applied to or is currently enrolled in a college or university with significant financial need and a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Junior Angels Scholarship An award of \$2,500 to an undergraduate student who is a past or current member of Junior Angels.
- Librarian Legacy Scholarship An award of \$5,000 for a VI resident who resided on St. John for 5 years at some point in their life and is enrolled in a graduate level program in the field of Library Science and Information Studies, accredited by the American Library Association or a comparable university program.

- Milan & Aliki Glumidge Memorial Scholarship An award of \$2,500 to an undergraduate student pursuing a degree in Hospitality and/or Culinary Arts.
- Next Generation Scholar Award Up to 4 scholarships of \$2,500 each to undergraduate, first-generation students (those whose parent(s)/guardian(s) have not completed a four-year college degree), with preference going to those applicants pursuing degrees in environmental science or marine biology.
- NSL Graduate Studies Fund Scholarship An award of \$2,500 to a student pursuing a graduate degree in the humanities, social sciences or the fine arts.
- Paradise Jam Scholarship Up to 2 scholarships of \$2,500 each to an undergraduate student pursuing a degree related to athletics.
- Prior Family Foundation Performing Arts Scholarship Up to 2 scholarships of \$2,500
  each to assist Virgin Island students accepted into undergraduate or graduate
  performing arts programs.
- Secret Harbour Scholarship Up to 4 scholarships of \$3,000 each for undergraduate students pursuing a degree in Hospitality and/or Culinary Arts.
- Theodore E. Sharp Scholar Award \$2,500 award to one undergraduate student who can document a record of exceptional community service.
- Tunick Family Fund Scholarship \$2,500 award to one undergraduate student attending University of the Virgin Islands, or any Historically Black College or University (HBCU), who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need and is pursuing a degree in business.
- Universal Business Supplies Scholarship \$2,500 award to one undergraduate student that has applied to or is currently enrolled in a college or university with significant financial need and a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Whitley E. A. Williams Scholarship \$2,000 to an applicant that has applied to or is currently enrolled at UVI as an undergraduate student who is also a graduate of a USVI high school.

Summer scholarship for current VI high school students (separate application):

 Jaci and Jerry Silverberg Trumpet Scholarship - Up to four \$2,500 scholarships available to current VI high school students attending a 2021 summer music program/camp (either virtual or in-person). Note that this application is due by April 30, 2021.

### **Applicant Checklist** (Graduate and Undergraduate students):

- 1. 2021 Scholarship Application (same application for undergraduate and graduate students).
- 2. Transcript with Current GPA Students are required to upload their most recent transcript. Unofficial or official transcripts are accepted.
- 3. Student Aid Report, including EFC (Expected Family Contribution) Score, from Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- 4. Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) from most recent Income Tax Return.
- 5. Submit!

The deadline for application submission is Saturday, May 15th (11:59pm AST). For any questions or technical assistance, contact Executive Manager, Beth Nuttall, at bethn@cfvi.net.

For more information, visit cfvi.net/grants-scholarships/scholarships.

If you are interested in donating to an existing scholarship fund, or establishing a new scholarship fund, contact CFVI at general.info@cfvi.net.

All students are encouraged to apply regardless of academic or financial status. CFVI does not and shall not discriminate on the basis of color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status, in any of its activities or operations. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all.

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### **About CFVI**

For nearly 30 years, the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands has been a catalyst for positive change in the Territory through initiatives committed to youth, learning, family support and the environment. With a professional staff and a volunteer Board of Directors composed of community leaders, CFVI is a trusted advocate and supporter of programs that ensure opportunity and sustainability for current and future generations. In addition to providing administrative oversight to more than 100 named funds and programs, CFVI is focused on meeting the emergency, intermediate and long-term needs of children, youth and families in the aftermath of two Category 5 hurricanes. CFVI is a registered non-profit organization entirely supported by individual donors, grants, trusts, corporate donations and estate planning.