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**Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands
Scholarship Applications Available December 16, 2019**

Students encouraged to apply by Friday, March 27 deadline

U.S. Virgin Islands, December 13, 2019 —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 December 16, 2019. In line 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 2019, CFVI awarded more than \$205,000 in scholarships and scholar-grants to 87 students in the St. Croix and St. Thomas-St. John districts.

For the 2020-2021 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 Hurricanes Irma and Maria)

- Provide proof of enrollment or admission:
 1. For Undergraduate scholarships: Be currently enrolled in or have applied for admission to an accredited four-year institution with a program leading to a Bachelor's degree
 2. For Graduate scholarships: Be currently enrolled in or have applied for admission to an accredited institution with a program leading to an advanced degree (Master's, Ph.D., JD, MD, etc.)

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 more than 20 different named scholarships are offered, spanning a variety of subject/focus areas, such as marine biology, arts/humanities, early childhood, 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 can be submitted through an online portal at cfvi.co/scholarship2020. All returning applicants must log in to their previously created account. All new applicants must create a new account with the online scholarship portal.

Applicant Checklist (Graduate and Undergraduate students):

1. **2020 CFVI Undergraduate Scholarship Application Form | 2020 CFVI Graduate Scholarship Application Form**
2. **(2) Letters of Recommendation** - CFVI provides applicants with the option of manually uploading recommendation letters to their profile or submitting a request to their recommendation provider via the online application portal.
3. **Resume** (optional)
4. **Transcript with Current GPA** - Students are required to upload their most recent transcript. Unofficial transcripts are accepted.
5. **EFC (Expected Family Contribution) Score from FAFSA form**
6. **A statement that explains the student's current financial status**
7. **College Acceptance Letter** -Students are required to upload acceptance letters from the school of their choice. If students are already enrolled at an institution, the transcript is sufficient and there is no need to upload the acceptance letter. Students who have not yet received acceptance letters, should upload a document explaining that it has not yet been received. This information can be updated at a later date.
8. **First two pages of most recent stamped tax return** - Students who are listed as dependents should upload their parent's stamped tax return.
9. **Submit!**

The deadline for application submission is Friday, March 27, 2020 (11:59pm AST) .

For any questions or technical assistance, contact Foundation Project Manager, Sakile Braithwaite-Hall, at sakile@cfvi.net or 340.774.6031.

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 Development Partner, Katrin Braddell, at katrinb@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.