



Gwyneth's Gift Foundation Scholarship Program Instructions

*Due Date – Wednesday, **March 4, 2026***

Gwyneth's Gift Foundation Scholarship applicants must:

- ___ Be a current student attending a Stafford County High School
 - ___ Demonstrate participation in community service activities and/or extracurricular activities
 - ___ Be in good standing, a role model to others and possess demonstrated leadership characteristics
 - ___ Have not received disciplinary action in the form of detention or above during the six-month period prior to application deadline
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The following information must be submitted in its entirety to be considered for a scholarship:

- ___ A completed and signed Scholarship Application
- ___ One (1) Essay (Please complete in Word or PDF - No more than 850 words)
 1. *Describe a friendship you have with someone from a different race, religion, or culture. How has this friendship changed you? What has it taught you?*
 2. *Describe an obstacle or challenge you have overcome in your academic or personal life. What lesson did you learn from the experience? How do you apply that lesson in your life today?*
 3. *Which of these characteristics - compassion, service, leadership, determination, acceptance – best describes you and why?*
- ___ Official high school transcript(s). Unofficial transcripts will not be accepted.

- List of public service and community activities, please include **dates and length of time** (volunteer activities, advocacy activities, work with religious groups, scouting, etc.) Please complete in Word or PDF - No JPG.
- List of extracurricular activities, please include **dates and length of time** (sports, clubs, organizations, etc.) Please complete in Word or PDF - No JPG.
- Copy of acceptance letter from an institution of higher learning or anticipated date of acceptance
- Two (2) *Recommendation Forms*; one from a school official, teacher or counselor and another from a community leader (a minister, scoutmaster, volunteer coordinator, coach, etc.). Completed recommendation forms and letters should be mailed directly by recommender to Gwyneth's Gift Foundation or submitted online through our website. Student applicants cannot submit recommendations on behalf of their recommenders.

Submitting your application

You may submit your completed and signed application packet to:

Gwyneth's Gift Foundation
Scholarship Program
600 Princess Anne Street, #8124
Fredericksburg, VA 22404

Or online at:

<https://www.gwynethsgift.org/our-programs/scholarship-application/>

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Special Instructions – Read Carefully

- Submit one application only.
- Type or print clearly. Please be detailed and thorough with your essay. In your essay, **please indicate which essay prompt has been selected.**
- Only fully completed scholarship packets will be considered. Incomplete packets will not be advanced to the Scholarship Committee and applicant will not be considered for a scholarship.
- The (2) required recommendation forms should be submitted directly to Gwyneth's Gift Foundation by recommenders. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure his or her recommenders directly submit completed forms and letters to Gwyneth's Gift Foundation by the due date.
- Questions? Contact the Gwyneth's Gift Foundation at 540-681-1632.