Scholarships

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JEFFERSON SCHOLARS FOUNDATION
Two Scholarship Programs. One Community.

Jefferson and Walentas Scholarships fully fund a robust undergraduate experience at U.Va.

Both programs:
• attract outstanding leaders, scholars, and citizens to UVA
• include enrichment experiences
• connect students with our alumni community
• are awarded exclusively based on demonstrated potential for excellence
Profile of a Jefferson or Walentas Scholar*

- **Leader**: demonstrate a desire to serve others and impact their communities through positions of leadership.
- **Citizen**: lead by example in their communities, making a positive impact on the world around them.
- **Scholar**: Scholars challenge themselves intellectually, taking the most rigorous courses available to them and succeeding in their course work.

*First Generation: Walentas Scholars are trailblazers, the first or among the first in their families to earn a bachelor’s degree from a four-year college or university.

First generation eligibility=neither parent/guardian having earned a bachelor’s degree or international equivalent
NOT considered

- Prior interest in UVA
- Financial Need
- Citizenship status
- SAT/ACT scores
- Anything except for demonstrated potential for excellence as a leader, scholar, and citizen.
Nomination Timeline

**August- November:**
- High schools nominate 1 student per scholarship program.
- May nominate up to 2 per scholarship if absolutely unable to distinguish.
- Students may only compete for 1 of the scholarships.

**December 1**
- Deadline for school and nominee portions of nomination form

**January:**
- Regional interviews

**March:**
- Finalist interviewed
- Offers extended
Other UVA Scholarships

AccessUVA - need-based, awarded through Student Financial Services

Alumni Association - hundreds of need and merit-based awards.
Other Scholarships

Jack Kent Cooke - high achieving, low income- any college


Coca-Cola Scholars – achievement-based, $20K. Any School.

Cameron Impact full tuition, any school. Leadership, service, academics.

VALHEN - Latino/a, Virginia high school, 2.5 GPA

Granville P Meade achievement & financial need. $8K.
Resources for you

**UNINTERRUPTED** - OppNet’s virtual platform designed to deliver FREE curriculum to young people across the country on college & career exposure, access, persistence, success + SEL.

**Searching for Scholarships** slide deck

**Downloadable** counselor resources on scholarships

**College Board Opportunity Scholarships** Counselor Resource Book
Resources for your students

Online Scholarship Searches
BigFuture
Making an academic plan with college in mind
Financial Aid myths
Avoiding Financial Aid Scams
My Intuition: Quick college cost estimator
College application guides--a treasure trove of resources
Free college and career fluency curriculum-
Free College visits: Fly in programs, Hoos First Look
Questions?

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Thank you!