

CFVI Opens Scholarship Applications for 2024-2025 Academic Year

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The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands has officially launched its annual scholarship cycle for the 2024-2025 academic year, inviting applications from both graduate and undergraduate students.

Last year, CFVI disbursed a total of \$178,455 in scholarships to 63 students, continuing its legacy of support that has resulted in more than \$3.8 million in awards since its inaugural scholarships in 1996. Initiated through a bequest from Anna Green Walsh. Walsh is remembered for her dedication to social work and her deep connections within the community, leaving a lasting legacy that has supported Virgin Islands students for decades.

Eligibility for the 2024-2025 scholarship cycle is open to seniors in, or graduates of, U.S. Virgin Islands high schools. Students who graduated from high schools outside the territory due to the Covid-19 pandemic or Hurricanes Irma and Maria are also eligible for consideration. Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in or admission to accredited institutions for undergraduate or graduate programs, and those applying for graduate scholarships have the option of part-time enrollment for the Librarian Legacy Scholarship.

The scholarship offerings for 2024 include a diverse range of awards, from the Alexander A. Farrelly Scholarship for students pursuing degrees in early childhood education, education, or health sciences, to the Coral World Scholarship for science students with a preference for those in environmental science or marine biology. The foundation also offers scholarships specifically for students facing significant financial need, those pursuing degrees in hospitality and culinary arts, and first-generation scholars, among others.

CFVI emphasized a comprehensive selection process based on financial need, academic progress, extracurricular activities, and essay responses. Special consideration is given to students enrolled in or enrolling at the University of the Virgin Islands.

The foundation's commitment to inclusivity and non-discrimination ensures that all students, regardless of their academic or financial status, are encouraged to apply. This policy extends to ensuring an inclusive and welcoming environment for applicants of all backgrounds.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to submit their applications through CFVI's [online portal](#) by the deadline of Tuesday, April 30, 2024. Beth Nuttall, director of grants and programs at CFVI, is available for questions or technical assistance via bethn@cfvi.net.

For more details on the scholarship program and to access the FAQ, visit cfvi.net/scholarships. The CFVI also welcomes inquiries from those interested in donating to an existing scholarship fund or establishing a new one, emphasizing the community's role in supporting the educational aspirations of Virgin Islands students. Additional scholarship resources not affiliated with CFVI can be found at cfvi.co/ScholarshipResourcesVI, providing a comprehensive guide for students seeking financial aid opportunities.