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# Harrisonburg-Rockingham Co. High School Student Scholarship

## Guidelines

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**Application Deadline: Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

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The Harrisonburg-Rockingham County High School Student Scholarship will be awarded to one student member to help fund his/her pursuit of a higher education.

Eligibility for **\$1,000 scholarship**:

- CommonWealth One members graduating from a Rockingham County High School including Harrisonburg HS in spring/summer 2026 and attending an accredited college, university or other institution of higher learning in the 2026-2027 academic year.
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1. **Student applicants must be primary members of CommonWealth One**

Applicants must have an account in his or her own name at the credit union. Joint owners are **not** considered primary members.

2. Employees, directors and committee members of CommonWealth One (and their immediate family members) are **NOT** eligible for this scholarship.

3. Applicants must submit:

- Completed scholarship application
- Official **sealed** school transcript(s)
- Completed activities information and letter of recommendation
- An essay of 250-500 words, typed and double-spaced (Please **DO NOT** put your name on your essay)
- A recent full color headshot and/or acceptance video interview will be requested if selected as winner. (Photographs and videos will be used in CommonWealth One press releases, social post and advertising).

4. The items above must be sent to CommonWealth One Headquarters and received by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. Incomplete or late entries will not be considered.

5. **Submit entries to:**

CommonWealth One  
ATTN: Scholarship Contest- H/R Scholarship  
P.O. Box 9997  
Alexandria, VA 22304-0797

email: [scholarships@cofcu.org](mailto:scholarships@cofcu.org)  
subject: H/R Scholarship

6. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited college, university or other institution of higher learning during the 2026-2027 academic year.

7. **The award of \$1,000...**

will be paid to the appropriate office at the educational institution of choice (must submit proof of registration). Award must be applied to the 2026-2027 academic year.



8. CommonWealth One judges' decisions are final. CommonWealth One also reserves the right to cancel the competition in the event that there are too few qualified.
9. Winner will be notified not later than the beginning of May 2026. Only the winning applicant will receive notification.

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## Scholarship Application

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1. Please type or print your application clearly.
2. Applicant must be a **primary member** of CommonWealth One and must be a senior at a high school in Harrisonburg or Rockingham County, VA.
3. Application, recommendation letter and sealed official transcripts must be received by **Tuesday, March 31, 2026**. Late entries will not be considered. **Submit completed package to:**

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ATTN: Scholarship Contest  
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subject: H/R Scholarship

I certify that all the information that I am providing is true and correct. I agree that if selected as scholarship recipient, CommonWealth One may use my name, photograph and/or acceptance video for publicity purposes.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(required only if applicant is a minor)

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Commonwealth One  
Account Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Academic Information

*Must be a graduating senior at a high school in Harrisonburg, VA or Rockingham County, VA.*

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

College/University/Trade School you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Minor  
(if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

### Activities and Essay

List all extracurricular activities you have been involved in during high school. *Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*

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List any other activities and/or information you consider significant and would like to be taken into consideration (e.g. awards, honors, community service, work experience, etc.). *Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.*

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**LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION:** CommonWealth One is a member-owned, not-for-profit financial cooperative that actively supports community development. Please submit a letter of reference from someone other than a family member demonstrating your scholastic achievements, career goals and support of community development.

*If you applied last year, you CANNOT use the same recommendation letter.*

**ESSAY PROMPT:** Explain why you think financial education for young adults is important, and how receiving that education in school can impact a person's future.

*Essays must be typewritten on a separate sheet of paper. If you applied in a previous year, you CANNOT use the same essay. Please prepare a new response.*