



2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Application Period
February 9 - March 21, 2026

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Dear Student:

Ladies of Vision Charities, Inc., is pleased to announce our 2026 Scholarship Program! The program will award scholarships varying from \$500 to \$3,500 per award. Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and you are well on your way to attaining a successful future. As you continue to pursue your academic and professional endeavors, we hope these scholarships will ease some of the financial burden associated with tuition, books, supplies, and other educational costs.

This package contains all the information and details you need to apply. Please read the information carefully and follow all the instructions. The application deadline is March 21, 2026. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to either Dr. Kalisha Miller or Dr. Denise Beach-Davis at the following email address: scholarship@lovcharities.org

As the academic year ends, we congratulate you on your achievements and wish you the best in all your future endeavors!

Sincerely,

Shaneka Parham

Dr. Shaneka Parham
President, Ladies of Vision Charities

Kalisha T. Miller

Dr. Kalisha T. Miller
Scholarship Committee Chair

Denise Beach-Davis

Dr. Denise Beach-Davis
Scholarship Committee Co-Chairman

Important Points:

- Unless otherwise stated, all applicants must be permanent residents of Baltimore County but may attend school in any county or state.
- Students may apply for only two scholarships but are only eligible for one award. Please submit a separate application for each scholarship.
- Students are not eligible to win the same award in consecutive years.
- All students awarded a 2026 scholarship will be required to submit official transcripts and proof that they meet all requirements for the award (including residency, enrollment status for fall 2026, and GPA) before funds are released.
- Applications must come in one PDF packet, including reference letters. Reference letters will not be accepted separately outside of the application packet.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Merit scholarships are awarded to students with academic excellence. These scholarships are awarded to students with high grades, leadership roles, and involvement in community service.

College Student Book Award - \$3,500 (2 awards)

This scholarship will be awarded to current or incoming college students. This award is to help offset the cost of books in college. The GPA requirement is 3.0.

Entering Freshman Scholarship - \$3,500 (2 awards)

This scholarship will be awarded to first-year freshmen entering an institution of higher education in the fall of 2026. The GPA requirement is 2.75. The students must demonstrate outstanding contributions and leadership in their community and/or extracurricular activities.

HBCU Outstanding Scholar Award - \$3,500 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a current or incoming college student, an outstanding scholar attending an HBCU. The GPA requirement is 3.25.

Outstanding Community Servant/Mentoring Award - \$3,500 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a current or incoming college student who demonstrates superior community service. The GPA requirement is 2.5, with an exceptional record of achievement in community involvement, volunteering, or other service to the community.

Foster-Jones (Taylor) Scholarship - \$1,000 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a female undergraduate currently attending an HBCU, pursuing a BS degree in Health Sciences or Pre-Medicine with a cumulative GPA of 3.0. Students must demonstrate community service involvement as well as scholastic achievement.

STEM Scholar Award - \$2,500 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to or currently majoring in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at a four-year institution of higher learning. The GPA requirement is a minimum of 3.0 (preference will be given to candidates with a 3.5 GPA), with a superior academic record in STEM courses and a declared STEM major.

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This scholarship will be awarded to a student planning to or currently majoring in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) at a four-year institution of higher learning. The GPA requirement is a minimum of 3.0 (preference will be given to candidates with a 3.5 GPA), with a superior academic record in STEM courses and a declared STEM major.

UEO Former Presidents' Leadership Award-\$1,750 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a current college student (second-semester freshman or higher at the time of application) in a leadership position (officer, chairman, event coordinator, etc.) on their college campus or in their community. The GPA requirement is 2.5.

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MERIT-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Verdina Y. Showell Award for Excellence (Medical/Legal Studies) - \$3,500 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a student committed to careers in the Medical (e.g. pre-med/medical school) or Law (e.g., pre-law/law school) fields. The GPA requirement is 3.3 with a record of high academic achievement, completed coursework in either area or community involvement in either area. Students in Baltimore County and Baltimore City are eligible to apply.

The Brown Family Global Navigator Scholarship - \$2,500 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a student majoring in policy, law STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math), international development, finance, economics, marketing, business, and HR majors which have a profound impact on global policy, foreign affairs, and the global economy. The GPA requirement is 3.0. and applicants must be a rising college-level freshmen, sophomores, juniors, or seniors.

Travel with a Purpose Academic Award - \$500 (2 awards)

This scholarship will be awarded to 2 current college students to support each recipient already planned and/or approved study abroad or other academic travel experience. The GPA requirement is 2.75, with proof of approved upcoming academic travel.

The Daniel Harbison Engineering/Business Scholarship - \$1,500 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a current college student, sophomore or higher, who has a declaration (admitted in the school's program) in Engineering or Business School Major. The GPA requirement is 3.0, with preference going to students with a 3.5 or higher.

The Inspired to Teach Scholarship - \$1,500 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a current college student, sophomore, junior, or senior at a 4-year accredited college or university. The student must demonstrate leadership ability and have a declared education major or a major with the intention to teach upon graduation. The GPA requirement is 3.0 or higher.

2026 SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES & ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Students from low-income backgrounds may receive quality need-based funds, and qualification is determined based on family income

Shirley Parrish Wilcox Scholarship - \$3,000 (1 award)

The Shirley Parrish Wilcox Scholarship awards funds to college-bound seniors based on demonstrated academic achievement, financial need, and an expressed interest in pursuing a career in business, finance, or accounting. The recipient must be a graduating high school senior that resides in Maryland and intends to continue their education at a 4-year college or university. Consideration will be given for academic achievement, financial need, and the student's community service history/record. The GPA requirement is 3.0 or higher.

Coppin State, Epsilon Kappa Chapter Alumni Health Science Scholarship - \$1,000 (1 award)

This scholarship will be awarded to a current or incoming college student. Students must be attending an HBCU seeking a degree in health science or allied health and demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to students attending a college or university in the DMV area. Preference will be given to students who are involved in extracurricular activities or a member of a Divine Nine organization. The GPA requirement is 2.75 or higher.

The Path Forward in Education Book Award - \$500 (1 award) The Path Forward in Education Book Award recognizes undergraduate single parents pursuing studies in criminal justice, public administration, or related disciplines and supports their continued progress toward degree completion. By providing access to essential academic materials, the award affirms education as a critical pathway forward for students balancing parenting responsibilities and academic commitments. The recipient must be an undergraduate student enrolled in good standing, majoring in criminal justice, public administration, or related disciplines and must be a parent with primary caregiving responsibility for one or more children while pursuing their undergraduate degree. The GPA requirement is 2.5 or higher. Students in Baltimore County and Baltimore City are eligible to apply.

ESSAY QUESTIONS FOR MERIT BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Instructions: Please TYPE your response using a **minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 700 words**. You must include the essay question at the top of the page. Essays should be **typed, double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font**.

Award	Essay Question
College Student Book Award	Past life challenges can be used for future success. Describe a time when you faced a challenge or failure. How did it impact you? What did you learn from this experience? How has this experience prepared you for your first year of college?
Entering Freshman Scholarship	What are your academic and career goals, and how will a college education help you achieve them?
HBCU Outstanding Scholar Award	Select an HBCU graduate whose life demonstrates triumph over circumstance and prejudice to build a life of accomplishment. Why did you select this person? Which of their accomplishments is most inspiring to you? What part of their story most resonates with you?
Outstanding Community Servant/Mentoring Award	What do you feel is one of the most important community service needs in Baltimore County? Why? What are the ways that you think individuals and organizations can best address this need?
Foster-Jones (Taylor) Scholarship	Please discuss how your leadership and community activities impact your school community and/or local community (at home).
STEM Scholar Award	What attracts you to the STEM field, and where do you see yourself professionally and personally in 5 years?
UEO Former Presidents' Leadership Award	Describe any significant leadership contributions you have made, including the impact your contributions have made on your college campus or your community and how receiving this scholarship would enable you to further your leadership aspirations.
Verdina Y. Showell Award for Excellence (Medical/Law)	Please describe what influenced your career choice and how this award will assist you in pursuing your chosen career.
The Brown Family Global Navigator Scholarship	What are the leading issues impacting the global economy today? How will you play a role in addressing these issues through your education and/or career?
Travel with a Purpose Academic Award	Describe your study abroad program or academic travel experience, what motivated you to apply for this opportunity, and how this experience supported and expanded your future goals.

ESSAY QUESTIONS FOR NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS

Instructions: Please TYPE your response using a **minimum of 500 words and a maximum of 700 words**. You must include the essay question at the top of the page. Essays should be **typed, double-spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font**.

Award	Essay Question
Shirley Parrish Wilcox Scholarship	<p>Select one of the following questions to answer:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you plan to use your business, finance or accounting degree to make an impact on society? 2. What is your understanding of corporate social responsibility, accountability and/or transparency and its importance in business practices?
Coppin State, Epsilon Kappa Chapter Alumni Health Science Scholarship	How do you intend to use your health science degree to positively impact the community?
The Path Forward in Education Book Award	As a single parent pursuing an undergraduate degree in criminal justice, public administration, or related field, education has remained central to your goals. Describe the steps you have taken to continue your education despite financial hardship or limited access to resources. Discuss the responsibilities you balance while remaining enrolled and explain how access to required course materials through this award would support your ability to move forward with degree completion.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Please read all the instructions carefully. **Only complete applications will be considered.** Please note that the application submission process is electronic. Applications are due via email by 11:59 PM on March 21, 2026.

- 1** Obtain a transcript from your high school or college. If you attended another high school for your junior year or another college for at least three semesters, please obtain a transcript from your former and current schools. You may use an unofficial transcript. However, **all scholarship winners will be required to submit an official transcript before the award funds are released.**
- 2** Request **two (2) recommendations.** Your recommendation may be from a teacher/professor, administrator, counselor, mentor, community leader, sports coach, supervisor, extracurricular leader, pastor, etc. Recommendation letters should be **on official letterhead OR must provide the recommender's title, address, phone number, and email address. Recommendation letters must be included in the completed application packet; the recommendation letters cannot be submitted separately.**
- 3** Complete the application and essay. You must **complete a separate application and essay for each scholarship you are applying for.** Please type your responses. **Handwritten applications will not be accepted.** You (and a parent if you are under 18) need to sign the application.
- 4** Complete the application cover page. You may apply for two different scholarships. Please submit a separate cover page for each scholarship for which you are applying.

5 Scan all documents to create **one PDF file for each application, including the recommendation letters.** Please note that no other file formats will be accepted (i.e. Word, JPG, etc.). FedEx Office, Staples, Office Depot, or your guidance counselor should be able to assist if you are unfamiliar with how to create a PDF file.

6 **Email your completed application package(s) by the March 21st deadline to scholarship@lovcharities.org**. Please include all application packages in one email. All documents must be received via email by 11:59 PM.

Your completed application package should consist of the following materials, in this order:

1. Application Cover Page (*please use a separate cover page for each scholarship*)
2. Application Questionnaire
3. Essay (*be sure to answer the appropriate essay for the scholarship for which you are applying*)
4. Completed Recommendation Letters (*you may use the same letters of recommendation if applying for more than one scholarship*)
5. Transcript
6. Final Statement

Application review: Only complete applications will be reviewed. We will complete our initial review of applications in April. Your application package will be scored based on your academic record, written content, grammar, creativity, and letters of recommendation. Finalists will be notified by April 10-11, 2026. We will invite the students with the highest-scoring essays and applications to **participate in** video interviews between April 14 and April 18, 2026

Winners will be notified in late April and asked to attend a scholarship breakfast on May 16, 2026. Winners will also be announced via our social media platforms.

NOTE: The program will award scholarships varying from \$500 to \$3,500 per award to outstanding students. In addition, all scholarship funds will be paid directly to the college or university. All scholarship amounts are contingent on funding availability at the time of the award. The 2026 Application Deadline is March 21, 2026.



APPLICATION COVER PAGE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

(Please submit a separate cover page for each scholarship for which you apply.)

Name of Scholarship Applying for: _____

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Permanent Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Current School/College: _____

Grade/Classification: _____

Major: _____ Current GPA: _____

Checklist (please submit this in order):

- Application Cover Page
- Application Questionnaire
- Essay
- Two (2) Recommendation Letters
- Transcript
- Final Statement (1 signed copy)

Important notes: You must submit a separate application package for each scholarship. The cover page and essay for each scholarship for which you are applying. Please note that each scholarship has a different essay question and ensure you have completed the correct essay.

Your completed application packages should be emailed by **March 21, 2026**, to scholarship@lovcharities.org in PDF format.



ESSAY QUESTIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

Instructions: Please **TYPE** your response for each question. If the question does not apply, please indicate “N/A” in the space provided. You may attach an additional sheet if needed. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Name: _____

Current School/College: _____ Current GPA: _____

Have you previously received a scholarship from us? (If your answer is yes, provide the name of the award and year.) _____

List your academic awards/honors/accelerated courses (include semester(s) and year(s)):

List extracurricular activities (include semester(s) and year(s) of participation and any office(s) held):

List any community, church, or civic activities (include dates of participation):



List any non-academic awards or special recognitions you have received:

List any employment since your junior year in high school (include dates and titles of positions):

Explain how this scholarship will assist you:

Please provide any additional information you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider:



The following questions are for **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY**.

College acceptances (list all colleges to which you have been accepted):

Final college choice and intended major (if known):



FINAL STATEMENT: UNDERSTANDING OF REQUIREMENTS & RESPONSIBILITIES FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

I am submitting my 2026 Ladies of Vision Charities, Inc. Scholarship Program application package.

I understand that my application will only be reviewed if it is complete. Handwritten applications and incomplete applications will not be reviewed for consideration for any scholarship.

If I was awarded a scholarship last year, I understand I am ineligible for the same scholarship in 2026.

I understand that I may be required to complete a video interview.

If I am awarded a 2026 scholarship, I understand I will be required to provide an official transcript and proof of enrollment in an institute of higher learning for fall 2026 before any funds are released.

I understand I may also be asked to provide additional verification of information to demonstrate that I meet all qualifications for any award for which I am selected.

To the best of my knowledge, I attest that the information I provided in my application is true.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Parent's Name: _____

If you have questions, please email us at scholarship@lovcharities.org.