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The National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

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To Whom It May Concern

Northern Virginia Business and Professional Women's Club is again pleased to announce its 2026 Scholarship Program.

The purpose of the Northern Virginia Women's Club is to help women reach their potential and maximize their contribution to society and the Commonwealth as wage earners and citizens. The club initiated several projects to meet this goal, one being the annual merit scholarship for young women in high school. We believe opportunities offered to women early in life will help lead to their success as productive and resourceful citizens.

This scholarship award is presented to a Black/African descent female high school student, who is a graduating senior residing in one of the Northern Virginia counties: Loudoun, Fairfax, or Prince William. This scholarship is awarded annually to a student with a minimum 2.5-grade point average on a 4.0 scale who exemplifies exceptional academic and community-service involvement.

Enclosed, please find our scholarship form for the current school year. We would appreciate your assistance in making this scholarship application available to students who qualify. Please note the deadline for receipt of the completed application is **March 30, 2026**.

Award Recipient Notification by April 6, 2026

Award Acceptance due date by April 15, 2026

Award Presentation Program will be April 26, 2026

We thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Sherelle T. Carper

Sherelle T. Carper, President
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Dr. Deborah Foreman Speller, Chair
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2026 Scholarship Program

This scholarship award is to a female high school senior of African American descent graduating from a high school in one of the following Northern Virginia counties: Loudoun, Fairfax, or Prince William. Students must be pursuing higher education at an accredited institution of higher learning (i.e., community college, university, vocational/technical). The applicants must submit a photo/headshot, an official transcript, two letters of recommendation (one letter must be from a teacher or guidance counselor), and a 300-word student essay. Complete application packets must be **received via email by 11:59 pm on March 30, 2026**.

Winners, parents, and other guests must be present for the award presentation during a ceremony scheduled for **April 26, 2026**. Additional presentation information will be provided closer to the program date.

Please email completed application packets in PDF form to:

dforeman@gmail.com

If you have questions regarding completing this application, please do not hesitate to email **Dr. Deborah Foreman Speller** at the email address noted above.

The Northern Virginia Business and Professional Women's Club is Pleased to Offer Scholarships up to \$1000 for continuing your College Education.

Who is Eligible

- Graduating High School Senior
- Must be a resident of the following Northern Virginia counties: Fairfax, Loudon or Prince William
- Must be a female of Black/African American Descent



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- Minimum 2.5 GPA

Deadline: Entries must be received via email by **11:59 p.m. on March 30, 2026.**

See Website for details: <https://novabpw.org/>

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Northern Virginia Business and Professional Women's Club annually awards scholarship assistance to female students of African American descent who are pursuing higher education (i.e., community college, university, vocational/technical). Scholarships are awarded to students residing in one of the following Northern Virginia counties: Loudoun, Fairfax, or Prince William.

Only completed applications postmarked by **March 30, 2026**, will be considered. Completed applications must contain the following six (6) items. Please use the checklist below to be sure that your application is complete.

1. A completed application forms.
2. A letter of acceptance from college or university (if not available, must be presented at the time of scholarship award).
3. An official high school transcript. (The transcript must be the original document issued by the school, bearing a raised school seal.)
4. Two letters of recommendation submitted by persons other than relatives. These letters can be from church affiliates, teachers, counselors, or community members. However, one of the two letters must be from a schoolteacher or counselor.
5. A complete list of your community service involvement.
6. A student essay, 300 words, typed, grammatically correct, neat, and clear in its expression of ideas. Your essay should how a prominent female figure in has influenced your decision to pursue higher education at a college or technical college, providing specific examples of their positive impact on your academic plans for the future."
7. Standardized testing scores: SAT and/or ACT
8. Please include an electronic photograph in semi-professional attire.

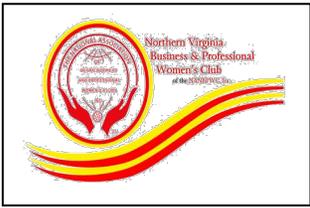


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Incomplete applications will not be considered. No notification will be given. All six items listed must be received via email by 11:59 pm on March 30, 2026, to:

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2. High School Activities: Clubs, societies, councils, athletics, newspaper, the Arts, and school service organizations you have participated in during your high school years (regardless of where you were in high school in grades 9th-12th). ***Indicate any leadership positions**

PART III – WORK EXPERIENCE(S)

List any work experience(s): Full/ Part-time/ Seasonal/ Volunteer

Employer(s)

Dates

Employer(s)

Dates

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Dates

PART IV – SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY: List community organizations in which you have participated; include dates and leadership positions/ services rendered. (Attach a separate page if needed)

PART V – WRITE A 300 WORD ESSAY

The road to the Supreme Court of the United States for Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson's historic win was paved by those who came before her. As she eloquently stated in her confirmation speech, her profound gratitude for those that helped her to get to this moment in her career.

Write a 300-word essay, typed, grammatically correct, neat, and clear in its expression of ideas. "Reflecting on your knowledge of Black History explain how a prominent figure



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has influenced your decision to pursue higher education at a college or technical community college, providing specific examples of their positive impact on your academic plans for the future.”

PART VI - SCHOOL INFORMATION

List the names of colleges or universities where you have applied. ***Indicate the status of your application (Pending or Accepted):**

List any scholarships and the amount of the award you have received:



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PART VII - ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

Your application will be considered along with others, and if all required materials from the checklist are included, an impartial committee will evaluate it. All information submitted for this scholarship will be considered confidential. Only members of the scholarship committee will review this information.

Both the student and parent/guardian must sign below.

I understand that completing this form does not indicate that I have been selected for a scholarship and that the information presented here is accurate.

APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

DATE

I have read the information provided on this application and can verify that it is true, accurate, and complete in its presentation.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE



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