



Foundation Scholarship

Eligibility Guidelines for High School Students

To be eligible for the RVA Tech Foundation scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

ENROLLMENT

Students must be currently enrolled in a public or private high school located within the Greater Richmond (RVA) area. This includes the City of Richmond and surrounding counties within the Virginia Department of Education's Superintendent's Region 1:

Charles City County
Chesterfield County
Colonial Heights
Dinwiddie County
Goochland County

Hanover County
Henrico County
Hopewell
New Kent County
Petersburg

Powhatan County
Prince George County
Richmond
Surry County
Sussex County

ACADEMIC STANDING

Be in good academic standing (GPA of 3.0). If your GPA falls below 3.0, please share additional contextual information to help us understand your relevant experiences, skills and your commitment to a tech career. (Highlight this in your essay or video.)

INTEREST IN TECHNOLOGY CAREERS

Demonstrate a sustained interest in technology careers. This can be shown through one or more of the following:

- Participation in technology-related coursework (e.g., computer science, engineering, robotics).
- Involvement in tech-focused extracurricular activities (e.g., coding clubs, STEM competitions, internships, tech camps).
- Personal projects or community initiatives related to technology.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Please provide proof of enrollment and academic standing (unofficial transcripts are acceptable)
2. List tech-related jobs, clubs, experiences, projects
3. Provide LinkedIn profile information (Optional - newly created profiles are acceptable/encouraged)
4. Personal statement - Written or Video (see below for prompt and instructions)
5. Reference form completed by someone who can support your qualifications and candidacy for scholarship consideration.

Personal statement describing passion for technology and career goals in the tech field. Please choose ONE of the following options for submission:

A. Written Personal Statement - approximately 300 words

- Preference will be given to statements that reflect the applicant's individual voice and perspective. Essays written solely by AI typically lack voice and authenticity. Be specific in providing examples, anecdotes, thoughts, reflections, sources of motivation and inspiration that will give the selection committee insight into who you are and why pursuing a career in technology/tech skills is important to you.

OR

B. Video Personal Statement - approximately 2-3 minutes

- In lieu of a written personal statement, candidates may submit a self-recorded video responding to the prompt above. Applicants are encouraged to film their video in a "one take" format. We hope to hear each applicant's perspective and get to know you, not just your editing skills. Upload your video to YouTube (or other Cloud platform), set it to private, and share the video link in the space provided on the application. Do not submit your video in a format that requires reviewers to download. Inaccessible videos may disqualify an applicant from consideration.

REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT DOCUMENTATION

Share this form with a person who can support your candidacy for scholarship consideration. Consider asking someone who can address your technology-related skills and professional goals. Ideas: former/current teacher or professor, former/current employer, internship supervisors, volunteer or club supervisor or sponsor, project/team leaders, research mentors, etc.

[Reference Form](#)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIMELINE

Date	Action
March 1, 2026	Scholarships Applications Due
March 2026	Committee Review of Applications
April 2026	Scholarship Recipients Notified