

THE FARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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About the Program

The Thomas Peterson and Alvin Jenettie Roane Fary Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 1997 by the estate of Thomas Franklin Fary in memory of his parents to help worthy high school students from a rural area obtain a college education. Four scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis to graduating high school seniors from eligible areas. Awards of up to \$6,000 each will be available to help cover the costs of tuition, fees, room and board and other required educational expenses. Winners will be notified by late April in order to assist a student's college decision.

Who is Eligible

An eligible applicant must:

1. Be a senior attending a state-accredited public or private high school, or be a home-schooled senior. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen who has resided for a period of not less than two years in an eligible county immediately preceding the application. The counties are: Caroline, Charles City, Essex, Gloucester, James City (Stonehouse Magisterial District), King and Queen, King George, King William, Lancaster, Mathews, Middlesex, New Kent, Northumberland, Richmond, Westmoreland and York (Bruton Magisterial District);
2. Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement and strong participation in school activities and community service. Financial need may be a consideration. Minimum academic criteria are a 3.5 cumulative GPA and combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1100 or ACT Composite score of 24; and
3. Be a candidate for high school graduation at the end of the current academic year, and plan to enroll as a full-time student in an accredited four-year college or university in the United States the following academic year.

How to Apply

If an applicant meets the preceding eligibility criteria, he/she must obtain an Application Form from the high school guidance counselor, from the Scholarship Fund or from www.faryscholarship.org. Each applicant must submit: 1) *Fary Memorial Scholarship Application Form*; 2) high school transcript and recent SAT or ACT test scores; 3) three Letters of Recommendation, which must include either (a) two letters from current or former high school academic instructors OR (b) one letter from a high school guidance counselor, high school appointed advisor, or high school principal and one letter from a current or former high school academic instructor. The remaining Letter of Recommendation may be from any other person of the applicant's choice; 4) financial aid for each college/university being considered, and pending scholarship applications, if any; and 5) any other information which might be helpful to the scholarship committees.

The completed Application Form, Letters of Recommendation and supporting documents must be mailed (postmarked) or hand delivered to the Scholarship Fund in ONE package not later than December 15, 2011. The first semester/trimester, senior year transcript must be mailed (postmarked) or hand delivered not later than February 17, 2012.

How Winners Are Chosen

The *Fary Memorial Scholarship Program* will select scholarship recipients from applicants nominated by the four District Committees: Central Committee (Caroline County, Essex County, King and Queen County and King George County), Chesapeake Committee (Gloucester County, Mathews County and Middlesex County), Northern Neck Committee (Lancaster County, Northumberland County, Richmond County and Westmoreland County), and Southern Committee (Charles City County, James City County-Stonehouse Magisterial District, King William County, New Kent County and York County-Bruton Magisterial District). Candidates will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Academic achievement based on grade point average, SAT or ACT test scores, class rank and academic honors - minimum requirements are a 3.5 cumulative GPA and combined SAT Critical Reading and Math score of 1100 or ACT Composite score of 24;
2. Communication skills as evidenced in the application essays and possible interviews with the committees;
3. Participation and leadership in school activities and community/public service based on the applicant's extracurricular involvement, honors and awards;

4. Three Letters of Recommendation as stated above; and
5. Financial circumstances of the applicant's household, if provided by the parent/guardian (optional), and information regarding pending scholarship applications, if any.

The Committee for the District in which an applicant resides will review all qualifying applications and extend to the most qualified applicants invitations to interview at the District level. Personal interviews will be conducted on two levels. If selected to interview, an applicant will be invited to interview with the District Committee. From those interviewed at the District level, as many as three students will be chosen to interview with the Finalist Committee. Applicants should be prepared to discuss their personal goals, academic interests, financial needs, and other possible scholarship opportunities, if any. All applicants will be expected to be available for interviews with the *Fary Memorial Scholarship* Committees on the scheduled dates. No individual exceptions will be granted.

Scholarship Renewal

A recipient who maintains good academic standing, demonstrates responsible conduct, and intends to complete college will continue to receive similar funding for each of the remaining three (3) successive years of undergraduate study. Recipients must submit an official college transcript upon completion of each year.