



Scholarship Application

Application due date: 30 days before the start of classes

“Success Begins with a Strong Foundation”

DEADLINE for scholarship applications:

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1. Refer to application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.)
Incomplete applications will not be considered.
2. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
3. If you have received a scholarship before through the Foundation, you still need to fill out an application with a personal statement.
4. Type or print legibly.
5. You will be notified by phone, email or mail regarding the status of your application.
6. If you have any questions about the application, please call 434.579.3518 or email us at scholarships@svhef.org

PURPOSE The Foundation @ Southern Virginia Higher Education Center was established in 1986. The mission of the Foundation is to provide financial assistance to individuals that are enrolled in programs at SVHEC. *IT Academy certificate students are encouraged to apply for the Microsoft Scholars Program found on page 5 of this application.*

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE is based on academic performance, leadership potential, and community involvement including but not limited to volunteer hours. Scholarships are awarded annually provided funds are available.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The Foundation awards scholarships on the basis of a comprehensive process. Areas that are reviewed by the committee include, but are not limited to the following: Academic Accomplishments, Community Service, References, Personal Essay and Financial Need. The Foundation pays scholarship funds directly to the specified institution. Scholarships are awarded semi-annually. The scholarships are awarded without regard to race, color, ethnicity, gender or sexual orientation. Scholarships awarded are based upon the availability of funds and additional qualifying criteria.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST PROVIDE:

- Completed application form.
- Personal Essay.
- A letter of academic references from a guidance counselor or teacher.
- A letter of reference from an employer.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

- Awards dates: TBD
- Award amounts will be distributed annually for degree-based programs and the beginning of each cohort for certificate programs after all requirements are met.
- Scholarship recipients **MUST** attend *Scholarship Reception* before their award is distributed to their program.

Please mail OR submit application in person to: **The Foundation @ SVHEC**

180 Factory Street
South Boston, VA 24592

*The information you provide is for the use of the Foundation only

Please check one of the following: New Scholarship Applicant _____ Repeat Scholarship Applicant _____

Please type on a separate sheet or print your answers below. If application is illegible it will be returned to you.													
1	Last Name: _____ First Name: _____												
2	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____												
3	Daytime Telephone Number: () Email address: _____												
4	What college will you attend this semester/year?												
5	Degree Program:												
6	Certificate Program of Study: <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;"><input type="radio"/> IT Academy</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Level: _____</td> <td style="width: 30%;">Program State Date: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> Welding</td> <td>Level: _____</td> <td>Program State Date: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> HVAC</td> <td>Level: _____</td> <td>Program State Date: _____</td> </tr> <tr> <td><input type="radio"/> Mechatronics</td> <td>Level: _____</td> <td>Program State Date: _____</td> </tr> </table>	<input type="radio"/> IT Academy	Level: _____	Program State Date: _____	<input type="radio"/> Welding	Level: _____	Program State Date: _____	<input type="radio"/> HVAC	Level: _____	Program State Date: _____	<input type="radio"/> Mechatronics	Level: _____	Program State Date: _____
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Please list the following information on a separate sheet if needed.

7	SCHOOL EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Please list school extra-curricular activities in which you have participated. Note leadership roles and dates.
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8	ORGANIZATIONS: Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.
9	RECOGNITIONS: Please list important awards and recognitions received. Note organizations presenting honor and date.

Attach a personal statement in essay format that lists both your short- and long-term goals, what you want to study and why, your need for scholarship assistance, and career plans.

- A. The following items must be attached to this application in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.
- B. Your application will be returned to you if these items are not attached to this application. (No exceptions.)
- C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.

YES NO **Two reference letters**

YES NO **Personal essay**

YES NO **Answers to questions 1-9**

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me to the Foundation @ SVHEC Scholarship Committee is true, correct and without forgery. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the Foundation and/or Southern Virginia Higher Education Center, Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____

MICROSOFT SCHOLARS PROGRAM—(The Microsoft Scholars Program through the SVHEF is for IT Academy *certificate program* applicants only; degree program students in the ITA should apply for the Microsoft Scholarship through SVCC. Degree track students may apply and receive other SVHEF scholarships as awarded based on page one and two of this application.)

The Foundation will review all applications and select final candidates on the holistic basis of eligibility, quality of application, demonstrated passion for STEM, commitment to leadership and financial need.

Applicants must be enrolled in the IT Academy certificate program at the Southern Virginia Higher Education Center; to continue in the Microsoft Scholars program the student must acquire a certificate in the previous level of the IT program.

Please describe yourself:

Gender: _____

Race: *(check all that apply)*

- American Indian or Alaska Native
For example, Navajo Nation, Blackfeet Tribe, Mayan, Aztec, Native Village of Barrow Inupiat Traditional Government, Nome Eskimo Community, etc.
- Asian
For example, Japanese, Chinese, Indian, Arabian, Turkish, Pakistani, Korean, etc.
- Black or African American
For example, African American, Jamaican, Haitian, Nigerian, Ethiopian, Somalian, etc.
- Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
For example, Mexican or Mexican American, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Salvadoran, Dominican, Colombian, etc.
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
For example, Native Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Tongan, Fijian, Marshallese, etc.
- White
For example, German, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, French, etc.
- Not Disclosed