

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program (CSP) and Grace Tinsley Memorial Scholarship Program 2024

Charlottesville Area Community Foundation

Scholarship Criteria

Applicant Name*

Character Limit: 100

Date of Birth*

Character Limit: 10

Please use the information below to determine which level scholarships you qualify for. Please select all that apply.

Charlottesville Promise Scholarships - renewable awards that can fund up to \$13,000 of the cost of a 2- or 4- year undergraduate degree or for a vocational training/professional certification program at a technical school. First-year awards are typically \$2,500.

Preston Coiner Scholarships - renewable awards, administered through CSP, that may be used for a 2- or 4-year undergraduate degree program. Annual awards are calculated based on a percentage of the funds available in the Preston Coiner scholarship endowment. The Preston Coiner award for 2023 was \$5,900. Only one Preston Coiner award is available in any given year.

Grace Tinsley Scholarships- awarded for a student's first and second years of college. In 2023, first-year awards were \$2,500 and second-year awards were \$1,500. GT typically awards 4 new scholarships each year.

Scholarship Level*

Please select all Scholarship you wish to be considered for.

Choices

Charlottesville Promise Scholarship

Preston Coiner Scholarship

Grace Tinsley Scholarship

City Resident*

Are you a City of Charlottesville resident?

Choices

Yes

No

Check if you will be a First-Generation College Student (for informational purposes only)*

Choices

Yes

No

List your High School*

Character Limit: 50

Year of High School Graduation*

Character Limit: 50

Adult Applicant*

Are you employed by the City of Charlottesville or Charlottesville City Schools?

Choices

Yes

No

N/A

Adult Applicant*

Are you currently enrolled in a 2-year or 4-year college, or vocational/professional certification program?

Choices

Yes

No

N/A

Degree Seeking*

Choices

Bachelor

Associate

Certificate

Other

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend*

Name of post-secondary school you plan to attend. Use full school names.

(If unknown, please list in order of preference the schools to which you have applied. If you have been waitlisted or accepted, please indicate.)

Character Limit: 200

Work Experience*

Describe your work experience during the past four years. Indicate the job title, dates of employment for each job, and approximate number of hours worked each week.

Character Limit: 1000

School Activities*

List all school activities in which you have participated during the past four years: (Include years, hours per week, position held, and any awards received)

Character Limit: 1000

Personal Statement*

What are your goals for the future and how will post-secondary education help you achieve them? This is an opportunity to tell your story and to explain why you are an ideal scholarship candidate. You may use your college essay for this requirement if it addresses these topics. (Limit your response to 250 words.)

Character Limit: 2000

Please answer the following short answer questions. Please DO NOT cover the same material you write about in your personal statement. We want to learn MORE about you and why you have chosen your particular post-secondary educational path.

Special Circumstance*

Describe how a specific experience, special circumstance, or activity in your life has shaped the choices you have made for your future education. (Limit your response to 150 words.)

Character Limit: 1500

Special Circumstance*

Describe a specific challenge you have faced and how it has shaped your character. (Limit your response to 150 words.)

Character Limit: 1500

Preston Coiner Essay (For Preston Coiner Scholarship Applicants ONLY)

Please submit an original essay of 500-1,000 words about Charlottesville or Albemarle County history. This essay must be your own original work, as confirmed by your agreement to the certification statement below. You should thoughtfully write and carefully edit and proofread your essay, making sure you have adhered to the word limit. (Limit your response to 500-1,000 words.)

Character Limit: 7000

Letter of Recommendation*

Attach a letter of recommendation from a teacher, counselor, or non-family member who knows you well. If someone has prepared a college letter of recommendation for you, you may use that letter.

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Certification*

I certify that the information I have provided on this application and on all supporting documentation is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. If required, I agree to provide proof of this information. I certify that my personal statement, answers to short answer questions, and Preston Coiner essay (if applicable) are my own original work. I realize that if all required documentation is not submitted by the posted deadline, I will not be considered for a Charlottesville Promise, Preston Coiner, or Grace Tinsley Scholarship. If I receive a scholarship, the Charlottesville Scholarship Program and/or Grace Tinsley Memorial Scholarship Program may make public my name (and that of my parent(s), guardian(s), or spouse, if applicable), the amount of the scholarship, the school I will be attending, and a brief summary of my qualifications and plans. I also agree to be contacted by CSP/Grace Tinsley representatives as appropriate. This agreement will be in effect as long as I am a scholarship recipient.

Choices

Yes

FAFSA/Student Aid Report Cover Sheet

Please list any other awards, grants, scholarships you have been awarded:*

Name the Award and Amount.

Character Limit: 1000

Please attach your FAFSA, VASA or Federal Income Tax Record.*

FAFSA, VASA, or most recent Federal Income Tax Return from person who claims you as a dependent. This documentation is required to verify that you meet income requirements.

Please make sure you have redacted all Social Security Numbers from this information!

File Size Limit: 1 MB

Transcript information

School Counselor Email Address*

Please compose an email to your Counselor requesting your transcript, and Cumulative GPA. Be sure to include your name and the due date in the email.

* If a current college student, please email yourself to receive the link to upload your transcript. (a screenshot is acceptable)

Character Limit: 254

 **Cumulative GPA***

Cumulative Grade Point Average as of the end of the first semester senior year or most recently completed college semester.

Character Limit: 20

 **Please attach the applicant's transcript.***

File Size Limit: 1 MB