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General Information

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program (CSP) and Grace Tinsley Memorial Scholarship Program offer eligible local residents an opportunity to [apply](#) for Charlottesville Promise and Grace Tinsley Scholarships each year by **March 1st**. Scholarships may be used for tuition, fees, and other educational expenses. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Personal statements and answers to essay questions should be the applicant's own work.

Charlottesville Promise Scholarships are renewable awards that can fund up to \$13,000 of the cost of a 2- or 4- year undergraduate degree program, master's degree program, or for a vocational training/professional certification program at an accredited technical school. First-year awards are typically \$2,500. CSP typically awards 9 new scholarships each year to seniors attending Charlottesville High School and residing in the City, 1 potential new scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior residing in the City and attending one of the City's alternative or non-traditional learning centers listed [here](#), and 1 potential additional new scholarship each year to an eligible adult student currently attending or planning to enroll in a post-secondary undergraduate degree program, master's degree program, or vocational training/professional certification program at an accredited technical school.

PLEASE NOTE: A new Preston Coiner Scholarship will NOT be awarded in 2026. One Preston Coiner award is available in any given year. As the current Preston Coiner Scholar is renewing, a new scholarship will not be awarded in 2026. We expect to be able to award a new renewable Preston Coiner Scholarship in 2028.

Grace Tinsley Scholarships are awarded for a student's first and second years of college. In 2025, first-year awards were \$2,500 and second-year awards were \$1,500. GT typically awards 4 new scholarships each year to Charlottesville High School seniors.

Who is Eligible?

Charlottesville Promise Scholarships

- Low- to Middle-Income Charlottesville City School System graduating high school seniors living in Charlottesville
- Low- to Middle-Income Charlottesville City School System high school graduates living in Charlottesville
- Low- to Middle-Income Charlottesville City School System GED recipients living in Charlottesville
- Low- to Middle-Income City of Charlottesville municipal employees, no matter where they live
- Low- to Middle-Income Charlottesville City School System employees, no matter where they live

Grace Tinsley Memorial Scholarships

- Low- to Middle-Income Charlottesville High School graduating seniors

Income Eligibility Requirements

The Charlottesville Scholarship Program and the Grace Tinsley Memorial Scholarship Program provide vocational/professional certification (Charlottesville Promise only), Master's degree scholarships (Charlottesville Promise only) and undergraduate scholarships (Charlottesville Promise, Preston Coiner, and Grace Tinsley) to low- and moderate-income people in the Charlottesville community who wish to pursue post-secondary education, but who lack the financial resources to do so. To qualify for these need-based scholarships, the applicant's household income must be lower than the maximum income for the applicant's family size, as shown on the guidelines below. **PLEASE BE SURE TO REDACT ALL SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FROM ALL SUPPORTING FINANCIAL DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED WITH YOUR APPLICATION!**

Family Size	Maximum Household Income
1	\$105,700
2	\$120,800
3	\$135,900
4	\$151,000
5	\$163,100
6	\$175,150
7	\$187,200
8	\$199,300
9	\$211,350
10	\$223,450

Questions?

Call 434.987.8338 or email scholars@cvcillescholarship.com or scholars@gracetinsleyscholarship.org for help with any of these scholarship programs. CHS seniors may also contact CHS Scholarship Coordinator Lois Burke (Lois.Burke@charlottesvilleschools.org, 434.245.2410) for assistance. Please do not wait until the last minute to ask for help!

Equal Opportunity Statement

In accordance with federal law and the law of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Charlottesville Scholarship Program and Grace Tinsley Memorial Scholarship Program do not discriminate on the basis of age, race, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, military status, or disability.