

Chesapeake Club Ministry
First Baptist Church Hampton
229 N. King Street
Hampton, Virginia 23669

2026 Scholarship Packet

Dear Student:

The Chesapeake Club Ministry of First Baptist Church Hampton is pleased to announce our 2026 Scholarship Program. We are proud to offer three scholarships to graduating high school seniors pursuing post-secondary education in Fall 2026.

As a ministry committed to faith, service, and educational excellence, we believe in investing in students who demonstrate character, leadership, academic commitment, and a desire to make a positive impact in their communities. Our scholarship program exists to support and encourage students as they transition into the next chapter of their academic and professional journey.

Students may apply for more than one scholarship; however, only one award may be received. If applying for multiple scholarships, a separate essay must be submitted for each scholarship selected, however you can include your application and all your essays in one package. One complete application packet is required.

All decisions of the Scholarship Committee are final.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM

We encourage all eligible seniors to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to support their educational journey.

Sincerely,

Scholarship Committee

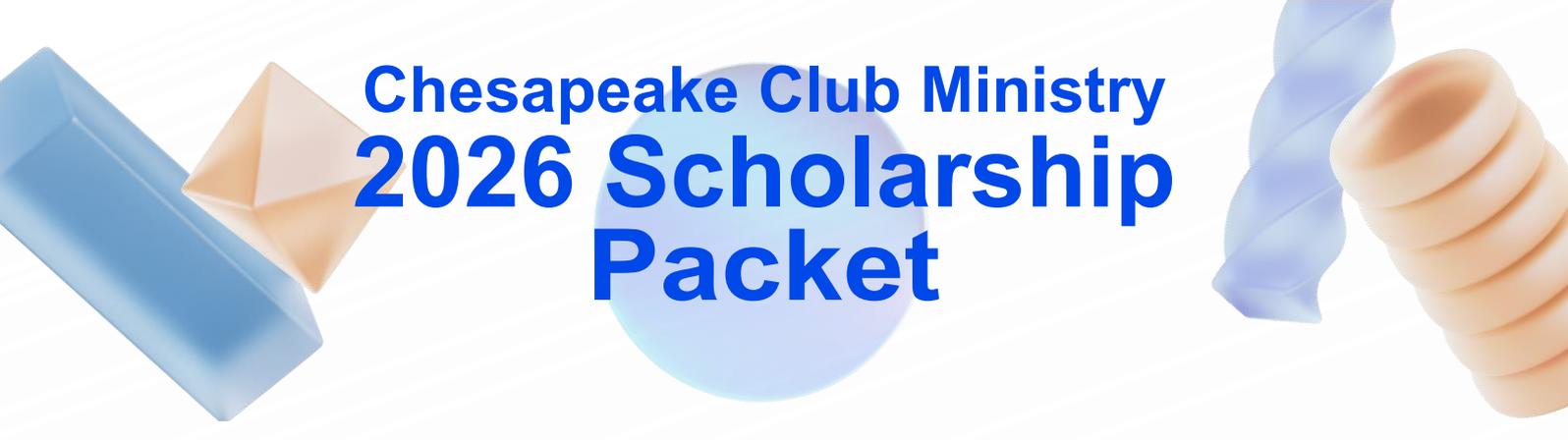
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Scholarship	Award	Min GPA	Primary Focus	Financial Need
Pearl Braxton Scholarship	\$1,000	2.7	Service and Financial Need	Primary
Dorothy, Linwood & Linda Rodgers Scholarship	\$1,000	3.0	Academics & Leadership	Considered
Eleanor Wynne Memorial Scholarship	\$2,500	3.4	Academic Excellence (STEM interest encouraged)	Not weighted

Scholarship Descriptions

Pearl Braxton Scholarship – \$1,000

Minimum GPA: 2.7

Awarded to a graduating senior entering an accredited college, university, or technical school. Primary emphasis is placed on demonstrated financial need, along with academic effort, leadership involvement, community service, and essay response.

Dorothy, Linwood & Linda Rodgers Scholarship – \$1,000

Minimum GPA: 3.0

Awarded to a graduating senior entering an accredited college, university, or technical school. This merit-based scholarship recognizes students who demonstrate strong academic achievement and leadership involvement and essay response. Financial information may be reviewed but will not outweigh merit-based factors.

Eleanor Wynne Memorial Scholarship – \$2,500

Minimum GPA: 3.4

Awarded to a graduating senior entering an accredited college, university, or technical school. Established in loving memory of Eleanor Wynne, this scholarship honors academic excellence, consistency and an interest in STEM. Selection focuses primarily on verified transcript performance and overall academic discipline and essay response. This award is not restricted to a specific major or career field.

How Applications Are Evaluated

Applications are reviewed using a standardized 100-point scoring system to ensure fairness and consistency. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated.

Evaluation criteria include:

- Academic achievement (verified transcript)
- Leadership and community involvement
- Essay quality and clarity
- Letters of recommendation
- Financial information, as applicable

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be graduating seniors who attend and have been consistently active over the last year at First Baptist Church Hampton; **OR** students attending a public or private high school in the City of Hampton.

While an unofficial transcript will be accepted with the application, recipients must provide an official final transcript and proof of Fall 2026 enrollment in a university, college, or technical school before funds are released.

All submissions are electronic. Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.

Application Instructions

1. Obtain your transcript(s).

Unofficial transcripts may be submitted with your application. Official transcripts will be required only if selected.

2. Request two (2) letters of recommendation.

One letter must be from a school counselor, teacher, professor, or administrator. Letters should not exceed one page. Recommendations cannot be from a family member.

3. Complete the application and required essay(s) and hit submit. Completed applications must be received by 11:59PM April 30, 2026.

If applying for more than one scholarship, submit a separate essay for each scholarship selected.

Application Submission Checklist

Submit the following in order:

- Cover Page
- Application Questionnaire
- Two Letters of Recommendation (**One must be from a school counselor, teacher/professor or school administrator**)
- Essay (separate essay for each scholarship selected)
- Unofficial Transcript(s)
- Signed Final Statement

Official transcripts are required only if selected

Winners will be notified by May 23, 2026, and recognized at the Annual Founders Day event on June 7, 2026.