

National Federation of the Blind of Virginia

2020 Scholarship Program

The NFB of Virginia is pleased to announce the launch of its James F. Nelson merit scholarship program for the academic year 2020-2021. Up to three scholarships of \$1500.00 will be awarded based on academic achievement, community engagement, and leadership potential.

The NFB of Virginia believes that all blind and visually impaired students who apply for a James F. Nelson scholarship can greatly benefit from the experience of attending this year's virtual state convention. As such, the NFBV will cover reasonable costs associated with attending the convention for all eligible applicants including the cost of registration. Convention related expenses will be reimbursed or covered by the affiliate as well. Applicants are expected to pre-register in order to signal their intention to attend the state convention and to assist the scholarship committee in planning accordingly.

To be eligible to receive a James F. Nelson scholarship, all applicants must:

- Be legally blind or have a visual impairment that qualifies them to receive services under IDEA or from a state vocational rehabilitation program.
- Be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia, or be attending full-time an accredited institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- Plan to pursue a full-time, postsecondary course of study in the 2020-2021 academic year.
- Participate in the entire NFB of Virginia virtual state convention and in all scheduled scholarship program activities to be held October 30, 2020 to November 1, 2020.

To submit an online application, please visit www.nfbv.org/scholarship

Deadline: Applications must be received no later than 11:59pm on Friday, September 25th, 2020. For any questions, Please contact Jimmy Morris by email: jimorris0116@gmail.com or by phone: (434) 547-2720