**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 benefit from the experience of attending our virtual state convention. 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.

**Eligibility**

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 or attending a full-time accredited institution of higher education in Virginia
* Plan to pursue a full-time, postsecondary course of study in the 2020-21 academic year
* Participate in the entire NFB of Virginia virtual state convention and in all scheduled scholarship program activities to be held October 30 to November 1, 2020.

**To submit an online application, please visit** [**www.nfbv.org/scholarship**](http://www.nfbv.org/scholarship)

**Deadline:** Applications must be received no later than 11:59pm Eastern on Friday, September 25th, 2020.

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