

National Federation of the Blind of Virginia

2023 Scholarship Program

The NFB of Virginia is pleased to announce the launch of its James F. Nelson merit scholarship program for the academic year 2023-2024. Up to three scholarships of \$2500.00 will be awarded based on academic achievement, community engagement, and leadership potential. One of these three scholarships will be directly pledged to a qualifying freshman or sophomore.

The NFB of Virginia believes that all blind and vision-impaired students who apply for a James F. Nelson scholarship can benefit from the experience of attending the State Convention. The NFBV will cover the reasonable costs associated with attending the convention for all eligible applicants, including a room at the hotel shared with a fellow scholarship applicant, most meals, the cost of registration, and a banquet ticket. Scholarship applicants should work with their local chapters to explore transportation options and should notify the scholarship committee if they encounter any difficulties. Convention related expenses will be reimbursed or covered by the affiliate at the convention. Please notify the committee if you do not have access to a credit card or other means of covering pre-convention costs. Applicants are expected to pre-register for the gathering to signal their intentions to attend the state convention, and to assist the scholarship committee in making hotel reservations.

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 Virginia, or attending a Virginia accredited institution of higher education full-time
- Plan to pursue a full-time, postsecondary course of study in the 2023-24 academic year
- Participate in the entire NFB of Virginia in-person state convention in Williamsburg, Virginia and participate in all scheduled scholarship program activities to be held on November 2nd- 5th, 2023.

To submit an online application, please visit <https://www.nfbv.org/scholarship>

Deadline: Applications must be received no later than 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, October 2nd, 2023

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