

John Randolph Foundation

Anderson J. Blevins and Thelma L. Hammond Memorial Scholarship Program Application Guidelines

PURPOSE:

To promote continuing education **for any course of study** by awarding scholarships for attendance at institutions of higher education to individuals who demonstrate financial need, academic achievement and desire.

BACKGROUND:

The Anderson J. Blevins and Thelma L. Hammond Scholarship Program was established in December 2007 in accordance with the wishes of Betty Blevins in memory of her husband, Anderson J. Blevins, and her mother, Thelma L. Hammond.

Anderson J. Blevins was born in Narrows, Virginia in 1936. After completing time in military service, he entered an apprenticeship program as a millwright with the local 1402 in Hopewell. Attending both John Tyler Community College and Richmond Professional Institute, he initially worked as a millwright for Dupont and then at Phillip Morris until his retirement. Throughout his life, he was active in many civic and political organizations. Suffering from a physical disability, he gave generously to assist with children's health care organizations.

Born in 1907 in Keysville, Virginia, Thelma L. Hammond moved to Hopewell and became an instructor at the Tubize plant. An active member of the First Baptist Church of Hopewell and Patrick Copeland PTA, she served as a foster parent to many needy children. Because of her husband and mother's willingness to help others, Mrs. Blevins felt that a scholarship to assist local students would be a fitting memorial to both of them.

POLICY:

The scholarship program is available to students in the foundation's entire service area, which includes Hopewell, Prince George, Chesterfield (south of 288 and east of Ironbridge Road), Petersburg, Colonial Heights, Fort Lee, Dinwiddie, Surry, Sussex, Charles City and Varina. Student interns working for John Randolph Foundation are eligible to apply; however, foundation trustees, other foundation employees and their immediate families (parents, spouses, brothers, sisters, and anyone claimed as a dependent for tax purposes) are not eligible to apply.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS MUST:

1. Express an interest in attending college as a full-time or part-time undergraduate student (at least 6 hours per semester);
2. Submit a completed “John Randolph Foundation Scholarship Application” online;
3. Mail or hand-deliver the “attachments” requested on the application (these attachments *cannot* be submitted online);
4. Demonstrate financial need; and
5. Must have a G.P.A. of 3.0 or better.

PROCEDURE:

The scholarship amount is **\$1,000** and **will be paid directly to the school** for current year tuition, fees, books purchased through the institution attended, and on-campus dormitory and meal plan expenses. The scholarship committee will review and evaluate all applications and announce awards each spring. The committee will also review and revise the scholarship policy and criteria as necessary. The application may be obtained and submitted online at johnrandolphfoundation.org.

The deadlines are as follows:

The **application must be completed online**. All required attachments must be either mailed to John Randolph Foundation, P.O. Box 1606, Hopewell, VA 23860 or delivered to the foundation’s office at 112 N. Main Street no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 15.

If the above due date falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, then the deadline becomes the next business day by 4:00 p.m.

Direct any questions to the foundation office at the above address or call 458-2239.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION OR DOCUMENTATION BY THE DEADLINE WILL DISQUALIFY AN APPLICANT FROM CONSIDERATION FOR THE ANDERSON J. BLEVINS AND THELMA L. HAMMOND SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM. THE JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO INTERVIEW APPLICANTS IN THE FINAL STAGES OF SELECTION.

THE DECISION OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE IN ALL MATTERS REGARDING SCHOLARSHIPS IS FINAL. CANVASSING ANY JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION TRUSTEE OR EMPLOYEE SHALL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE DISQUALIFICATION. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ARE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND CONTINGENT UPON ACCEPTANCE AND ENROLLMENT IN AN APPROVED PROGRAM.

JOHN RANDOLPH FOUNDATION RESPECTS THE PRIVACY OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS. ANY PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSESSING THE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION AND WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE SOLELY TO THE FOUNDATION'S TRUSTEES AND STAFF. WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO MAINTAIN YOUR CONFIDENTIALITY.

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