

**John Randolph Foundation**

**Juanita and Wilson Chambers**  
**Annual Scholarship Program**  
**Application Guidelines**

**PURPOSE:**

To promote continuing education by awarding scholarships **for any course of study** at institutions of higher education to individuals who demonstrate academic achievement, extracurricular involvement, financial need and desire. These institutions may include technical colleges, community colleges, and four-year colleges/universities.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Juanita and Wilson Chambers Scholarship Program was established in July 2005 in honor of Juanita Coles Chambers and in memory of Wilson Chambers, Jr., in recognition of their tireless efforts to the educational community of Hopewell.

Juanita Coles Chambers is a life-long resident of Hopewell. She graduated from Carter G. Woodson High School in 1949 as the class valedictorian. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in education and her master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Virginia State University. Mrs. Chambers has worked in the Hopewell Public School System for over 50 years. She was a respected and well-liked teacher for many years. She also served as a school principal and was the supervisor of secondary education when she retired in 1988. Mrs. Chambers continues to work diligently for the school system by serving on Hopewell's School Board, a position she has held for 16 years.

Wilson Chambers, Jr. was also dedicated to the education of Hopewell's children. Mr. Chambers grew up in Greensboro, North Carolina, and graduated from Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina. He also received his master's degree in educational administration and supervision from Virginia State University. He worked as a teacher and administrator for 32 years. In addition, Mr. Chambers taught drivers' education on a part-time basis for a number of years, and many students remember him fondly as the person who patiently taught them to drive. Upon his retirement, Mr. Chambers was serving as the director of student services for Hopewell Public Schools.

**POLICY:**

This \$1,000 scholarship is available to seniors attending Hopewell High School. 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); and
4. Demonstrate financial need;
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](http://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 JUANITA AND WILSON CHAMBERS SCHOLARSHIP. 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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