SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY STUDENTS

OUR DONORS ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR EDUCATION!

Thanks to our generous donors, the Charlotte Community Foundation has awarded over $1.9 million in scholarships to Charlotte County students pursuing higher education in fields of study such as Dentistry, Education, Engineering, General Studies, Healthcare, Nursing and Real Estate.

This packet will provide you with an overview of our different scholarships. Please review the requirements for each scholarship before applying. Be sure to visit our website charlottecf.org/scholarships or check out our Facebook page for all the latest scholarship information!

SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONS?
We are happy to assist you with any of your scholarship questions! Should you need assistance, please contact us at programs@charlottecf.org or call 941-637-0077
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OUR SCHOLARSHIPS

BABCOCK RANCH FOUNDATION Scholarship
CHERIAN FAMILY Scholarship
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NURSING Scholarship
VIRGINIA B. ANDES Memorial Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

December 1, 2021  Scholarship applications open
January 26, 2022  Scholarship applications close
March 31, 2022  Scholarship recipients notified
TBD  Scholarship award ceremony
PREPARING TO APPLY

• Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
  You can begin the FAFSA on October 1st of your senior year, with the prior year’s tax return.
  The SAR (Student Aid Report) shows each student’s Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) and is
  required for all scholarships.

• The most recent High School or College Transcript or Proof of College Degree will be required with
  your application. For current students, fall 2021 grades should be uploaded into your application.

• Brief Written Essays will be required covering field of major, mentor, leadership ability, importance
  of continuing education, and impact of a scholarship.

• Letter of Recommendation from a teacher, clergy, coach, employer, etc.

• Resume listing academic experiences, extracurricular activities, volunteerism, employment, awards
  and leadership roles.
DETERMINATION PROCESS

• Scholarship recipients are selected based upon the specific criteria made by each scholarship fund’s donor.

• Every application is reviewed by a member of the Charlotte Community Foundation’s volunteer Scholarship Review Committee.

• After all applications are reviewed, the Charlotte Community Foundation’s Board of Directors will evaluate all recommendations and approve the scholarship awards.

NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

• Recipients of each scholarship will be notified by the Charlotte Community Foundation by the end of March.

• Payments are mailed directly to the school’s financial aid office once the Charlotte Community Foundation receives an invoice. Checks are made payable to the school and not to the individual recipient.

• It is the student’s responsibility to inform the school of your scholarship award.
The Babcock Ranch Foundation is a Florida non-profit corporation whose mission is to support, enhance, and implement projects that positively impact many worthy causes in Southwest Florida. Passionate about the issues that most profoundly affect at-risk children, Foundation plans build on the rich heritage and many opportunities in abundance in our new town and at the Babcock Ranch Preserve. Through both partnerships and new opportunities, we hope to help educate and inspire the next generation of Floridians.

5 - $5,000 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS
5 - $2,500 2-YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
10 - $1,000 NON-TRADITIONAL OR TRADE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Scholarships awarded to high school seniors
• Charlotte County or Lee County resident for at least one year
• Must demonstrate financial need

All offered scholarship money may be used for tuition, books, labs, or any other educational needs purchased through or provided by the educational institution system, such as housing or food programs, and tools and equipment purchased through a technical or trade school.
These scholarships were established by Mrs. Sushila Cherian in memory and honor of her late husband Dr. J.V. Cherian, a successful Otolaryngologist and caring philanthropist. Dr. and Mrs. Cherian believe in investing time and energy into the local community and its residents for the betterment of local community as a whole.

Two separate scholarships are offered

GENERAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $1,000.
MEDICAL FIELD SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $3,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

SCHOLARSHIP #1 (GENERAL STUDIES)
• Must be a female Charlotte County public high school graduate or Charlotte County resident for at least 1 year
• Must be a female attending or accepted to any accredited Florida Technical School, College, or University with any area of interest excluding cosmetology or similar beauty service field.
• Must demonstrate financial need

SCHOLARSHIP #2 (MEDICAL FIELD)
• Must be a female high school senior or graduate
• Must be attending or accepted to any Florida University, 2-year Associate’s or 4-year Bachelor’s Degree program in the Medical Field

* These scholarships are renewable up to 4 years
Mrs. Christel Gerdel established the David Gerdel Memorial Scholarship in honor and memory of her late husband, David Gerdel. Mr. Gerdel strongly believed in helping a promising student succeed by eliminating the obstacle of financial need.

**THIS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $5,000.**

**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be a Charlotte County public high school senior or graduate.
- Must be accepted to or attending in good standing to an accredited post-secondary educational institution or technical program in engineering or physical science.
This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Dennis Munholand, a prominent dentist in Port Charlotte for more than 20 years, by the Harbor Heights Peace River Rotary Club. Dennis’ heart showed in the way he helped young people become productive adults, in the charities he fostered, in the hours he spent teaching others, and in the care he showered on his patients.

THE DENNIS MUNHOLAND SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $700.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a graduate of a Charlotte County high school
- Must be accepted to or attending in good standing, an accredited post-secondary educational institution or technical program in the field of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assistance, or other related field or educational pursuit that promotes an excellence in dentistry.
The Douglas Thatcher Memorial Scholarship was established by the Advanced Orthopedic Center in his honor and memory. Doug was a registered nurse and a medical sales representative for Johnson and Johnson Depuy Synthes Orthopedics. He truly impacted every person he ever met in a positive way. Doug was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather and friend.

THIS DOUGLAS THATCHER SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $500.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Must be a Charlotte High School senior that has participated on the boys’ or girls’ basketball team
- Must be accepted to a post-secondary educational institution to pursue a career in Healthcare.
The anonymous donors who established the Health Professions Scholarship are retired professionals from the healthcare industry. Their intent is to provide Charlotte County residents entering or already enrolled in a health professions degree program with enhanced higher learning opportunities.

THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $5,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a resident of Charlotte County entering or attending a 2-year or 4-year health professions program in a college in Florida or an accredited online Health Professions program

- If high school senior, must attend a Charlotte County high school

- Must remain in good standing with their school

- Recipients are eligible for a 1-time renewal if the student remains in good standing with the health professions program.
This scholarship was established by the Isles Yacht Club and members to reward deserving students the ability to afford higher education opportunities. The effects of investing in our Charlotte County students will last a lifetime.

THE ISLES YACHT CLUB SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARDS OF $2,500.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Charlotte County high school senior
- Must be pursuing a degree in Club Management, Hospitality, or Culinary Arts.
The Jennifer A. Young Memorial Scholarship was established in memory and honor of Jennifer A. Young, dedicated teacher, department chair and president of the Worthington Education Association, by her life companion, Michele Matto. Jennifer retired as the Assistant Principal from the Worthington Kilbourne High School. She was also a leader in the OSU Graduate Principal Development Program. Jennifer is considered by everyone who knew her as one of the kindest, most loyal, and caring of friends.

THE JENNIFER A. YOUNG SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $1,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Must be a high school senior or graduate pursuing a career in education at a 4 year accredited college. (not restricted to graduates of Charlotte County high school)

• Must demonstrate a “need” for college funding

• Must submit a resume that displays personal integrity and honor
The Karen Wynn Memorial Scholarship was established as a way to honor Karen's legacy by her husband Doug, family and friends. This scholarship will benefit local Charlotte County or Sarasota County residents who wish to pursue a career in Real Estate by allowing them to attend the needed classes, providing funding for registrations, certifications, and necessary dues.

THE KAREN WYNN SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF UP TO $2,500.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Charlotte County or Sarasota County resident pursuing a career in Real Estate
- Must be a High School graduate
- Must be 18 years of age or older
The Leo Wotitzky Memorial Scholarship was established by his family, friends and former students in the memory of one of Florida's finest citizens. Mr. Wotitzky had an illustrious life as a teacher, newspaper editor, state legislator and attorney at law. Due to his intellect, personality and sense of humor, Leo was a leader in every activity he undertook. In both his personal and professional life, he always identified with people who might have been economically disadvantaged, but had the intellect, inner strength, and motivation to reach their life goals.

THE LEO WOTITZKY SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $1,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Recent graduate or high school senior of a Charlotte County public high school
- Must be accepted to or attending in good standing at an accredited post-secondary educational institution or technical program
- Must exhibit leadership skills
- Must exhibit service to the community
The Michael Gulvezan Memorial Scholarship was established in honor and memory by his wife JoAnn. This scholarship was created as a way to help local youth in Charlotte County to pursue higher education opportunities in any field of study.

THE MICHAEL GULVEZAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF UP TO $1,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Must be a graduating Charlotte County public high school student.
• Must be accepted in good standing to a Florida accredited post-secondary school.
The Nora Penton Beatty Memorial Scholarship was established by Ms. Beatty’s daughter, Joanne Amendola-Phenix to honor the life of her mother, Nora Penton Beatty, an intelligent, gentle and caring Nurse who died at the young age of 52. Education was very important to Nora and she would be delighted to be helping nursing students reach their life goal. Ms. Amendola-Phenix shares the following Bible verse that says it all “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future” (Jeremiah 29:11 NIV).

THE NORA PENTON BEATTY SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $1,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Must be a Charlotte County public high school graduate

• Must be accepted to or attending in good standing, an accredited post-secondary educational institution or a technical program in nursing (RN, BSN, MSN)

• Must maintain a “B” (3.0) average or better
The Nursing Scholarship was established anonymously by a retired nurse who previously served on the Charlotte Community Foundation’s Scholarship Committee. She was inspired by the numerous applicants who overcame unfortunate obstacles, yet excelled in school while working outside the home, caring for family members, or participating in their community.

THE NURSING SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $1,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

• Must be a Charlotte County public high school graduate

• Must be accepted to or attending in good standing, an accredited post-secondary educational institution or accredited on-line program for nursing, or a technical program in nursing (RN, BSN, MSN)

• Must maintain a “B” (3.0) average or better
This Virginia B. Andes Scholarship was established in honor and memory of Virginia B. Andes. Her generous contribution to the Charlotte Community Foundation purchased the building for the Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic. The clinic provides free healthcare to the underserved working poor in Charlotte County.

THE VIRGINIA B. ANDES SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF $5,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Charlotte County high school graduate, or has lived or worked in Charlotte County for at least the last 2 years.

- Must be currently enrolled in and have already completed at least 2 years of a traditional 4-year bachelor's degree program (or more advanced degree educational program) in a health care related field at Florida Gulf Coast University, Florida Southwestern State College or an accredited online nursing program.

- Recipients must agree to provide a minimum of 10 volunteer hours per month at the Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic, Englewood Community Clinic or other local health related philanthropic clinic approved by CCF during the semester(s) the scholarship is received.
Thank you for your interest in the Charlotte Community Foundation's Scholarships. Our team is dedicated to

“CONNECTING PEOPLE WHO CARE WITH CAUSES THAT MATTER!”

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