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SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

***OUR DONORS ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR
EDUCATION!***

Thanks to our generous donors, the Charlotte Community Foundation has awarded over \$2 million in scholarships to local students pursuing higher education in fields of study such as Dentistry, Education, Engineering, General Studies, Healthcare, and Nursing.

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 www.charlottecf.org/scholarships or check out our Facebook page for all the latest scholarship information!

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2024-2025 SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

December 1, 2023 | Applications Open

February 28, 2024 | Applications Close

May 2024 | Awardees Notified

May 2024 | Scholarship Award Reception

CHECKLIST

- Complete a free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) with the prior year's tax return, you can begin the FAFSA in December of your senior year. The Student Aid Report (SAR) shows each student's Student Aid Index (SAI) 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 2023 grades should be uploaded into your application.
- Brief written essays will be required addressing the importance of continuing education, selection of your major, financial impact of scholarship, and the greatest influence or inspiration in your life.
- Letter of recommendation from a teacher, clergy, coach, employer, etc.
- Resume or a listing of 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 members 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 in May 2024.
- 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 the scholarship award.

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AVAILABLE SCHOLARSHIPS



BABCOCK RANCH FOUNDATION

Scholarship

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, the Babcock Ranch Foundation plans to 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.

\$5,000 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

\$2,500 2-YEAR COLLEGE 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.



BETTY CONLEY AND ROBERT CHARLES BROOKS Memorial Scholarship

Betty Conley and Dr. Robert “Charles” Brooks retired to Punta Gorda in 1981. Betty quickly became an active member of the Punta Gorda Isles Civic Association where she served in numerous capacities, including the Executive Board, bringing her gifts and talents to the community. She held a master’s degree from North Carolina State University and retired as Director of Systems, Personnel Policy Development and Research in the Office of State Personnel. Robert Charles Brooks served in the Air Force during the Korean war. He received his Ph.D. degree in economics from Duke University and retired as an economics professor at North Carolina State University.

In 2023, the Betty Conley Brooks and Robert Charles Brooks scholarship was established reflecting their strong belief in the value of higher education and their mutual commitment to learning, leadership, and academic success.

\$5,000 4-YEAR UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS

\$4,000 2-YEAR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$3,000 CERTIFICATE PROGRAM/TRADE SCHOOL

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Students who have graduated or are about to graduate from high school or who have otherwise earned a General Education Development (GED) high school equivalency; and
- Residents of Charlotte, Collier, Desoto, Lee, and Sarasota for at least one year and who are either currently living in Charlotte County or who are employed in Charlotte County.
- Students must demonstrate high achievements and accolades.



CHERIAN FAMILY Scholarship Fund

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 the local community as a whole.

Two separate scholarships are:

\$2,000 GENERAL STUDIES SCHOLARSHIP

\$3,000 MEDICAL FIELD SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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

MEDICAL FEILD

- Must be a female Charlotte County 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
- Must demonstrate financial need

** These scholarships are renewable up to 4 years*



DAVID GERDEL Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Gerdel established the David Gerdel Memorial Scholarship in memory of her late husband, David Gerdel. Mr. Gerdel strongly believed in helping a promising student succeed by eliminating the obstacle of financial need.

Two separate scholarships are offered for Charlotte County students:

Scholarship #1- Student pursuing post-secondary education at a university, college, or technical school in engineering or physical science.

SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF \$5,000

Scholarship #2- Student pursuing a graduate-level degree in the field of engineering or physical science.

SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF \$5,000

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Charlotte County public high school senior or graduate.
- Must be attending in good standing, or accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution or technical program in engineering or physical science.
- Must demonstrate financial need.



DR. DENNIS MUNHOLDAND

Memorial Scholarship Fund

This scholarship was established in honor of Dr. Dennis Munholdand, 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 attending in good standing ,or accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution or technical program in the field of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assistance, or another related field or educational pursuit that promotes excellence in dentistry.



DOUGLAS THATCHER

Memorial Scholarship Fund

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.

THE DOUGLAS THATCHER SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF \$500.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a Charlotte High School senior.
- Must be accepted to a post-secondary educational institution to pursue a career in Nursing.
- Must demonstrate financial need.



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS Memorial Scholarship Fund

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 PROFESSIONALS 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.
- Must demonstrate financial need.



LEO WOTITZKY

Memorial Scholarship Fund

The Leo Wotitzky Memorial Scholarship was established by his family, friends, and former students in 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 attending in good standing ,or accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution or technical program.
- Must exhibit leadership skills.
- Must exhibit service to the community.



MICHAEL GULVEZAN Memorial Scholarship Fund

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 SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDES AN AWARD OF \$1,000.

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be a graduating Charlotte County public high school student.
- Must be accepted to a Florida-accredited post-secondary school.



NORA PENTON BEATTY Memorial Scholarship Fund

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 goals. 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 attending in good standing, or accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution or a technical program in nursing.
- Must maintain a "B" (3.0) average or better.



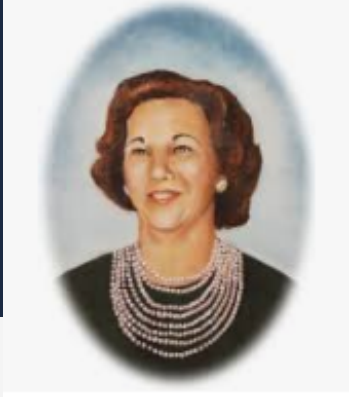
NURSING Scholarship Fund

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 attending in good standing, or accepted to an accredited post-secondary educational institution or accredited online program for nursing, or a technical program in nursing. (RN, BSN, MSN)
- Must maintain a "B" (3.0) average or better.
- Must demonstrate financial need.



VIRGINIA B. ANDES

Scholarship Fund

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.

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.

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 on-line nursing program.
- Must demonstrate financial need.



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