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FOUNDATION

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CHARLOTTE COUNTY!

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ONE ON-LINE APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS:

- From \$500 to \$5,000, including renewable awards for up to four years
- For high school seniors to adults returning to school as well as furthering education, including graduate school
- Support for certificates/trade programs and degrees from associates through doctoral level
- Recipients must live in or work in Charlotte County or be graduating from or alumni of CCPS
- Includes those with a GED or Certificate of Completion



APPLY NOW!

Website application open from
January 10-February 28, 2025

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The mission of CCF is to foster philanthropy across Charlotte County to enhance our community for generations. The Foundation has awarded over \$2 million in scholarships to local students pursuing higher education in technical/trade schools, colleges, and universities for certificate programs, bachelors degrees, and graduate degrees for the past 20 years.

CHARLOTTE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CCF) SCHOLARSHIPS

OVERALL AREAS OF STUDY

The CCF Scholarship Fund for Charlotte County: Supporting Future Local Leaders Like Leo Wotitzky

CCF established the fund in 2005 to honor Leo Wotitzky, its founding member and first chairman. Wotitzky was committed to the community and to the cause of public education, being foremost an educator as well as a legislator, newspaper editor, attorney, and businessman. Following Wotitzky's passing at age 93, his former high school student, mentee and fellow CCF founder Vernon Peebles and his wife Edna Jane Peebles, also a former student of Wotitzky, made a significant gift to the fund—with the goal of having other Charlotte County residents continue to give to the fund for Charlotte County residents. Applicants should exhibit the spirit of Leo Wotitzky through a commitment to working hard, helping others, and serving the community—hallmarks of true leadership. While financial need is a consideration, commitment to others and to Charlotte County as demonstrated beyond mere academics through service and leadership are the most important selection criteria for applicants who are graduates of CCPS, in keeping with Wotitzky's commitment to public education.

Betty Conley Brooks and Robert Charles Brooks Memorial Scholarship Fund

The scholarship program was established to reflect the Brooks' strong belief in the value of higher education and their mutual commitment to learning, leadership, and academic success. Betty Conley and Dr. Robert "Charles" Brooks retired to Punta Gorda in 1981. Betty lent her gifts and talents to the community as a volunteer. 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, received his PhD in economics from Duke University, and retired as an economics professor at North Carolina State University. Applicants should have a proven record of academic achievement and use the scholarship to help find success and usefulness in a chosen field that ideally improves the economy in Charlotte County.

Cherian Family Scholarship Fund for General Studies

Mrs. Sushila Cherian established the fund to memorialize and honor her late husband Dr. J.V. Cherian, a successful otolaryngologist and caring philanthropist. Dr. and Mrs. Cherian shared a belief in investing time and energy into the local community and its residents for the betterment of the local community as a whole. The general studies scholarship is for a local female demonstrating financial need and pursuing education in any field except cosmetology.

Michael Gulvezan General Education Memorial Scholarship

The scholarship for a graduating CCPS student was established in honor and memory of Michael Gulvezan by his wife JoAnn. The scholarship was created as a way to help local youth to pursue higher education in any field of study.

HEALTHCARE FOCUS

Virginia B. Andes Health Care and Scholarship Fund

Virginia B. Andes, who moved to Charlotte County in 1995, would volunteer and strategically give to the community she came to love through the Charlotte Community Foundation (CCF) in ways that would forever transform the County—particularly CCF and the Virginia B. Andes Volunteer Community Clinic (Clinic) in Port Charlotte, which provides no-cost primary and semi-urgent medical services and prescription medication to the uninsured in Charlotte County. The Scholarship Fund is for local residents who are at least two years into a healthcare degree, undergraduate or graduate, who have financial need and who agree to volunteer at the VBA Clinic or the Englewood Community Care Clinic.

Health Professions Scholarship Fund

Retired healthcare industry professionals anonymously established the scholarship to provide local residents with financial need entering into or already enrolled in a health professions degree program—at the 2- or 4-year level—with funding to further their education as health care professionals.

Nora Penton Beatty Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joanne Amendola-Phenix established the fund to honor the life of her mother, Nora Penton Beatty, an intelligent, gentle and caring nurse who died at only 52. Education was important to Nora and she would be delighted by helping nursing students to reach their life goals and pursue the profession she loved. She believed in Jeremiah 29:11.

Cherian Family Scholarship Fund for the Medical Field

The scholarship is for a local female with financial need to pursue study in a medical program, 2- or 4-year, at a Florida college or university.

Dr. Dennis Munholand Memorial Fund

The scholarship was established by the Harbor Heights Peace River Rotary Club to honor Dr. Dennis Munholand, a prominent dentist in Port Charlotte for more than 20 years who helped mentor young people, fostered charities, taught others, and cared for his patients. The scholarship supports post-secondary education in the field of dentistry, dental hygiene, or dental assistance.

ENGINEERING OR PHYSICAL SCIENCE: BOTH UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE

David Gerdel Memorial Scholarship Fund

Mrs. Gerdel established the David Gerdel Memorial Scholarship in memory of her late husband, David Gerdel. Mr. Gerdel believed in helping a promising student succeed by eliminating the obstacle of financial need. He loved being an engineer and the fund reflects this by providing for both an undergraduate and a graduate (Master's or doctoral) award for a local resident with financial need to pursue post-secondary and ongoing education in engineering or physical science.