**ABINGDON RURITAN CLUB**

**RENEWABLE $1,000 SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA**

Abingdon Ruritan Club presents annual scholarships to graduating seniors of Gloucester High School or Gloucester County Home School program. We offer two scholarships. One scholarship will be awarded to a student who plans to attend a four-year College/University and the other to a student who plans to attend a Community College/Trade/Vocational School.

College/University: Maximum award is four thousand dollars ($4,000). One thousand will be paid directly to the school for each year the student is enrolled full-time and in good standing. This is for seniors who will attend a College/University.

Community College/Trade/Vocational School: The maximum award is two thousand dollars ($2,000). One thousand dollars will be paid directly to the school for each year the student is enrolled full-time and in good standing. This is for seniors who will attend a Community College, vocational, or trade school. Community College students enrolled in a Career Studies Certificate program will be given preference over Community College students not enrolled in a Career Studies Certificate program.

**APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

* + - Must be a 2020 graduating senior of Gloucester High School or Home School Program in Gloucester County.
    - Grade point Average requirement:
      * **3.0 GPA**  for College/University applicants
      * **2.2 GPA** for Community College/Vocational/Trade School applicants
      * Must have demonstrated community service by participating in extracurricular activities:
        + In school
        + In the community
    - Must exhibit good citizenship.
    - Essay must address community service, fellowship, goodwill and good citizenship. It should demonstrate good sentence structure with correct grammar and spelling. It must be at least 250 words, typewritten, double-spaced on plain white paper.
    - Application – Use filable version if possible. If using a copy of form, print clearly and legibly.
    - Include an official copy of your high school transcript or home school record.
    - Include three letters of recommendation. Please….no form letters! Typewritten preferred.
      * A recommendation may be obtained from:
        + School official: counselor, principal, teacher, coach. (only one)
        + Community leader
        + Present or former employer.
      * Each person providing a recommendation **MUST** state their name and relationship to the applicant.

**FILING DEADLINE:** Completed applications must be returned to the School Counseling Office **no later**  **than 3 pm, Friday April 17, 2020.** Applications from home-schooled students should be mailed to Abingdon Ruritan Club, P.O. Box 22, Bena, VA 23018 and must be postmarked no later than **April 17, 2020.**