

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 2024 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 fillable 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 19, 2024.** Applications from home-schooled students must be mailed to Abingdon Ruritan Club, P.O. Box 22, Bena, VA 23018 and must be postmarked no later than **April 19, 2024.**