



## 2026-2027 VIRGINIA RAINBOW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION



Dear Virginia Rainbow,

Enclosed is the application for the Virginia Rainbow Scholarship for the 2026-2027 Academic Year, which includes a general information sheet and an essay question to be answered by the applicant. The Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Committee will be awarding the following scholarships this year:

- Virginia Rainbow Scholarship dedicated to the Order of the Eastern Star Virginia Grand Chapter (\$1,000)
- Past Supreme Worthy Advisor Scholarship dedicated to Susan Rennagel (\$750)
- Past Supreme Inspector of Virginia Scholarship dedicated to Linda Jenkins (\$500)
- Supreme Deputy of Virginia Scholarship dedicated to Erin Pendleton (\$500)
- A limited number of General Scholarships (\$200)

The applicant must be a member in good standing of a Virginia Rainbow Assembly, *who will be a current member or a 1st-time majority member at the close of Grand Assembly 2026*, and have a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Applicants over 20 years of age must have a requested and approved membership extension from the Supreme Deputy in Virginia, Erin Pendleton.

A complete scholarship application shall include all the following:

- Completed Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Application
  - Official (or copies of) academic transcript(s) of grades for the most recent academic semesters
- \*PLEASE NOTE: No additional documents, except those listed above as part of the scholarship application, shall be considered during the application review process.***

The completed application form and all required documents must be mailed to the committee chairperson (mailing address provided below) and postmarked no later than April 1, 2026. Emailed forms and documents will be accepted, but paper copies shall be made available to the committee upon request. All forms and documents submitted become the property of Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Committee and will not be returned. All personal information will be held in strict confidence by the committee. It is your responsibility to make sure that ALL documents and forms are completed, submitted, and received for consideration by the application due date.

Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Recipients for the 2026-2027 Academic Year will be announced at the 2026 Virginia Rainbow Grand Assembly. If there are any questions, please email the Scholarship Chairperson at [VARainbowScholarship@gmail.com](mailto:VARainbowScholarship@gmail.com)

Thank you for your interest in the Virginia Rainbow Scholarship.

The Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Committee 2025-2026

Kelly Grist, Chairperson

Tammy Bristow-Gray

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*Kelly Grist, Chairperson, VRSC 2504 Montgerie Arch, Williamsburg, VA 23188*

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**Name:**

**Date of Birth:**

**Mailing Address:**

**Home/Cell Phone:**

**Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s):**

**Home/Cell Phone:**

**School Last Attended:**

**School/College/University you plan to attend or are attending:**

**DECLARATION (You must check one):**

\_\_\_\_\_ I will still be a current member of my local Virginia Assembly at the end of Grand Assembly 2026

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be a majority member of Virginia Rainbow at the end of Grand Assembly 2026

**Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Applicants are required to sign the application form to be considered complete. By signing this application you are certifying this is your original work, and not a product of Artificial Intelligence.**

\_\_\_\_\_ **APPLICANT SIGNATURE**

**DATE \*Please rename file when you save it by placing applicants last name at the end, such as: Virginia Rainbow Scholarship Application Form 2026\_Doe**

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**Reflecting on our current Grand Theme of “Choose Your Destiny with Virginia Rainbow”:**

**1. How have you shown bravery in the face of adversity? Please include your own definition of bravery. (500 word maximum)**

**2. What has shaped and inspired your current path? Please give at least one specific example. (500 word maximum)**