

John Nicholas Varlas and Nancy Allen Varlas Scholarship

The John Nicholas Varlas and Nancy Allen Varlas Scholarship Fund was established by John Nicholas Varlas in memory of his wife, Nancy Allen Varlas and in honor of their involvement in the Moundsville community. The couple, lifelong Marshall County residents, were graduates of the former Moundsville High School. Mrs. Varlas enjoyed a long career with Marshall County Schools and the family carries a special affinity for John Marshall High School, as well as a desire to support students seeking higher education.

Application Deadline: February 17, 2021 (*received, not postmarked*)

Application Guidelines – Carefully read this page to ensure your application is complete.
Please complete the application as presented. Do not include materials that are not requested.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a graduating high school senior attending John Marshall High School
- Must be planning to pursue higher education of some type
 - bachelor's or associate degree, certificate or licensure
- Must be able to demonstrate involvement and dedication when considering school-based and/or community activities
- While there is no minimum academic standard needed to apply, applicants should be equipped to succeed in a post-secondary environment
- Preference will be extended to applicants demonstrating financial need

Checklist:

- Activities Form** – Please use the included form to provide information on Extracurricular Activities, Awards and Honors, Community and Volunteer Activities, and Work Experience.
Do not attach resumes or other similar documents.
- Financial Form** – Need will be considered as part of the review process.
Please include requested documentation.
- Letter of Recommendation** – Ask evaluator to complete form and return, along with their letter, to you in a sealed envelope. Include the recommendation with all other application materials. The evaluator cannot be a relative of any degree and cannot be your school counselor.
- Academic Certification Form** – Have appropriate school official complete form and return it with other application materials.
- Personal Essay** – Please include an essay that responds to the prompt

Return completed application to:

CFOV

1226 Chapline Street

Wheeling, WV 26003

(applications must be received by February 17*)

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Street or PO Box **City** **State** **Zip**

What county do you live in? _____ U.S. Resident? Yes No

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Telephone: (____) ____-____

Email: _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Name of high school: _____

Name of school counselor: _____

High School Phone Number: (____) ____-____

HIGER EDUCATION INFORMATION

Name of college/university/program in which you plan to enroll:

Name	City	State
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Have you been accepted? Yes No Full-time Yes No Part-time Yes No

Anticipated area of study: _____ Length of Program: _____

Do you plan to live: on campus off campus commute unknown

Do you meet the eligibility criteria for the WV Promise Scholarship?

Yes No

Have you completed and submitted the FAFSA?

Yes No, but will Not applicable to my future schooling Unsure

Activities Form

Please list extracurricular, community and personal activities in which you have participated during your high school experience. Include clubs, debate, school sports, student government, fine arts, volunteer work, youth programs, athletic programs, music, scouting, etc. If your involvement in any of the categories exceeds available space, please consider including those that make you most proud. **DO NOT INCLUDE ATTACHMENTS.**

Extracurricular Activities	Year				Position Held
	Fr	So	Jr	Sr	
Community/Volunteer Activities	Year				Position Held
	Fr	So	Jr	Sr	
Awards and Honors	Year				Comments
	Fr	So	Jr	Sr	
Work Experience	Dates of Employment				Position Held

Recommendation Letter

Signed and sealed letter must accompany this application.

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

When selecting someone to complete your recommendation, select someone who will be thorough in the review of your character. Select someone who knows you well and will be able to give a candid and unbiased evaluation. The evaluator cannot be a relative of any degree and cannot be your school counselor.

The evaluator should also provide a brief statement as to why he or she thinks you are most deserving of the scholarship, being mindful of the intention of this scholarship (***those planning to pursue some type of education beyond high school and have demonstrated the ability to succeed in a post-secondary environment***).

Personal Essay

On a separate sheet of paper, please take the time to prepare a well-developed, well-written, grammatically correct personal essay that responds to the prompt. The essay should be no more than two typed pages.

Essay Prompt: *You will soon be a high school graduate! Consider the next stage of your educational journey – what do you plan to study and why? Please tell us about your goals, how you plan to achieve them and how your experience at John Marshall High School has influenced your anticipated path.*

In general, there is no “correct” way to develop and prepare this essay. In writing about something that matters to you, you will convey a sense of yourself that will provide invaluable information during the evaluation process.

I, the applicant, completed this application and certify that all information contained within is correct and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature _____ Date _____

Letter of Recommendation Form

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To Evaluator: The applicant is applying for a scholarship with the Community Foundation for the Ohio Valley, Inc. Your evaluation is needed as part of the application process. The applicant has authorized you to release any information you feel would be helpful in reviewing his/her application. Your cooperation in providing this information is important to the selection of award recipients. Please return this form and your letter to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Your statement describing the applicant's character, school, and community leadership abilities, potential to succeed, and evidence of the applicant's strengths and weaknesses should not exceed one page.

Remember, this scholarship is for the benefit of a student planning to pursue some type of education beyond high school who has demonstrated the ability to succeed in a post-secondary environment. Your letter should demonstrate your understanding of this scholarship's intention and how the applicant reflects those intentions.

I am writing this evaluation on the behalf of _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

An evaluation received with a broken seal will be rejected. Please be sure to seal and sign the envelope and return to applicant in order that it may be included along with the application packet.

The evaluator cannot be a relative of any degree and cannot be the applicant's school counselor.

Financial Documentation

Financial need will be considered as part of the review process. In order to assist the selection committee in honoring the donor's wishes, please attach the following to your application:

Documentation:

Please include the page of the FAFSA Student Aid Report that provides your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This is the ONLY page you need. Please do not include the full Student Aid Report or copies of tax returns.

If you wish, you may include a supplementary statement explaining circumstances that may impact financial need that are not apparent from the above financial information. For example, contributions expected/not expected from a non-custodial parent, educational expenses of siblings, medical expenses, etc.

Academic Certification Form

Submit this form to your counselor for completion ***at the conclusion of the first semester of this academic year.*** Transcripts are not necessary. This form needs to be completed by your counselor or other personnel authorized by the counselor.

Student's Name: _____

School: _____

Current Cumulative GPA: _____

SAT Scores (single test date)

Date of Test: _____

Reading/Writing: _____

Math: _____

Combined: _____

ACT Scores (single test date)

Date of Test: _____

English: _____

Math: _____

Reading: _____

Science: _____

Composite: _____

Response:

When considering the applicant's plans for higher education and your understanding of their academic record, extracurricular involvement and personal attributes, do you feel they have the capacity to succeed? Yes No

Please list three traits of this applicant that you feel describe him/her best:

Person completing this form: _____

Title: _____

Email or phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____