



# Betty J. Hunter Bazemore Scholarship Fund

## 2026 Scholarship Application

**Betty J. Hunter Bazemore always believed that an education provides access to opportunities and everyone should have access to funds to succeed in their education.**

**The Betty J. Hunter Bazemore Scholarship is accepting applications from:**

- High School Seniors who will graduate Spring 2026 (**May/June**) and plan to attend a technical school, junior college, or a four-year college/university in the Fall of 2026. (**High School applicants**)
- Full Time students who are planning to return to a technical school, junior college, or a four-year college/university in the Fall of 2026. (**Returning students up to age 25 obtaining an Undergraduate Degree**)

**\*Recipient Limit – There is a two-time limit for ALL applicants who have received this Scholarship.**

### **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

- Must be a resident of the counties of Spotsylvania, Caroline, Culpeper, King George, Orange, Stafford and the City of Fredericksburg, VA.
- **\*Applications that are incomplete or not prepared according to directions will not be reviewed.**

### **High School Applicants**

- Must be graduating from an accredited secondary educational institution
- Must have applied and received admissions to a technical school, junior college, four-year college/university (copy of admissions letter will need to be provided)
- Must have a 2.5 or higher GPA **The official transcript must be sealed from High School.**
- Three (3) letters of recommendation (only one letter will be accepted from a family member). **All letters of recommendation must be on letterhead, original handwritten signatures and dated.** Recommendations may come from school counselor, teacher, principal, employer, church leadership or community leader etc.
- Small (3x5) or (4x6) picture and a brief biography

### **Returning College Students (Up to age 25 and obtaining an Undergraduate Degree)**

- Must be a full-time student returning to a technical school, junior college, four-year college/university.
- Must have a cumulative GPA of a 2.5 or higher. **The official transcript must be sealed from the college/university.**
- Three (3) letters of recommendations  
Letters of recommendations come from school advisor, professors, employer, or community leader.  
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- Small picture (3x5) or (4x6) and a brief biography

**Application Essay: All applicants must write an essay on one of the following topics.  
Essay must be typed, doubled spaced and 300 to 500 words.**

- A. Immigration has been a topic of discussion and policy for decades in the United States (U.S.) Please discuss how you feel the immigration challenges in the U.S. can be addressed effectively.
- B. AI has become integrated in many aspects of our daily lives and has provided both beneficial and consequential impacts. In your view, what are these impacts and how can the beneficial aspects be enhanced?
- C. We all have the opportunity to reflect on the impact of our ancestors. What type of ancestor will you be and how will you shape your legacy and its impact?



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Please type or print clearly.

**Please Circle One:** High School Applicant (OR) Returning Student Applicant

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ (Example: 01/23/1967) Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Current School where enrolled/attending in the fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Current GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

School, Community, Church or Organizational Activities:

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Honors, Awards, and Other Achievements:

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PLEASE USE ADDITIONAL PAPER IF NEEDED

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian signature is required if applicant is 17 and under)

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

All qualifying documentation must be postmarked to the P.O. Box listed below by **June 19, 2026**

The United States Postal Service recently implemented changes to the postmark process. With this in mind, we encourage you to treat all components of your application as time-sensitive documents to avoid disqualification for late submission. We highly recommend that you either mail your packet several days before the deadline, visit your local post office and request a hand-stamped "manual postmark" on the mailing date, or use certified mail.

Once you have been notified that you are a Scholarship recipient, you will need to submit a copy of your validation letter by **September 5, 2026** in order to receive your award.

**Mail your completed application package to:  
Betty J. Hunter Bazemore Scholarship Fund  
P.O. Box 427  
Spotsylvania, VA 22553**

**For more information, please  
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## **Betty J. Hunter Bazemore Scholarship Application Checklist**

**Your application package must include:**

- Completed application (Signed and Dated)**
- Official/sealed transcript**
- Essay**
- Acceptance letter from school (technical, college/university) you will attend**
- Three Recommendation Letters (All with original handwritten signatures and dated)**
- Small (3x5) or (4x6) Picture**
- Brief Biography**

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