



## **The 2026 Ivy Foundation Scholarship Application Packet**

To apply, visit [www.dcityfoundation.org](http://www.dcityfoundation.org) and download the scholarship application. Completed applications and all supporting documentation must be submitted to [scholarship@dcivyfoundation.org](mailto:scholarship@dcivyfoundation.org).



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## THE IVY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTIONS

The Ivy Foundation is currently accepting applications for the following scholarships:

### **Citywide Scholarship**

### **Legacy Scholarship**

### **Wilma G. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship**

### **Hollie C. Chapmon Scholarship**

- **Citywide Scholarship**

**Focus:** Preparation for college and work life

**Eligibility:** Graduating senior from a D.C. public or charter high school or a graduating senior for whom the District of Columbia Public Schools funds to attend a non-public school. Applicant must complete all graduation requirements and, upon graduation, receive a diploma from D.C. Public Schools (excluding Benjamin Banneker Academic High School and Cardozo Education Campus) by the conclusion of the academic year.

**Required Grade Point Average:** Minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

**Essay:** Describe your most meaningful academic, extracurricular, or work-related achievement(s). How have these experiences influenced your intended field of study in college and/or career goals?

- **Legacy Scholarship**

**Focus:** Service to All Mankind

**Eligibility:** Graduating senior from a D.C. public or charter high school or a graduating senior for whom the District of Columbia Public Schools funds to attend a non-public school. Applicant must complete all graduation requirements and, upon graduation, receive a diploma from the D.C. Public Schools (excluding Benjamin Banneker Academic High School and Cardozo Education Campus) by the conclusion of the academic year. For this scholarship, the applicant must document having completed a minimum of 150 hours of community service performed from the applicant's first day of seventh grade to present.

**Required Grade Point Average:** Minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

**Essay:** Describe your community service experiences. Why are they meaningful to you, and how have they positively impacted your local community and beyond? Include specific examples of service projects and describe your role in each.

- **Wilma G. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship**

**Focus:** Scholarship, Extracurricular Activities, and Service

**Eligibility:** Graduating senior from Cardozo Education Campus (formerly Cardozo Senior High School)

**Required Grade Point Average:** Minimum 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

**Essay:** Wilma G. Shepherd was a charter member of Xi Zeta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated; an active member and supporter of The Ivy Foundation; and an educator dedicated to inspiring D.C. students to soar to new heights. She was known for her dedication to scholarship, commitment to servant leadership, effective communication skills, and compassion toward others.

Describe how these qualities are reflected in your life through participation in academic endeavors, extracurricular activities, and community service.

- **Hollie C. Chapmon Scholarship**

**Focus:** Scholarship and Service

**Eligibility:** Graduating senior from Benjamin Banneker Academic High School

**Required Grade Point Average:** Minimum 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

**Essay:** Describe the academic goals you have set for yourself. Provide specific examples that show the personal qualities that have helped you achieve or exceed these goals while managing a rigorous college preparatory program.

<b><u>Scholarship</u></b>	<b><u>Eligibility - Graduating Senior from:</u></b>	<b><u>Required Minimum GPA</u></b>
Citywide Scholarship	D.C. public or charter high school or a non-public school funded by DCPS (excluding Banneker Academic HS and Cardozo EC)	3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
Legacy Scholarship	D.C. public or charter high school or a non-public school funded by DCPS (excluding Banneker Academic HS and Cardozo EC)	3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
Wilma G. Shepherd Memorial Scholarship	Cardozo Education Campus	3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale
Hollie C. Chapmon Scholarship	Benjamin Banneker Academic High School	3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale

## THE IVY FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES

Applicants must submit the following information along with their completed scholarship application, as appropriate for the requirements of the specific scholarship:

- Your essay must not exceed two pages and must be typed, double-spaced, in 12-point font, with one-inch margins on all sides. (Each essay must address the focus of the scholarship for which the applicant is applying.)
  - ***Note: If applying for more than one scholarship, applicants must submit a separate application and essay for each scholarship. The application requirements and documents are the same except for essay requirements.***
- List of leadership roles, extracurricular activities, work experience, honors, awards, and career goals. Applicants may submit a 1-2 page student resume that includes this information.
- Official high school transcript transmitted electronically or mailed in a sealed envelope to The Ivy Foundation.
- Two letters of recommendation from a teacher, school counselor, or school administrator addressing the applicant's academic achievement, character, and potential for success in college and beyond. Letters must be on school letterhead, signed and dated, and include the recommender's contact information (i.e., email address and/or phone number). Electronic submissions sent directly from the recommenders must be sent from the official school email address.
- Letter verifying applicant's community service that includes: (1) general dates of participation in volunteer activities, (2) activities performed, and (3) a signature from a school official or organization representative. The letter must be on letterhead, signed, dated, and include the author's contact information (i.e., email address and phone number). An electronic submission sent directly by the school official or organization representative must be sent from the official school or organization email address.

If community service is tracked and logged by the school, a document from the school with the requested information can also be provided.

- If the applicant is not a U.S. citizen, proof of permanent legal resident status or another lawful status.

## SCHOLARSHIP JUDGING

Only submissions that include a completed application form and all required supporting documentation will be reviewed. Decisions made by the scholarship committee are final.

## **SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE**

Applications must be submitted electronically by **11:59 PM on Friday, May 22, 2026**. The only piece of the application that can be mailed to The Ivy Foundation is the official transcript, if necessary. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

## **FUNDS DISBURSEMENT/AWARD ACCEPTANCE DOCUMENTS**

For funds to be disbursed, scholarship recipients **must submit:**

- Proof of enrollment in a four-year, accredited college/university by August 15th of the year in which the applicant graduates from high school, and
- The address and phone number of the college or university registrar; and
- The address and phone number of the college or university office that is to receive the scholarship award.

Scholarship checks are made payable to the recipient's college or university and mailed directly to the school. Scholarship checks are not mailed until The Ivy Foundation receives all award acceptance documents. Failure to submit award acceptance documents promptly may result in forfeiture of scholarship monies. Scholarships awarded by The Ivy Foundation must be used for educational expenses, including tuition, books, and course-related fees for undergraduate degree programs at an accredited, four-year college or university.