

**WISE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CHERYL RICHARDSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
2025 GUIDELINES**

The scholarship will be awarded to a resident of Wise County or the City of Norton who is a senior student graduating from a high school located in Wise County or the City of Norton.

Amount: \$250.00

Eligibility:

Any senior student who will be graduating from a Wise County/City of Norton high school and who is applying to either The University of Virginia's College at Wise or Mountain Empire Community College as a full-time student is eligible. Applicant must also be a resident of Wise County or the City of Norton.

Applications:

All applications must be filed with the office of the Wise County Chamber of Commerce by April 25, 2025. The winner will be selected by May 15, 2025.

Guidelines for Award:

1. The award shall not be limited to students with financial need.
2. The applicant must present a transcript of grades and test scores reflecting a grade point average of at least 3.3 or an ACT score of at least 19 or a combined score of at least 950 on the SAT.
3. The applicant must, in an essay of no more than two type-written pages, present evidence of activities contributing to school/community service and leadership.
4. One recommendation will be required from a teacher or school employee who is in a position to evaluate character, service, and potential for success.

Date of Award:

Upon proof of full-time enrollment at either The University of Virginia's College at Wise or Mountain Empire Community College, one-half of the award will be made by check directly to the institution. Under the same guidelines, the remaining half of the award will be made upon proof of enrollment for the second semester.

Scholarship Administration:

With regard to all aspects of the scholarship, the decision of the Wise County Chamber of Commerce Education/Scholarship Committee shall be final.