

Overcomer's BRIDGE TO SUCCESS Scholarship



The Overcomer's Bridge to Success Scholarship represents our commitment to meeting the community where they are by providing the comprehensive support necessary to achieve educational and career aspirations. Through an innovative, customized combination of financial assistance and intensive case management, we're not just funding education—we're building futures!

The Scholarship is a transformative educational mobility initiative that combines financial assistance with intensive wraparound support services to help Virginia residents overcome barriers to trade school education. This comprehensive program recognizes that earning a high school equivalency (HSE) and successfully transitioning to vocational training requires more than just funding—it demands personalized guidance, case management, and sustained support throughout the journey.

Modeled after successful initiatives that help students overcome economic, social, academic, and cultural barriers to higher education, our Bridge to Success program provides the scaffolding necessary for participants to achieve their educational and career goals.

SCHOLARSHIP AT A GLANCE:

Award Amount: Up to \$100,000 distributed per year for tuition, fees, and educational expenses. **Applications:** ROLLING BASIS (accepted year-round) **Decisions Made:** TWICE ANNUALLY - March 1st (Spring Cycle) - August 1st (Fall Cycle)
Bridge 1: Fall Cycle ONLY **Bridge 2:** Spring & Fall Cycles Available

PROGRAM DETAILS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

There are two bridges to receiving the Scholarship. To expand its access to education and to further its reach, the Scholarship has committed to providing supportive case management services to at least one applicant during the Fall scholarship cycle. To take advantage of this offering, the applicant must choose **Bridge 1**.

Applicants must choose one bridge that applies. Please pay careful attention to the bridge selected as each bridge has its own requirements and deadlines:

☐ **BRIDGE 1**

Please select this bridge if any of the following apply:

- I do not have a GED and I do not have a High School Diploma
- I am currently experiencing a period of displacement (or homelessness)
- I do not understand FAFSA and the Financial Aid Process
- I do not know how to complete a trade school application
- I have not chosen a trade school or I have not been accepted into a trade school

Bridge 1 Application Requirements:

- Applicant must be a resident of Hampton Roads/Tidewater region of Virginia (proof required)
- Applicant must be applying to a Virginia trade school.
- Applicant must complete all pages of this application.
- A Letter of Recommendation from - a community leader, an employer, or a professional associate (non-relative).
- A Brief Essay
 - Topic: How you intend to use this scholarship to overcome obstacle, achieve your career goals, and make a difference in your community?
 - Length: 500 - 1,000 words
- Completion of all Free Applications for Financial Aid

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Bridge 1 Structure and Support

For applicants who need foundational support, our dedicated Revive staff and trained volunteers will dedicate six (6) months to providing supportive case management services on a bi-weekly basis, including:

1. **GED Preparation Support:** Personalized tutoring and study assistance to help participants prepare for and pass GED examinations
2. **Financial Aid Navigation:** Step-by-step guidance through the FAFSA application process and identification of additional funding sources
3. **Trade School Application Assistance:** Comprehensive support with researching programs, completing applications, and meeting enrollment requirements
4. **Career Exploration:** Assistance in identifying trade school programs that align with participant interests and regional workforce demands

Bridge 1 Deadlines and Important Information

Critical Note: Bridge 1 with case management support is offered ONLY during the Fall scholarship cycle.

Rolling Applications: Applications accepted year-round

Decision Notification: September 1st

Timeline After Acceptance:

1. Case management begins immediately upon award notification (September)
2. Six (6) months of intensive support provided (September - March)
3. Must complete all Phase 1 requirements within 6 months
4. Scholarship funds distributed upon successful completion and trade school enrollment

Requirements for Scholarship Distribution:

- ✓ Obtain GED or High School Diploma
- ✓ Complete FAFSA application
- ✓ Gain acceptance to Virginia Trade School
- ✓ Successfully complete case management program
- ✓ Awards will be distributed directly to the trade school selected by the applicant

Bridge 2 on following page

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☐ BRIDGE 2

Please select this bridge if all of the following apply:

I have a GED or a High School Diploma

I have graduated or I am graduating High School within six months

I am currently enrolled in a Virginia Trade School or I have applied to a Virginia Trade School

Bridge 2 Application Requirements:

1. Applicant must be a resident of Hampton Roads/Tidewater region of Virginia (proof required)
2. Applicant must be enrolled in or applying to an accredited Virginia trade school.
3. Applicant must complete all pages of this application
4. Two Letters of Recommendation: (1) One from a community leader or school official, and (2) One from an employer or a professional associate (non-relative).
5. A Brief Essay
 - Topic: Describe your career goals in the skilled trades and explain: 1) What specific barrier(s) (obstacles) you have overcome or are currently facing, 2) How this scholarship will help you achieve your educational and career objectives, and 3) How your success will make a positive difference in your community.
 - Length: 500 - 1,000 words

Bridge 2 Structure and Support

For applicants who elect Bridge 2, this section does not apply. Please see Bridge 2 Deadlines and When To Apply sections below.

Bridge 2 Deadlines and Important Information

Rolling Applications: Applications accepted year-round

Fall Cycle:

- Decision Notification: August 1st
- Award Distribution: Upon trade school enrollment confirmation

Spring Cycle: -

- Decision Notification: March 1st
- Award Distribution: Upon trade school enrollment confirmation

Important: Awards are distributed directly to your selected Virginia trade school upon confirmation of enrollment.

See contact information on 'page 8' for any further questions.

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APPLICATION TIMELINE & SUBMISSION SUMMARY

WHEN TO APPLY?

Applications Accepted: ROLLING BASIS (year-round)

Decision Schedule: TWICE ANNUALLY

- March 1st (Spring Cycle)
- September 1st (Fall Cycle)

Application Deadlines by Bridge:

BRIDGE 1 (with 6-month case management):

- FALL CYCLE ONLY
- Deadline: August 1st
- Decisions announced: September 1st
- Case management begins immediately upon acceptance

BRIDGE 2 (for students ready for trade school):

- Available in BOTH cycles
- Fall Deadline: August 1st → Decisions: September 1st
- Spring Deadline: February 1st → Decisions: March 1st

Recommendation: Apply as early as possible, as awards may be limited each cycle

AFTER YOU APPLY- WHAT TO EXPECT

1. Application received and reviewed by Scholarship Committee
2. Selected applicants may be contacted for interviews or requests for more information
3. Decisions announced on March 1st or August 1st (depending on cycle)
4. Award letters sent to selected recipients
5. Acceptance of the award and all required documents must be returned within 14-days of the award notification.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

All completed applications must be submitted to:

Revive Community of Virginia
c/o The Overcomer's Scholarship Award Committee
5755 Poplar Hall Drive
Norfolk, VA 23502

or via email to:

The Overcomer's Scholarship Award Committee
info@revivecommunityva.org

See contact information on 'page 8' for any further questions.

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STUDENT INFORMATION

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone Number: _____

Trade School (Campus/Location) _____

Scholarship and Grant Disclosure Requirement

This scholarship operates as “*last dollar*” funding, meaning it covers your remaining tuition and fees after all other available financial aid has been exhausted. Award amounts are determined based on your total cost of attendance minus all other scholarships, grants, and financial aid you receive. Please provide a complete list of all scholarships and grants awarded to you for the upcoming academic year at the school, college or university in which you are currently enrolled. By signing, you grant Revive Community of Virginia permission to request official documentation from your institution confirming all financial aid received, including scholarships and grants, prior to the disbursement of any funds from our scholarship program. All previously awarded financial assistance will be taken into consideration when determining eligibility and the final amount of the Overcomer's Scholarship award.

Documentation must include:

1. Student's Full Name
2. Name of the scholarship and/or grant
3. Dollar amount of the scholarship and/or grant
4. Semester or Quarter of academic year to which the scholarship or grant is applicable.

Name of the Outside Scholarship	Organization Making Award	Amount
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____

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FERPA RELEASE OF INFORMATION FORM

Student Information

Full Name: _____

Student ID Number: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Phone/Email: _____

Authorization to Release Information

I hereby authorize [College Name] _____ to release the following educational records:

- Academic Records (e.g., grades, transcripts, GPA)
- Enrollment Status (e.g., full-time/part-time, dates of attendance)
- Financial Aid Records (e.g., eligibility, awards, disbursements)
- Billing/Account Information
- Other (please specify): _____

Recipient of Information

Revive Community of Virginia,
c/o Anita Wyche
5755 Poplar Hall Dr.,
Norfolk, VA 23502

Purpose of Disclosure

- Scholarship consideration
- Employment verification
- Insurance/benefits verification
- Academic and Career-Readiness Coaching and Case Management
- Other: _____

Student Rights

- I understand this release is voluntary.
- I understand I may revoke this consent at any time by submitting a written request to Revive Community and to the _____ [College Name] Registrar's Office.
- This release will remain valid until otherwise revoked in writing as described above.

Authorization

Signature of Student: _____ Date: _____

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Are you a past recipient?

☐ Yes

☐ No

ESSAY QUESTION

PLEASE ATTACH YOUR ESSAY TO THIS APPLICATION

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

BY SIGNING BELOW, YOU CERTIFY THAT:

- ✓ YOU MEET ALL OVERCOMER'S SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA OUTLINED IN THIS APPLICATION
- ✓ ALL INFORMATION PROVIDED IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF YOUR KNOWLEDGE
- ✓ YOU UNDERSTAND THAT FALSE INFORMATION MAY RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION OR REVOCATION OF AWARD
- ✓ YOU AUTHORIZE USE OF YOUR NAME, IMAGE, AND LIKENESS FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROMOTION AND FOR PURPOSES OF THANKING SCHOLARSHIP DONORS AND SPONSORS
- ✓ IF AWARDED BRIDGE 1, YOU COMMIT TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN THE 6-MONTH CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
- ✓ YOU WILL COMPLETE ALL REQUIRED FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS (FAFSA)
- ✓ YOU WILL NOTIFY REVIVE COMMUNITY OF ANY CHANGES IN ENROLLMENT STATUS
- ✓ YOU UNDERSTAND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS ARE PAID DIRECTLY TO THE TRADE SCHOOL

Signature

Date

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CONTACT INFORMATION AND FAQs

NEED RESOURCES?

In addition to the Overcomer's Scholarship, **Revive Community of Virginia** offers additional Resources such as fresh groceries, life-essentials, gently used clothing and other, free supportive services.

For more information please visit our website at www.revivecommunityva.org or 757-321-7720.

Frequently Asked Questions?

Q: How much is the scholarship worth?

A: Recipients may receive up to \$100,000 to cover tuition, fees, and educational expenses at accredited Virginia trade schools.

Q: When can I apply?

A: Applications are accepted year-round on a rolling basis. However, decisions are made twice annually: March 1st and August 1st.

Q: What's the difference between Bridge 1 and Bridge 2?

A: - Bridge 1: For applicants who need GED preparation, financial aid guidance, and comprehensive support. Includes 6 months of case management. Available FALL CYCLE ONLY. - Bridge 2: For applicants who already have a GED/diploma and are ready to apply to trade school. Available in both Spring and Fall cycles.

Q: I don't have my GED yet. Can I still apply?

A: Yes! Apply for Bridge 1. We provide tutoring and support to help you earn your GED as part of the program.

Q: What if I miss the deadline?

A: Applications are rolling, so you can apply for the next cycle. Bridge 1 applicants must wait for the Fall cycle. Bridge 2 applicants can apply for either Spring or Fall.

Q: How are scholarship funds distributed?

A: Funds are paid directly to your trade school upon enrollment confirmation, not to individual recipients.

Q: Can I use this scholarship at any trade school?

A: The scholarship must be used at accredited Virginia trade schools. Bridge 1 applicants must be applying to a Virginia trade school. Bridge 2 applicants must already be enrolled or accepted.

Q: What happens after I submit my application?

A: Your application is reviewed by our Scholarship Committee. Selected applicants may be contacted for interviews. All approved applicants will receive notification on the decision date (March 1 or August 1).

Q: Can I use the scholarship for room, board, or meal plans?

A: No. This scholarship can only be applied to tuition and fees directly charged by your trade school for enrollment. It cannot be used for housing, food, transportation or other living expenses.

REVIVE COMMUNITY OF VIRGINIA

Point of Contact: Anita Wyche
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Norfolk VA 23502
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