

High School Scholarship 2026 Guidelines

Purpose: The Richmond CPCU Society Chapter is a community of licensed insurance professionals who promote excellence through ethical behavior and continuing education. Each year the committee awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors based on an expected interest in pursuing a career in the Risk Management and Insurance industry. Consideration will be based on academic and extracurricular achievements, recommendation letter, and application response.

Criteria: Eligible students must be graduating high school seniors who reside in the Greater Richmond Region and intend to continue enrollment in an accredited Virginia four-year college/university, Howard University, Appalachian State, Fayetteville State, UNC Chapel Hill, or Eastern Carolina University. Applications are open to students with interest in obtaining Risk Management, Insurance, Finance, Data Analytics, Economics, or Actuarial Science degrees. Preference will be given to applicants interested in pursuing a career in the insurance and risk management industry.

Please refrain from use of generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools for this application aside from brainstorming ideas, spelling, or grammar checks.

Students should submit the scholarship application as well as the following to be considered:

- Unofficial or Official Transcript
- One letter of recommendation – optional
- Degree of Interest:
 - Risk Management & Insurance, Finance, Data Analytics, Actuarial Science, Economics, or other (please specify)
- Essay prompt: (350 word minimum)
 - Are you a risk seeker or risk averse? How does your perception of risk play into your day-to-day decisions? How do you manage the risks you face in everyday life?

Amount: Each scholarship awarded will be up to \$1,000 to be paid in one payment. Funds will be dispersed to recipients via their selected university or college to be used for tuition, course materials, and room and board. This is a one-time scholarship award.

Deadline: The application deadline is **May 15th, 2026**. The deadline is the date after which applications will no longer be accepted. Recipients will be notified by June 15th, 2026, via email and recognized at a CPCU Chapter-sponsored event.

Please send application submission and related materials including resume, letter of recommendations and prompt responses via email to richmondcpusociety@gmail.com.