

## 2009-2010 Capital One Access Opportunity Scholarship

Capital One values the contributions that young adults make to our community and the impact that they will have on our future. Capital One would like to recognize talented students who have shown that they can succeed even when that means overcoming obstacles and going above and beyond what is expected of them. For the eighth consecutive year, Capital One will award \$5,000 towards college tuition to one graduating senior from each of the Henrico County Public High Schools. This money will help to eliminate some of the financial stresses involved with paying for college.

The Capital One Access Opportunity Scholarship is awarded to a student who has illustrated outstanding achievement, academic improvement, community service, extracurricular involvement and financial need. It enables students to experience new and exciting opportunities while pursuing their passion for knowledge both in and out of the classroom.

### Criteria

- 🎓 Senior at a Henrico County Public High School
  - 🎓 Acceptance to an accredited college or university [community or 4-year] or apprenticeship program if a student at Virginia Randolph
  - 🎓 Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher entering senior year and show improvement or maintenance through the first semester of the school year\*
  - 🎓 Exemplify values of community service and/or exemplary extracurricular involvement
  - 🎓 Significant financial need
  - 🎓 The following are not eligible for the Access Opportunity Scholarship: Capital One Associates and their children, employees of Henrico County Public Schools and their children, and Henrico Education Foundation, Inc. board members and their children.
- 🎓 \*Virginia Randolph students must maintain a 2.75 or higher GPA and/or show improvement during their career at Virginia Randolph.

## Application Requirements

- 🎓 Complete application form including 3 short essays
- 🎓 All applications must be accompanied by: two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors and/or administrators who know the applicant and include details that illustrate outstanding achievement, academic improvement, financial need, community service and/or extracurricular involvement. Anecdotal information is important and should be included in all letters in order for the scholarship selection committee to gain a greater understanding of the obstacles and challenges that may have been overcome.
- 🎓 Copy of most recent transcript if available and/or first semester senior grades with the application. No additional items such as resumes, SAT, or AP scores will be accepted.
- 🎓 All applications must be submitted to the counseling department. Ask your school counselor for deadline.

## Selection Process

- 🎓 Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of representatives from Capital One and the Henrico Education Foundation, Inc. The selection committee will evaluate applications on the basis of the previously mentioned criteria: academic excellence, academic improvement, financial need, community service and/or extracurricular activity.
- 🎓 Finalists will be required to meet with the scholarship selection committee for a formal interview.
- 🎓 Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the end of their senior year.

***Please note: All applications and letters of recommendation will be kept strictly confidential***



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names:

Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Does either parent or guardian work for Capital One or Henrico County Public Schools?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

Does either parent or guardian serve on the Henrico Education Foundation Board?

\_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_ no

College Choice (check one):  Community College  
 Four-year College/University

College Planning to Attend:

(If decision has not yet been made, list colleges to which you have been accepted)

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Financial assistance applied for. (Note any granted at this time)

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Provide a brief statement explaining your financial needs.

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In 200 words or less, discuss your goals for college and career.

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In 200 words or less, discuss the most significant co-curricular and /or community service experience in which you have participated during your time in high school.

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In an essay of no more than 1,000 words, describe what motivated you to apply for an Access Opportunity Scholarship. Be sure to discuss how you were able to raise your GPA; how teachers, counselors and administrators of your school assisted you in your efforts to improve; and what role your family and friends played in your efforts to meet your goals for college and career. Attach typed essay, double-spaced, on plain white paper. Include your name, social security number and high school at the top of the page of your essay.

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In order for this application to be complete, there must be:

- 3 essays completed on application or attached
- 2 letters of recommendation
- High school transcript
- 1<sup>st</sup> semester grades

*If there are questions regarding the "Access Opportunity Scholarship" please contact Paula Roop at (804) 652-3369.*

