

MURRAY

Any student | Undergrad program | 1/2 time

Bernice Murray Scholarship

(sponsored by former U.S. Senator James Jeffords and the Federal Executives' Association)

This scholarship was created by former U.S. Senator James M. Jeffords of Vermont, along with family and friends of Bernice Murray, longtime aide to Senator Jeffords. The scholarship was established to honor her unselfish contributions to improving the lives of Vermonters. This scholarship is funded by an endowment subject to laws restricting disbursements under certain investment yield scenarios; as a result, there can be no guarantee of a scholarship award for the upcoming academic year.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Be a single parent with primary custody of at least one child 12 years of age or younger
- Demonstrate financial need

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), essay #1 (general essay), child care information (*provide current/future day care provider's name, address, and phone numbers; also include the age of each child attending day care, the number of hours each child will be in day care/week, and the total cost of day care/week*), and family information (*provide the name and age of the youngest child for whom you are the custodial parent*)

Amount: One or more scholarships totaling \$2,000 to be used for payment of child care expenses

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

Average applicants: 23

Average awards: 3

NAIFA-VT

High school students | Undergrad program | Any enrollment

National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors Scholarship

This scholarship was established in 2013 to award an annual scholarship to a graduating high school senior who is pursuing a business career.

Eligibility:

- Reside or attend high school in Chittenden or Franklin County
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Seek a degree in business or a related field
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Two minimum \$1,000 scholarships (one to a student who resides or attends high school in Chittenden County, and one to a student who resides or attends high school in Franklin County)

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 64

Average awards: 2

NASW-VT

Any student | Degree program | Any enrollment

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) Vermont Chapter Lara Sobel Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship will be given to social work students who reflect Lara Sobel's ability to seek out the good no matter how overwhelming and negative the circumstances; never allow the misfortune of individuals or their level of despair to become routine or acceptable; and strengthen the cause of child welfare, social justice, and health and wellness of child welfare staff.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Enroll in a CSWE-accredited BSW, MSW, or DSW/PhD (social work) program (*preference given to applicants who intend to practice social work in Vermont*)
- Demonstrate academic achievement
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate community service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: One \$1,000 scholarship

Selection: Essay, recommendation letter, academic achievement, and financial need

Average applicants: 35

Average awards: 1

NCFCU

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NorthCountry Federal Credit Union Scholarship

NorthCountry Federal Credit Union wishes to recognize northern Vermont students who are pursuing higher education, who reflect the credit union philosophy of people helping people, and who have demonstrated a commitment to learning and to giving back to the community.

Eligibility:

- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, Stafford loans, PLUS loans)
- Reside or attend high school in Addison, Caledonia, Chittenden, Essex, Franklin, Grand Isle, Lamoille, Orange, Orleans, or Washington County
- Have overcome a significant challenge or hardship
- Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement (minimum 3.25 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale)
- Demonstrate community involvement/service

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, recommendation letter #1 (non-relative), recommendation letter #2 (community service), essay #1 (general essay), and official transcript

Amount: Up to 15 maximum \$2,000 scholarships

Selection: Recommendation letters, essay, and academic achievement

Average applicants: 360

Average awards: 15