



2018 GRASP Last Dollar Scholarship

All completed applications must be returned to the GRASP office or postmarked by **Friday, April 13, 2018**. Only complete application packets will be considered.

At least one student from each high school with a GRASP advisor will be awarded a \$500 scholarship. Additional scholarships may range from \$250 to \$4,000. **GRASP Last Dollar Scholarships** are not renewable and **are dependent upon generous donor support.**

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- Met with the high school GRASP advisor during his or her senior year
- Possess at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average
- Will graduate from high school spring of 2018
- Demonstrate ***unmet financial need*** (A college financial aid award letter will be requested before the scholarship is granted.)
- Will attend a post-secondary school in Virginia (public or private)
- Have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Must be US citizen

FOUR APPLICATION PARTS

The complete application has four parts. Partial applications will not be considered.

1. The "GRASP Last Dollar Scholarship Checklist" signed by a parent or guardian and by a school official certifying cumulative GPA.
2. A GRASP scholarship application including a personal statement.
3. A copy of the FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) with the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) circled. The SAR can be reprinted by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov.
4. A copy of the financial aid award letter/email from the college you plan to attend, if available.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To submit your scholarship application **electronically**, go to www.grasp4va.org/scholarships. Download the application from the scholarships page by clicking **Last Dollar Scholarship Application**. This will allow you to complete the application as a fillable PDF form. Save the form, then either print it out and mail it via the post office with the rest of your packet **OR** email it to scholarships@grasp4va.org with scanned copies of the other required information. Partial applications will not be considered.

You may also print the application from the website, **complete it by hand** and mail it to the GRASP office. All parts must be received or postmarked by the due date for your application to be considered.

GRASP Last Dollar Scholarship Checklist

Please use the following checklist to be sure that your application is complete.
Return this checklist with your application to GRASP by **Friday, April 13, 2018.**

STUDENT NAME: FIRST _____ M.I. _____ LAST _____
HIGH SCHOOL _____ TODAY'S DATE _____

I have enclosed the following in this envelope or emailed the completed scholarship application to scholarships@grasp4va.org:

- A completed GRASP scholarship application including my personal statement
- A copy of my FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR) with the EFC circled
- This checklist, signed by a parent or guardian and a school official.
- A copy of the financial aid award letter/email from the college you plan to attend, if available.

STATEMENT OF VERIFICATION AND RELEASE

I certify that the student applicant named above is eligible for this scholarship and the information provided is true to the best of the student applicant's knowledge. If the student applicant is selected to receive a GRASP scholarship, the student will write a brief statement of thanks that can be shared with GRASP donors and staff.

Your permission is needed to request information from the Financial Aid Office of the post-secondary institution the student will be attending. The information will be used to verify the student's financial aid awards. GRASP will gather this information for statistical purposes only. All personally identifiable information will be held in confidence and not disclosed. This authorization shall be valid for a period of four years from the high school graduation date.

Will you authorize the post-secondary institution to release to GRASP all information related to financial aid awards for the student, necessary to evaluate GRASP program services? Y N

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature (when 18 or older) _____ Date _____

School Official Certification

This student is a senior at _____ High School. This student's cumulative G.P.A. is _____.

School Official Signature _____ Title _____

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED PACKET TO:

**Scholarship Coordinator
GRASP
4551 Cox Road, Suite 115
Glen Allen, VA 23060**



GRASP LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

FIRST _____ M.I. _____ LAST _____ GRADUATION YEAR **2018**

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____, VA ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____ GPA _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____ HAVE YOU MET WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S GRASP REPRESENTATIVE? _____

COLLEGE PLANNING TO ATTEND _____

INTENDED MAJOR (if known) _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN _____

RELATIONSHIP TO STUDENT _____ PHONE _____

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

TYPE OF WORK	APPROXIMATE DATES	HOURS PER WEEK	NUMBER OF MONTHS



GRASP LAST DOLLAR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NAME OF ACTIVITY	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	

ACADEMIC HONORS

NAME OF HONOR	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				COMMENTS
	9	10	11	12	



PERSONAL STATEMENT

FIRST _____ M.I. _____ LAST _____

Using a minimum of 50 words to a maximum of one (1) page, answer **one (1)** of the following:

- 1) You are poised to continue your education after you graduate from high school. What obstacles have you overcome or what challenges have you met to get to where you are today? To what or to whom do you attribute your success?
- 2) Who are you? What are your career and educational goals? How do you plan to achieve your goals?

You may attach a separate sheet for this or, if completing this form in the PDF, type directly into the application on page 5.

