

The Cary Park Foundation is pleased to announce that it will award a limited number of individual \$750 scholarship(s) toward the future educational needs of students graduating high school in the spring of 2026 who plan on attending a college, junior or community college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2026, and who is a current or former employee or have significant volunteer experience with the Cary Park District.

Submission deadline is Friday, April 3, 2026.

Applications, all supporting documentation, and video link should be emailed to:

Brian Dawson, Cary Park Foundation
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Cary Park Foundation

2026 Scholarship Application



Name: _____

Name of High School/Graduation Date: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Educational intentions (name of college, junior or community college, university, or trade school) in the fall of 2026: _____

Intended field of academic pursuit: _____

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a student graduating high school in the spring of 2026 and attending a college, junior or community college, university, or trade school in the fall of 2026, and
- Be a current/former employee or have significant volunteer experience with the Cary Park District.

Applications must include:

- Include one signed letter of recommendation from a non-relative who is familiar with your future goals and aptitude.
- Community service, extra-curricular activities, honors received, and/or scholastic achievements may be included in list form.
- An academic transcript from the applicant should also be included as part of the application submittal.
- Video submission (see details below).

Submitting your application:

- Please fill out the form carefully, ensuring all information is accurate. Double-check for errors or any missing information before submission.
- All submissions must be received before the deadline or they will not be considered.
- All submissions must be completed via email.

- A completed application and all required materials, along with the YouTube video link, must be sent in **ONE SINGLE EMAIL** to the person listed on the application.
- Any questions a candidate may have should be directed to the person listed on the application and made by the candidate **ONLY**.

Video submission guidelines:

- Applicants are required to use YouTube as the platform for video submission.
- Video should be no less than two minutes, no greater than three minutes in length.
- Video should be original content only and describe your interest and experiences with parks, recreation and/or open space preservation, preferably those with the Cary Park District. Highlight any future goals or interests for involvement in these fields.
- Clearly state in the opening sentence, your name and school you plan to attend in the fall of 2026 as well as your work and/or volunteer experience(s) with the Cary Park District.
- Video should be uploaded to YouTube and a link to access the video should be included in the email.
- Videos will not be evaluated for production quality, a simple video of you speaking, recorded with a smartphone, is preferred.

Expectations of scholarship recipients:

- Scholarship recipients may be asked to return to the Cary Park Foundation at a future point in time to provide an overview of benefits and share personal experiences unique to them upon receiving the scholarship.
- Scholarship recipients may be asked (future) to provide a short video testimonial on how the scholarship award assisted them in their future endeavors and what they are doing now.

Questions regarding the Cary Park Foundation Scholarship program should be directed to:

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