

THE DEACONS' FELLOWSHIP OF BURLINGTON COUNTY INC.

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**RICHARD RUFFIN-SAMUEL AUSTIN
SCHOLARSHIP**

Deacon Earl Fulton

Scholarship Chairman

Deacon's Fellowship of Burlington County INC

Richard Ruffin-Samuel Austin Scholarship

To; Deacon Board Chairman

Enclosed is the application provided by the Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County Scholarship Committee. The scholarships are awarded to students who are members of churches participating in the Deacons' Fellowship.

We are soliciting your assistance by distributing this application package to your graduating students. It is important to stress the deadline that all applications are to be submitted. Please make copies as necessary for your convenience. Remember, all applications must be in no later than March 31, 2026.

Thank you and may God bless you,

Scholarship Committee

Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County INC. Richard Ruffin-Samuel Austin Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP

**RICHARD RUFFIN-SAMUEL AUSTIN
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Date: _____

Applicant's Name _____

Last

First

Middle

Address _____

House/Apt. #

Street/Road

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone No. () _____ () _____

Area Code

Home

Area Code

Work

Name of Church _____

Church Address _____

How long a member _____

Previous church membership and how long _____

Letter of Acceptance () Certificate of Admissions () College () University () Vo-Tech

() Yes () No If no, why _____

Church Activities

Position/Office Held

Date of Service

Church related organizations (i.e. Associations, Conventions, etc.)

Name	Positions/Office Held	Date of Service

School/Community Activities	Positions/Office Held	Date of Service

If more space is needed please attach sheets.

Application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. ()

Type or print name	Applicant	Signature	Date
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Type or print name	Parents/Guardian	Signature	Date
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Type or print name	Deacon Board Chair or Sunday School Superintendent	Signature	Date
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Type or print name	Pastor	Signature	Date
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The scholarship is an annual award presented by the Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County Inc.

AWARDED TO: Recent High School Graduates enrolled in an institution of higher learning: a College, University, Trade or Technical School

CANDIDATES: Members of the churches affiliated with the Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County INC.

PREREQUISITE: Applicants must submit.

1. Enclosed application
2. High School Transcript (if not available now, as soon as possible)
3. Personal essay as to why he/she should receive a scholarship and how they plan to better themselves.
4. Letters of recommendation from:
 - a. Pastor
 - b. High School Counselor
 - c. Deacon Board Chairman or Sunday School Superintendent
5. Letter of acceptance to college.

Guidelines for Scholarship

Purpose: The Scholarship Program assists graduating seniors with financial assistance for the cost of higher education as a full-time student.

Qualifications: See outline on qualifications

Eligibility: Must be a recent high school graduate and a member in good standing with a church affiliated with the Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County INC.

Awards: The scholarship will be awarded at the "Annual Service" program in November. The recipients and the parents will be notified accordingly. Should any applicant use said scholarship monies for expenses other than college-related, the applicant can be responsible for returning funds.

Deadline: All applicants must be in by March 31, 2026.

**RICHARD RUFFIN-SAMUEL AUSTIN SCHOLARSHIP
SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATIONS**

YOU THE APPLICANT

1. Must be a Christian, a member in good standing with a church affiliated with the Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County; and actively involved in your Church School, Worship Service, and Bible Study.
2. Must be a recent graduate or a graduating senior from an accredited High School with a grade point average (GPA) of "C" or above. You must submit a copy of your transcripts with your application (see enclosed application).
3. Complete the enclosed application and attach a letter of acceptance or certificate of admission from the institution you are planning to attend.
4. Submit an essay of three hundred words on the topic: **"Why I Should Be Awarded a Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County Richard Ruffin-Samuel Austin Scholarship."** This essay must be typed and double-spaced.
5. Attach a letter of recommendation from:
 - a. School Counselor
 - b. Pastor
 - c. Chair of Deacon Board or Sunday School Superintendent.
6. Submit the completed application with attachments no later than March 31, 2026

To: Deacons' Fellowship of Burlington County INC.
Richard Ruffin-Samuel Austin Scholarship Committee
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