

# 2026 LEAP Forward, Inc. Scholarships

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LEAP Forward, Inc. is proud to announce our 2026 Scholarships. A summary of the eligibility requirements for each of the 35 scholarships is provided below. Applications are due **April 4, 2026**. For additional information, visit: [leapforwardscholarship.org](http://leapforwardscholarship.org)

Unless a scholarship specific essay is requested, each applicant will provide a one-page minimum essay response to the following questions/requests:

- What are your goals for the future, and how will attending college help you move toward them?
- Which strengths or personal qualities will help you thrive in a college environment?
- Share why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship opportunity.
- Add a statement describing your financial need and how this scholarship would support your education.

<b>Bill and Blanche Finch Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City and Washington, DC.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement;</li> <li>• <b>Pursuing a degree in the Medical or Medical Technology or Nursing field;</b> and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Carrie Bertha Jones and Clyde Jones Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Calvert County.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 3.0 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Be taking at least 12 credits;</li> </ul>	

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<b>Carrie Bertha Jones and Clyde Jones Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership and/or community involvement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Carroll and Evangeline Wills Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student in the Southern Maryland area</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current full-time college student pursuing an undergraduate degree with a GPA of 3.0 or above;</li> <li>•</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College</li> <li>• Demonstrate community service; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Clyde and Olive Sealey Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to deserving <b>African American students from Calvert County, Maryland</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. Special preference will be given to applicants <b>majoring in Nursing</b>. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.0 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Dorothy Mae Smith Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1500.00</b> to deserving <b>African American students from Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City and Washington, DC.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. Special preference will be given to <b>applicants with a disability.</b> To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Dorothy Menchan Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, or Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City and Washington, DC.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. Two (2) recipients will be selected. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.8 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• <b>Pursuing a degree in Education or Elementary Education;</b> and</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Earl Thorne Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,500.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Calvert County</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a current college student (Sophomore or higher) with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Elizabeth Simms Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1000.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City and Washington, DC</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. <b>Special preference will be given to applicants enrolled or enrolling in Morgan State University or Coppin State University</b>. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Evelyn Irvine Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City and Washington, DC.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Demonstrate strong community service involvement;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, <b>scholarship specific essay</b>, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> <li>• <b><u>Scholarship specific essay question</u></b> Detail your community service activities and how you also plan to give back further to the community upon graduation.</li> </ul>	

<b>Gail E. Patterson Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,000.00</b> to deserving <b>students from Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City and Washington, DC.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>George &amp; Geneva Green Harrod Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,000.00</b> to deserving <b>students from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City, Washington, DC. and Arlington County and Alexandria, VA.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. Two (2) recipients will be selected. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a <b>second-, third-, or fourth-year college student</b> with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be attending an accredited University, College, or Vocational School;</li> <li>• Be a Full-time or Part-time student;</li> <li>• Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and/or community involvement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Geraldine Delores Whittington Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American or Black student from Southern Maryland.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current full-time college student pursuing an undergraduate or degree with a GPA of 3.0 or above;</li> <li>• <b>Be accepted by or attending Bowie State University;</b></li> <li>• Demonstrate community service; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Gladys Henson Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1000.00</b> to deserving <b>minority students from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City, Washington, DC. and Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun Counties; and Alexandria, VA.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. Two (2) recipients will be selected. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by an accredited University, College, or Vocational School;</li> <li>• Participate in a mentoring program (upon selection);</li> <li>• Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and/or community involvement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Gloria Mae Gross Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,500.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Calvert County.</b> Three (3) recipients will be selected. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Pursuing a degree in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Grace Parker Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,500.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince George's Counties</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.75 or above;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Demonstrate involvement in community and church related activities; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Hamilton and Alice Parran Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum of two (2) scholarships at \$2,000.00 each</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's and Prince George's Counties</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership and/or community involvement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, <b>scholarship specific essay</b>, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> <li>• <b><u>Scholarship specific essay question</u></b> Who has been the biggest influence (or inspiration) in your life and how will you use what you have learned from them to make a difference in another person's life?</li> </ul>	

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<b>Iris Anne Harris Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince George's' Counties, and Washington D.C.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li><li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li><li>• <b>Pursuing a degree in Education;</b></li><li>• Display academic excellence, leadership and/or community involvement; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li></ul>	

<b>Joan Gray Butler Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,500.00</b> to a deserving <b>student from Southern Maryland.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 3.0 or above;</li><li>• Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li><li>• Have performed valuable community service; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li></ul>	

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<b>Lawrence Myers Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority female student from any county</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 3.75 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement;</li> <li>• Have performed valuable community service; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>MacArthur Jones Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Calvert County</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 3.0 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• <b>Pursuing a degree in Education.</b></li> <li>• Demonstrate involvement in community and church related activities; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Marilyn Preston Killingham Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Southern Maryland, Prince George's, Baltimore City and Washington, DC</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p>	

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<b>Marilyn Preston Killingham Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li><b>Be accepted by and planning to attend an accredited Historically Black College and University (HBCU);</b></li> <li>Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Martin Barnes Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$2,250.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers two (2) scholarships <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,250.00</b> to a <b>deserving student in the United States</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a high school graduate or current full-time college student pursuing an undergraduate or postgraduate degree with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>Demonstrate community service; and</li> <li>Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>The MasterMind Scholarship Fund</b>	<b>\$900.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$900.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince George's Counties and Washington, DC</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 3.2 or above;</li> <li>Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li> <li>Display scholastic and/or leadership achievement;</li> <li>Has performed valuable community service; and</li> <li>Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Michael J. Moore Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,500.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li> <li>• <b>Be accepted by or attending Morgan State University;</b></li> <li>• <b>Pursuing a degree in STEM, Education or Business;</b></li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Morsell Legacy Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from any County in Maryland and Washington, DC</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. Three (3) recipients will be selected. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.8 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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NAACP Calvert County Branch	\$1,500.00
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,500.00</b> to a deserving high school senior graduating from Calvert County public High Schools who will attend Institutions of Higher Learning. The applicant and/or parent must be current members of the NAACP of Calvert County. Non-renewal scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a 2026 graduating senior from Calvert County Public Schools with a GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale;</li><li>• Be accepted for enrollment in a four-year college/university on full-time basis (must attach the college/university Letter of Acceptance);</li><li>• Demonstrate active participation in extracurricular and community activities;</li><li>• Demonstrate a Financial Need/Financial Hardship; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, letter of acceptance, resume, <b>scholarship specific essay</b>, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li><li>• <b><u>Scholarship specific essay question</u></b></li><li>• Maximum 500 words, minimum 250 words written essay focusing on one of the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• How have you demonstrated leadership, service, or advocacy in your school or community that aligns with the mission of the NAACP?</li><li>• Describe a challenge or injustice you have faced, and how it has shaped your goals for the future.</li><li>• What does social justice mean to you, and how do you plan to advance it through your education and career?</li><li>• Discuss how your education can be used as a tool to uplift your community and to promote equality.</li></ul></li></ul>	

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<b>Raymond Harris Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers two (2) scholarships <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Calvert, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li><li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li><li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li><li>• Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and/or community involvement; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li></ul>	

<b>Russell Costley Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1000.00</b> to a deserving <b>student from Calvert County</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a second-, third-, or fourth-year college student with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li><li>• Be attending an accredited University or College;</li><li>• <b>Pursuing a degree in the Psychology/Sociology field;</b></li><li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li></ul>	

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<b>Ruth Reid Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$700.00</b> to a deserving <b>student from Calvert County</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 2.75 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• <b>Pursuing a degree in Education and/or Music field;</b></li> <li>• Display scholastic and/or leadership achievement; and/or participated in church, school, or community choir;</li> <li>• Have performed valuable community service; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>The Thomas Family Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Calvert County</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a second- or third-year college student with a GPA of 2.8 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by an accredited Historically Black College and/or University;</li> <li>• Be taking at least 12 credits;</li> <li>• Demonstrate academic excellence, leadership, and/or community involvement;</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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<b>Victoria Lodge #71 Scholarship</b>	<b>\$700.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$700.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Calvert County</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 2.5 or above;</li><li>• Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li><li>• Be a full-time student;</li><li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li><li>• Display scholastic and/or leadership achievement;</li><li>• Have performed valuable community service; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li></ul>	

<b>Violet Parker Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,500.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Prince George's Counties and Washington, DC</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 2.75 or above;</li><li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li><li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li><li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li></ul>	

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<b>Vivian Lemort Rogers Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$1,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Maryland</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. <b>Preference given to a graduate of a Baltimore City or County high school. Additional preference given to a graduate of Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore, MD.</b> To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 3.0 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by or attending an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate community involvement;</li> <li>• <b>Preference given to those who pursue a degree in Journalism;</b> and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

<b>Wallace Leeper Memorial Scholarship</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,500.00</b> to a deserving <b>minority student from Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, Prince George's, Baltimore Counties; Baltimore City, and Washington, DC.</b> Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a high school graduate with a GPA of 2.75 or above;</li> <li>• Be accepted by an accredited University or College;</li> <li>• Demonstrate a financial need;</li> <li>• Display scholastic and/or leadership achievement; and</li> <li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li> </ul>	

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Wilson Ennis Sr. Memorial Scholarship	\$2,000.00
<p>LEAP Forward, Inc. offers this scholarship <b>with a minimum amount of \$2,000.00</b> to a deserving <b>African American student from Southern Maryland</b>. Scholarships will be available for the Fall 2026 semester. To be eligible for consideration, the student must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be a high school graduate or current college student with a GPA of 3.0 or above;</li><li>• Be accepted by or an accredited <b>Historically Black College and/or University</b>;</li><li>• Pursue a degree in the science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) field;</li><li>• Display scholastic, athletic and/or leadership achievement; and</li><li>• Submit a completed application, resume, essay, FAFSA submission summary, and unofficial transcript.</li></ul>	