

# 2021 Scholarship Applicant Criteria

## STUDENT ELIGIBILITY:

1. Exemplify qualities of leadership, dedication and commitment in school, at home and in the community.
2. Qualify for one of the following scholarships:
  - a. Ben DeFelice: Be the primary account holder of an NWFCU account for the past year. This includes being on a custodial account for which the applicant's name and social security number is tied to the account.
  - b. CIRA: Be the daughter, son or grandchild of an active duty or retired CIA employee.
  - c. Financial Awareness Network (FAN): Be the primary account holder of an NWFCU account for the past year and live in the prescribed area of Northern Virginia. This includes being on a custodial account for which the applicant's name and social security number are tied to the account.
  - d. Need Based: Be a student who can demonstrate strong financial need, have a Letter of Recommendation from Northern Virginia Community College, Mobile Hope or Second Story and be the primary account holder of an NWFCU account. This includes being on a custodial account for which the applicant's name and social security number are tied to the account, or provide proof of application for an NWFCU account
  - e. CTE: Be a student who is pursuing a career and technical education training program, have a Letter of Recommendation from Northern Virginia Community College, Mobile Hope or Second Story, and be the primary account holder of an NWFCU account. This includes being on a custodial account for which the applicant's name and social security number are tied to the account, or provide proof of application for an NWFCU account.
3. Be accepted into a full-time associate or undergraduate degree program for the 2020/2021 academic year (Ben DeFelice, CIRA FAN), or be accepted into at least a part-time undergraduate or CTE program (Need-based and CTE).
4. Apply online beginning November 30, 2020 up to midnight EST on March 14, 2021.

## SUBMIT:

A complete application will include the following:

1. All questions answered thoughtfully and completely.
2. If selected as a finalist, applicant agrees to submit the following:
  - a. Transcript(s) (Ben DeFelice, CIRA, FAN)
  - b. Acceptance and/or Enrollment Letter (Ben DeFelice, CIRA, FAN)
3. For applicants with special handling requirements, please call 703-925-5092 to discuss submission method.

**NOT ELIGIBLE TO APPLY:**

1. Volunteer officials (directors, associate directors and committee members of the Board of Directors) at NWFCU and its subsidiaries and affiliates.
2. Vice presidents and above at NWFCU and its subsidiaries and affiliates.
3. Employees of the NWFCU Foundation.
4. Immediate family members of all of the above.
5. Past recipients who have received scholarships through NWFCU Foundation.

**VALUE:**

The Ben De Felice, CIRA, FAN and Need-Based scholarships are valued at \$5,000 per academic year. CTE scholarships are valued at \$2,500 per year. Funds must be used only for tuition and approved educational expenses.