High School Scholarship

Fall 2026 Guidelines

Purpose: The Richmond CPCU Society Chapter is a community of credentialed property and casualty insurance professionals who promote excellence through ethical behavior and continuing education. Each year the chapter awards scholarships to college-bound high school seniors with consideration based on academics, extracurricular achievements, and application response. Preference will be given to applicants majoring in Risk Management & Insurance, though consideration will be given to additional applicants as described below.

Criteria:

- Graduating high school seniors who reside in the Greater Richmond Region and intend to continue enrollment in an accredited Virginia four-year college/ university **OR** enroll at one of the following four-year college or universities:

  Howard University, Appalachian State, Fayetteville State, UNC Chapel Hill, Campbell University, or Eastern Carolina University

- Degree of Interest: Risk Management & Insurance **OR** Finance, Data Analytics, Actuarial Science, Economics, or other (please specify)

Application Requirements:

- Academic Transcript
- One letter of recommendation – optional
- Short answer prompts: (250-word minimum each)

  - Are you a risk seeker or risk averse? How does your perception of risk play into your day-to-day decisions? How do you manage the risks you face in everyday life?

  - Tell us about your desired career path or an area of interest. What are some potential risks or challenges in pursuing this path, and how do you plan to prepare for or overcome them?

Amount: Each scholarship awarded will be **up to $2,500** to be paid in one payment. Funds will be dispersed to recipients via their selected university or college to be used for tuition, course materials, and room and board. This is a one-time scholarship award.

Deadline: The application **deadline is Friday, October 30th, 2026.** The deadline is the date after which applications will no longer be accepted. Recipients will be **notified by November 20th, 2026,** via email and recognized at a CPCU Chapter-sponsored event.

Application submission and related materials must be submitted to QR code by deadline for consideration. Reach out to Lily.VanElderen@Markel.com for any questions.