

Longwood University

Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship Program Application

This scholarship was created under [§ 23.1-615.1](#) of the Code of Virginia and under guidance provided by the State Council for Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV). Longwood offers a scholarship to be awarded to an eligible undergraduate student from Virginia who demonstrates a personal and historic connection to slavery in Virginia or who demonstrates membership in a community that continues to experience the negative legacy of slavery in Virginia.

Eligibility Criteria

According to SCHEV guidance, to be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:

- Be a full-time undergraduate student eligible for need-based financial aid who will be enrolled at Longwood for the 2026-27 academic year, is in good academic standing, and otherwise meets the criteria established in Article III of the [guidelines \(PDF\)](#) provided by the State Council of Higher Education in Virginia (SCHEV)
- Be a Virginia resident as defined by Virginia Code [§ 23.1-502](#) through [§ 23.1-505](#)
- Intend to begin, continue, or complete education at Longwood University
- Demonstrate a personal and historical connection to slavery in Virginia or be a member of a specific community that has experienced the negative legacy born out of the institution of slavery
- Priority will be given to students who can trace their ancestry back to enslaved person(s) in Prince Edward County or adjacent counties.

Definitions for the purpose of this scholarship (from SCHEV):

"Historic connection to slavery in Virginia" or "nexus" can be demonstrated in a variety of ways. An applicant may submit a personal statement (general articulation) or submit documentation that shows a personal and logical connection to slavery or continues to experience the negative legacy of slavery.

An "enslaved individual," in the historical context, is any person who was deemed property of the institution or was forbidden to quit their service for another person or corporate entity. An enslaved individual, in the historical context, may have been placed under this condition of servitude due to indebtedness, military defeat, having a parent who was enslaved, and in most cases for Native Americans and Africans through forcible

removal from their native community, or forced in-place enslavement of entire communities.

“Experiencing the negative legacy of slavery” means social and economic conditions burnout of the institution of slavery which negatively impact an individual’s ability to fairly achieve in society. This negative legacy may include, but is not limited to, economic inequality and limited access to communal networks of assistance and technology and inadequate funding of K-12 education.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

LNumber _____

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1. Based on the program description and guidelines above, do you affirm that you meet the qualifications for consideration for the Enslaved Ancestors College Access Scholarship and are willing to have your information shared with SCHEV (State Council for Higher Education in Virginia) if selected for either scholarship?

Yes No

2. If you responded “yes”, please give a brief explanation (200 words or less) why you are eligible for the scholarship and how you would benefit from the scholarship.

Student Signature: _____

For the security of your personal data, please submit your completed form and any other supporting documentation using our secure upload, found here: go.longwood.edu/uploadfa