



Project Big Heart

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## CLAUDE H. NEFF MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Scholarship Mission Statement: To provide a scholarship for a deserving senior attending a local community college.

Project Big Heart is proud to announce it will be awarding \$1,500.00 scholarships to one Madison County and one Orange County 2026 High School graduate. Please note that counties with multiple high schools will be limited to one recipient in that county (not each high school).

Project Big Heart is a volunteer employee organization of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative. It was formed in the spring of 1991 to raise funds for a scholarship for local students. The organization has since been involved in supporting deserving families throughout the year.

Claude Neff was an employee of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative for many years before his accidental death in 1991. He helped form and served as a director of Project Big Heart until his death. He spent much of his time and energy helping young people realizing their potential and obtaining their goals. We are honored to have our scholarship carry the name of the Claude H. Neff Scholarship.

This scholarship is offered on a rotating basis to the six counties the Culpeper District of Rappahannock Electric Cooperative serves. This year's scholarships will be presented to graduates of Madison and Orange County in financial need and who will be attending a local community college in the upcoming summer or fall semester. The student's parents/guardians must have an active REC account.

The recipient of the scholarship will be chosen by a committee of Project Big Heart, based on the essay written by the graduate. Please complete the attached application and return by mail or in person to **Rappahannock Electric Cooperative's office in Culpeper, 13252 Cedar Run Church Road, Culpeper, VA 22701**, on or before **March 31st, 2026**. **See requirements on second page in order to receive the scholarship.** We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Project Big Heart Scholarship Committee

CLAUDE H. NEFF MEMORIAL

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: Father \_\_\_\_\_ Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings (Please include age) \_\_\_\_\_

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Other Members of Household \_\_\_\_\_

Career Goals \_\_\_\_\_

Community College you plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

School Activities \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular Activities: (Church, community, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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Hobbies & Special Interests \_\_\_\_\_

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### Requirements

1. Reference: Please submit a letter of recommendation from a responsible adult (other than parents or relatives).
2. Essay: Please limit essay to one (1) page. Use separate sheet of paper for essay.
3. Topic: What are your educational and career goals and why do you feel you qualify for this scholarship?
4. Parents/guardians must have an active REC account.
5. Students must be attending a community college/trade school.