



## **The Charmettes, Incorporated** **75th Anniversary Scholarship Awards** *“Celebrating 75 Years of Undaunted Charm”*

In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of The Charmettes, Incorporated, the organization will proudly present scholarships to deserving students who exemplify academic achievement, community engagement, and a commitment to education and service. These awards honor the legacy and contributions of three distinguished Charmettes whose lives embodied our organization's mission and vision.

The scholarships are intended to support students pursuing higher education and to encourage continued efforts in the fight to eradicate cancer—our organization’s national project.

### **Scholarship Awards**

#### ***First Place - Gwendolyn Baker Rodgers Scholarship - \$5,000***

This scholarship honors our Founder, Gwendolyn Baker Rodgers, whose educational journey at Howard University and Bennett College, along with her devotion to excellence, reflects a deep commitment to learning and leadership. Her legacy inspires others to pursue academic achievement and to value the transformative power of education. Through this award, The Charmettes, Inc. celebrates her lifelong dedication to empowering young people and expanding opportunities for success.

#### ***Second Place - Frankie Drayton Thomas Scholarship - \$1,500***

This scholarship recognizes our Founder, Frankie Drayton Thomas, for her compassion, service, and steadfast dedication to helping others. Her esteemed career as a social worker reflects a heart for humanity and a commitment to uplifting those in need. In her honor, The Charmettes, Inc. celebrates the spirit of giving, community care, and the importance of using one’s gifts to make a difference in others’ lives.

#### ***Third Place - Geneva B. Boynton Scholarship - \$1,000***

This scholarship honors former National President and Executive Director Geneva B. Boynton, a servant-leader who demonstrated unwavering dedication to education, perseverance, and mentorship. Her legacy is defined by integrity, compassion, and a lifelong commitment to personal and community growth. The Charmettes, Inc. commends her impact, dedication to history, legacy, and protocol, and encourages others to build brighter futures through education and purpose-driven leadership.

## **Scholarship Criteria (Applicable to All Awards)**

### **Academic Standing**

Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale

High school seniors accepted into an accredited college or university for the 2026-2027 school year. An official transcript must be submitted to [charmettenationalscholarship@thecharmettesinc.org](mailto:charmettenationalscholarship@thecharmettesinc.org) by your high school counselor.

### **Letters of Recommendation**

Two (2) letters of recommendation required (from educators, mentors, or community leaders)

- ❖ Must be submitted to [charmettenationalscholarship@thecharmettesinc.org](mailto:charmettenationalscholarship@thecharmettesinc.org) by the recommender

### **Community Involvement Letter of Verification**

Applicants must submit a formal letter verifying their record of community service, leadership, or volunteerism. The letter should be written and signed by a supervisor, organization leader, school official, or community program coordinator who can attest to the applicant's participation and character.

Applicants are required to document at least two (2) consecutive years of active community service. The student must have completed a minimum of 100 hours of community service.

*Participation in activities that align with The Charmettes, Inc.'s mission—promoting service, civic responsibility, and the eradication of cancer—is strongly encouraged.*

Letter/s of verification must include:

- The name of the organization(s) where service was performed
- Dates and total hours of service
- Description of the applicant's role and contributions
- Signature, printed name, title, organization, and contact information of the verifying individual
- Must be submitted to [charmettenationalscholarship@thecharmettesinc.org](mailto:charmettenationalscholarship@thecharmettesinc.org) by the Community Service Coordinator/Supervisor .

### **Essay Requirement**

Applicants must submit a 500-word essay on "The Role of Education in the Global Effort to Eradicate Cancer." The essay should reflect the applicant's personal perspective on how education can empower individuals and communities to make a meaningful impact in the fight against cancer. Applicants are encouraged to share personal experiences, goals, and insights that demonstrate their commitment to learning, service, and improving the quality of life for others. Essays will be evaluated on originality, clarity, content, and personal connection to the topic.

### **Financial Need**

Consideration will be given regarding a student's Financial Need. Applicants may demonstrate financial need through supporting documents such as a FAFSA summary, a financial aid award letter, or comparable documentation.

### **Application Process**

Applicants will complete the official scholarship application form, attach all supporting documents, and submit their materials by the deadline. The Scholarship Committee will review applications, verify eligibility, and select recipients based on merit and alignment with The Charmettes' values.

\*\*\*All documents must be submitted or uploaded in PDF format.\*\*\*

### **Scholarship Presentation**

Scholarships will be awarded Saturday evening, June 27, 2026, at The Charmettes Diamond Jubilee Convention in Jacksonville, Florida. Scholarship winners must be present. Travel and accommodations will be provided by the organization.

**Click the link to Submit Completed Application To:**

<https://forms.gle/zhYsipd9WX56Zoh76>

The Charmettes, Inc. Scholarship Committee

**Deadline for Submission: March 22, 2026**

### **Required Attachments Checklist**

- Completed and Signed Application
- Official transcript (minimum 3.0 GPA)
- Two (2) letters of recommendation
- Letter of verification for community service, leadership, or volunteerism
- 500-word essay
- OPTIONAL -- Proof of financial need (FAFSA summary or equivalent)