

Dorothy Jean Coates Scholarship at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia

Scholarship Application

The Dorothy Jean Coates Scholarship Foundation Fund benefits nontraditional students enrolled in a college or university.

Dorothy Jean Brunson was born in Greenwood, SC and move to Washington, DC with her family where she met her husband Richard L. V. Coates, Jr. After the birth of her five children, she decided to earn her high school diploma. Dorothy Jean Coates completed her high school diploma in 1969 by attending night school at Cardoza high school in Washington, DC after the birth of her five children. In 1975 she enrolled in Northern Virginia Community College, taking one course per quarter while maintaining a career and family. She graduated with an Associates of Science in General Studies degree in 1993. She then enrolled in Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA after graduating from Northern Virginia Community College to continue improving her education attainment until her death in 1998. She was truly a life-long learner.

Amount

One non-renewable scholarship of \$1,000 to \$2,000 is awarded each year.

Criteria

Preference will be given to “nontraditional” applicants, defined as meeting one or more of the following criteria determined by the National Center for Education Statistics:

Student attends college part-time

Student works full-time while in school

Student has delayed enrollment into postsecondary education

Student is recognized as financially independent for financial aid purposes

Student has dependents other than a spouse

Student is a single parent

Student passed a General Education Development (GED) exam or earned a certificate of high school completion instead of receiving a standard high school diploma

Preference will be given to applicants attending Northern Virginia Community College.

Applicant must clearly demonstrate the unique challenges associated with them returning to school.

Completed applications Must be received by April 15th by email

To submit applications to: apply@DJCFoundation.com

Questions? Go to the Dorothy Jean Coates Scholarship Foundation Fund website at: DJCFoundation.com

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
First M.I. Last

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Academic Information

High School: _____

City/State: _____

Graduation Date: _____

Please provide all official transcripts from high school and colleges with application

Character References

When submitting your application, please attach at least one-character reference letter with your application.

Name of Reference _____

May we contact this reference?

YES
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NO
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Activities

We are interested in how you spend your time outside the classroom. Please tell us the area(s) you are most passionate about. If you are involved in any activities regarding Community Leadership, Education, Employment, Extracurricular Activities (Sports, Arts, etc.) Volunteer Work, or other passions you participate in. (If additional space needed attach file)

Personal Statement

Please share with the committee why you are applying for the Dorothy Jean Coates Scholarship Foundation Fund and how it will impact your life, education, or career? (500 words max)

Disclaimer and Signature

By signing your name and date, below, you certify that you completed the application yourself and that all information is accurate. By applying for the scholarship, you agree to allow the Dorothy Jean Coates Scholarship Foundation Fund and the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia to use your name, image and likeness for their promotional and other purposes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____