Scholarship Announcement

2025 Applications Now Open!

Award Amount: $2,500

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Eligibility Criteria

- 2025 High School Graduating Senior
- 3.0 GPA
- Accepted to a 4-year accredited institution or trade school.
- Resident of Fairfax County, VA-Mount Vernon or Lee / Franconia Magisterial District
- One scholarship award will be made



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Submission Requirements

1. Essay: **"Tapestry of American Exceptionalism"**
   - **Essay requirements:** See reverse side or second page
   - **Length:** 700-1000 words.
   - **Format:** MS Word or PDF.
   - **Do not include** student's name within the essay document itself.
2. Proof of residence in Lee/ Franconia or Mt. Vernon District, Fairfax Co.
3. Proof of acceptance to a 4-year college or university, or accredited trade school.
4. Unofficial copy of student transcript.
5. Text of the email should include student's contact information & school contact (e.g. guidance counselor) to be notified for purposes of award and recognition.

How to Apply

Send your package to:
LibertyTreeScholarship@gmail.com

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- **Topic:** "Tapestry of American Exceptionalism"
- **"American Exceptionalism"** is a term often used to describe the unique qualities of the United States, including its founding principles of liberty, individual rights, and self-governance. Unlike other nations, empires, and civilizations that came before it, America was founded on the revolutionary idea that power derives from the people, not from monarchies or elites. In your essay, reflect on what American Exceptionalism means to you. How do you believe America's founding principles made it the "exception" to the systems of governance and societal structures that preceded it?
- **Discuss** how these principles have shaped the nation's history, progress, and resilience. Additionally, share how these values inspire you to contribute to your community and future success. Be specific in your examples, incorporate historical insights, and provide a forward-looking perspective on how you plan to embody these ideals in your own life.
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