



Children's Aid, Inc. Paul Taylor Memorial Scholarship

Children's Aid, Inc. will award a **one-time \$1,000 scholarship** providing financial assistance to a student graduating from a Calvert County public high school who is pursuing post-secondary education, attending a two or four-year college or university, Trade, Technical, or Vocational School.

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **Tuesday, April 15, 2025. (No exceptions).**
2. Refer to the criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Applicants will be judged on scholastic ability, character, citizenship, community service, and financial need.
4. Refer to the application process below for a list of the supporting documents needed (i.e., reference forms, evidence of GPA, etc.) Incomplete applications will not be considered.
5. If any question does not apply to you in this application please put N/A in the space.
6. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
7. You will be notified by email in late May regarding the status of your application.
8. If you have any questions about the application, please email Krista Brezina at ChildrensAidCalvert@gmail.com
9. Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student's school account upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

Criteria:

To be eligible for consideration, the student must:

1. Be a resident of Calvert County
2. Be a graduating high school senior enrolled in one of Calvert County's public high schools
3. Have a GPA of 2.0 or above
4. Be accepted to a 2-4-year College or University, Trade, Technical, or Vocational School.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form (if handwritten, please print legibly)
2. Letter of application addressed to the Scholarship Committee. The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
3. Submit at least one letter of recommendation, no more than two, from teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or an individual with significant knowledge of the applicant's experience and involvement with school/community activities.
4. Please provide a high school transcript. Transcripts do NOT need to be official and copies are acceptable.
5. Personal Essay. What are your educational and career goals? Why have you chosen this field of study? Paul Taylor was a Master Mechanic who mentored many apprentice mechanics. The keys to being a successful mentor (or teacher) include effective communication, knowledge and experience, patience and understanding, and the encouragement of independence and curiosity. Please tell us about a teacher or mentor who has made a difference in your life.
6. *Scholarship recipient* shall provide a high school senior photo (or similar style photo), granting Children's Aid, Inc. permission for use in press releases and solicitation of future scholarship funding.

Application deadline: April 15, 2025

Email completed applications to ChildrensAidCalvert@gmail.com or Mail to:

Children's Aid, Inc.,
Attn: Scholarship Committee,
6205 Sandy Point Road, Prince Frederick MD 20678



Children's Aid, Inc. Paul Taylor Memorial Scholarship Scholarship Application

General Information

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Primary Phone # _____ Email Address # _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age _____ Gender: _____

Mother's Name _____ Mother's Occupation: _____

Father's Name: _____ Father's Occupation: _____

Ages of other dependent children in family: _____

Number of brothers/sisters in college or technical school: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship: _____

Academic Information

Current High School: _____ Grade Point Average (GPA): _____

Course of Study at CTA/High School toward career path: _____

What college/university, trade, technical or vocational school will you attend in 2025/2026? If undecided, please list schools under consideration:

Anticipated field of study: _____

Technical/Vocational Certification or Degree you are planning to pursue: _____

Financial Information (Attach a copy of your Student Aid Report from FAFSA, if applicable.)

Have you received any grants or scholarships thus far for 2025/2026? Yes No

If yes, list the grant/scholarship source and the dollar amount: _____

Describe any special circumstances in your home/family that may affect your finances or future ability to pay for your education. Use additional pages if necessary.



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Use an additional sheet if additional space is required to answer the following questions regarding educational goals, academic honors, and community service activities.

What are your educational and professional goals and objectives?

Please list school-related membership activities and/or community organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Please include years of involvement and roles/offices held (if applicable).

Please list community organizations such as service, volunteer and religious organizations in which you are now active or have previously been active. Note leadership roles and dates.



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The following items must be included in the application package in order for the application to qualify to be reviewed by the scholarship committee.

Application Checklist	
Application Form	Completed two-page form.
Letter of Application	The letter should briefly explain career goals and biographical (background) information.
Letter(s) of Recommendation	Submit at least one letter of recommendation, but no more than two, from teachers, administrators, counselors, employers, or individuals with significant knowledge of the applicant's educational experience and involvement with school/community activities.
Student Financial Information	Please submit a PDF copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Request a copy of your SAR from www.FAFSA.gov .
Proof of College/University, Trade, Technical or Vocational School Acceptance	Please provide a copy of your acceptance letter.
High School Transcript	Please provide a recent high school transcript. Transcripts do <u>not</u> need to be official, and copies are acceptable.
Personal Essay	Please tell us in 500-600 words on a separate piece of paper: What are your educational and career goals? Why have you chosen this field of study? Paul Taylor was a Master Mechanic who mentored many apprentice mechanics. The keys to being a successful mentor (or teacher) include effective communication, knowledge and experience, patience and understanding, and the encouragement of independence and curiosity. Please tell us about a teacher or mentor who has made a difference in your life.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose that is deemed necessary to promote the Children's Aid, Inc.'s Memorial Scholarship Program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the Children's Aid, Inc.'s Memorial Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ Date: _____