



## Virginia Ruff Women's Scholarship for Continuing Education

Bedford Professional Women is pleased to announce that the Virginia Ruff Scholarship for Continuing Education is open for applications for 2026-2027. This \$1,500 scholarship honors Virginia Ruff, a member of Bedford BPW for more than 50 years at the time of her death in April 2002 at age 94. A graduate of The College of Mary Washington and The College of William and Mary, Miss Ruff dedicated her life to the education of Bedford children as a teacher at the Villamont and Montvale schools, and as a librarian at Bedford and Liberty High Schools. She retired in 1973.

This \$1,500 scholarship provides financial assistance for women seeking education to re-enter the job market, for advancement and/or to achieve economic self-sufficiency. A committee of BPW members selects the recipient.

**Application deadline: Monday, June 30, 2026**

**Recipient will be notified by: Friday, July 24, 2026.**

### Eligibility Criteria for Applicants:

- A woman, 25 years or older
- A citizen of the United States
- Bedford town or Bedford county resident for at least two years
- Accepted by an accredited program course of study
- Demonstrates need for financial assistance to upgrade skills or education

### Scholarship Packet:

1. Completed application, typed or printed legibly. (Online application also available, below.)
2. Transcripts with GPA, if you have attended college in the last five years.
3. Two letters of recommendation (do not use relatives or fellow classmates).  
You may use letters from your employers, co-workers, counselor or friends.

**The application should be completed with all required documentation and mailed directly to:**

Harriette Trevino • 1118 Lakeview Lane • Bedford, VA 24523

Please direct questions to: [harriettetrevino@gmail.com](mailto:harriettetrevino@gmail.com) or 203-550-1528 cell

**APPLICANTS MAY ALSO APPLY ONLINE VIA:**

**[www.bpwva.org/virginia-ruff-womens-scholarship-for-continuing-education/](http://www.bpwva.org/virginia-ruff-womens-scholarship-for-continuing-education/)**

***Your application will NOT be considered if incomplete.***

## Virginia Ruff Women's Scholarship for Continuing Education Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Are you a Bedford Town/County Resident? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a U.S. Citizen? \_\_\_\_\_

### EDUCATION:

Begin with high school or equivalency.

Name & Location of School	Attended from/to	Did you Graduate?	Name of Degree or Certificate

**EMPLOYMENT:**

Please list employment beginning with your current / most recent employer.  
If you need additional space, please use a separate sheet of paper.

Place of Employment and Address	Starting & Ending Dates	Reason for Leaving

**SCHOLASTIC INFORMATION:**

School you will be attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Enrollment: \_\_\_\_\_ Degree/Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Program/Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

How will you pay for your education? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you receiving other Financial Aid? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you supporting anyone other than yourself? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you work while attending school? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, how many hours per week? \_\_\_\_\_

## **PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

Include a typed autobiography of no more than one page. This should include your philosophy on education, your interests, goals, school or other achievements, etc. The final paragraph should state why you feel that you should receive this scholarship and what you intend to achieve with this degree.

## FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

I \_\_\_\_\_, give permission to  
\_\_\_\_\_ institution of study to release  
information concerning financial aid to the Scholarship Committee of the Bedford Professional Women's  
Organization. The committee will review this information with the sole purpose of determining financial need.

<b>Name and Address of Financial Aid Office</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>
<b>Email Address</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>

### Student Certification

I am a student who is pursuing my degree. I understand that if I am the recipient of this scholarship, the monies will be paid directly to the institution of study named for my benefit. If for any reason I am selected and do not continue my education, I will immediately notify Bedford Professional Women.

### Signature of Applicant

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Date

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