



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 or 203-550-1528 cell

APPLICANTS MAY ALSO APPLY ONLINE VIA:

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.

Please note: Do not use AI for this personal statement.

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.

Name and Address of Financial Aid Office	Contact Person
Email Address	Phone Number

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

Date
