

Capital One values the contributions that young people make to our community and the impact that they will have on our future. Capital One would like to recognize talented students who have shown that they can succeed even when that means overcoming obstacles and going above and beyond what is expected of them. For the eighth consecutive year, Capital One will award \$10,000 towards college tuition to one graduating senior from each of the Richmond City Public High Schools. This money will help to eliminate some of the financial stresses involved with paying for college.

The Capital Power of 9 Scholarship is awarded to a student who has illustrated outstanding achievement, academic improvement, community service, extracurricular involvement and financial need. It enables students to experience new and exciting opportunities while pursuing their passion for knowledge both in and out of the classroom.

It is important to encourage students, who you feel showcase these criteria, to apply. applications must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors and/or administrators who know the student on a personal level. All applications must be submitted to the Guidance and School Counseling department at a Richmond City Public high school by March 19, 2009.



Criteria

- 🏆 Senior at a Richmond City Public High School
- 🏆 Acceptance to an accredited college or university [community or 4-year]
- 🏆 Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher entering senior year
- 🏆 Exemplify values of community service and/or exemplary extracurricular involvement
- 🏆 Significant financial need
- 🏆 The following are not eligible for Access Opportunity Scholarship: Capital One Associates and their children, employees of Henrico County Public Schools, and Henrico Education Foundation, Inc. employees and their children.

Application Requirements

- 🏆 Complete application form including 3 short essays
- 🏆 All applications must be accompanied by: two letters of recommendation from teachers, counselors and/or administrators who know the applicant and include details that illustrate outstanding achievement, academic improvement, financial need, community service and/or extracurricular involvement. Anecdotal information is important and should be included in all letters in order for the scholarship selection committee to gain a greater understanding of the obstacles and challenges that may have been overcome.
- 🏆 Copy of most recent transcript if available and/or first semester senior grades with the application.
- 🏆 All applications must be submitted to the guidance department.

Selection Process

- 🏆 Scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee of representatives from Capital One. The selection committee will evaluate applications on the basis of the previously mentioned criteria: academic excellence, academic improvement, financial need, community service and/or extracurricular activity.
- 🏆 Finalists will be required to meet with the scholarship selection committee for a formal interview.
- 🏆 Scholarship recipients will be notified prior to the end of their senior year.

Please note: All applications and letters of recommendation will be kept strictly confidential.