



## Colonel Fred V. Cherry Scholarship



The Suffolk Foundation is both pleased and honored to have been asked to administer the Col. Fred V. Cherry Scholarship, which was established by Mrs. Margaret W. Reid to honor this highly decorated Vietnam Prisoner of the War. Born (1928) and educated in Suffolk, Virginia, Fred Cherry graduated from Virginia Union University in 1951 and entered the United States Air Force that same year. He attended flight school and completed Jet Fighter Pilot training in 1952. After receiving his wings and completing intensive combat training, he flew more than 50 combat missions over North Korea. During the War in Vietnam, Cherry flew over 52 missions and, on his last mission, was shot down on October 22, 1965, and was immediately captured. He remained a prisoner of war until the end of hostilities and the return of our POWs in February 1973. Fred Cherry retired from the military in 1981, during which time he earned 30 plus military awards and decorations including the Air Force Cross, the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, the Air Force Commendation, the Meritorious Service Award, two President Unit Citations, and a Distinguished Unit Citation. ([www.pownetwork.org](http://www.pownetwork.org))

### Col. Fred V. Cherry Scholarship Policy

1. Name: The name of the scholarship shall be the Col. Fred V. Cherry Scholarship.
2. Purpose: The purpose of this scholarship shall be to provide recognition and financial assistance to a college-bound, African-American student, graduating from a high school in Suffolk, by providing a non-renewable payment towards the student's first year educational experience.
3. Amount of Award: The amount of the scholarship will be determined each year by the Investment Committee, based on income from the scholarship's endowment. (Previous awards range from \$1,000 - \$3,000)
4. Eligibility and Selection Criteria: African-American Seniors with a minimum GPA of 2.6 are eligible for consideration. Selection of the winner will be based primarily on the applicant's financial need and demonstrated leadership ability. Grade Point Average may also be considered.
5. Application Procedure: (See Application below)
6. Selection of Scholarship Recipient: The Distribution Committee will select a recipient based upon the above criteria by May 10th of each year.
7. Distribution: Funds will be paid directly to the College or University that the recipient will attend. Verification of College/University enrollment must be received by the Suffolk Foundation prior to any funds being distributed.
8. Term of the Award: The scholarship award will be a one-time award.



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## COL. FRED V. CHERRY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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### I. Personal

A. Your Full Name:

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B. Your Address:

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C. Parent/Guardian Name(s):

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D. Parent/Guardian Address(es):

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E. Your Email Address:

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F. Your Telephone Number:

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## II. Eligibility

- A. Are you currently a resident of the City of Suffolk? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Are you an African-American? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
- C. Do you currently attend a public or private high school located in the City of Suffolk? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, which one? \_\_\_\_\_

- D. Have you been accepted for enrollment in the next academic year in an accredited college or university in the U.S.? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, identify the college or university and state whether you currently intend to enroll at such institution.

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## III. Financial Need

- A. One of the criteria for the award of this scholarship is financial need. Have you completed the FAFSA application for Federal Student Aid? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If the above answer is yes, please attach a copy of your FAFSA application.**

**If you have received your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on your Student Aid Report (SAR), please attach a copy.**

Please explain briefly your financial need for this scholarship. Attach any other documentation that may further explain your financial need for this scholarship that has not been previously requested (current parent tax return or W 2 forms).

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B. Please check **one** of the following categories below to indicate total family income:

\_\_\_\_ Under \$30,000 \_\_\_\_ \$30,000 - \$40,000 \_\_\_\_ \$40,000 - \$50,000 \_\_\_\_ Over \$50,000

C. If you know of any scholarships that you will be receiving, please list the scholarship and the amount being received.

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***Please email [wwinslow@suffolkfoundation.org](mailto:wwinslow@suffolkfoundation.org) any scholarships received after you have made application for the Col. Fred V. Cherry Scholarship.***

#### **IV. Academic Performance**

- A. State your overall Grade Point Average (GPA) \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. State your highest SAT scores Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Writing \_\_\_\_\_ and/or composite ACT scores \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. State your class rank # \_\_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_\_ (#) students in the graduating class.
- D. State any academic honors/awards you have received. \_\_\_\_\_

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#### **V. Extracurricular Activities**

List all extracurricular activities, including athletics, in which you have participated in the last two years.

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## **VI. Recommendations/Transcript**

- A. Please provide a **signed recommendation** from a principal, teacher, counselor, or other school official.
- B. Please provide a **signed recommendation** from another adult who is NOT a member of your family.
- C. Attach an **official transcript** (school seal, embossed/official signature) with your application.
- D. Please feel free to **attach additional documentation** when addressing requested information.

## **VII. Certification**

I certify that the information provided in this Application is correct.

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APPLICANT'S SIGNATURE

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APPLICANT'S NAME (PRINT)

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STREET ADDRESS

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CITY AND ZIP CODE

***The application must be received in the Suffolk Foundation office at 106 West Finney Avenue, Suffolk, VA 23434 on or before noon on the last work day in March. Therefore, it will be necessary, if mailing the application, to have the application in the mail well in advance of the last March business day. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.***

***Please use binder clips or paper clips; do not staple your application and attachments. Please submit your application and attachments (printed on one-side only) in the following order:***

- *Application*
- *Letter of Recommendation from principal, teacher, or other school official*
- *Letter of Recommendation from another adult*
- *FAFSA/Expected Family Contribution (EFC)*
- *Official Transcript*
- *Any additional documentation*