



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

Children's Aid, Inc. will award a one-time \$500 scholarship providing financial assistance to a student graduating from a Calvert County public high school who is who is pursuing post-secondary career education, vocational or technical training which results in the applicant being awarded accredited vocational certification or Associates Degree.

1. **DEADLINE** for scholarship applications is **Wednesday, May 1, 2024. (No exceptions).**
2. Refer to criteria below for eligibility requirements.
3. Applicants will be judged on scholastic ability, character, citizenship, community service and financial need.
4. Refer to 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 contact Krista Brezina ([KBrezina@TheChildrensAid.org](mailto:KBrezina@TheChildrensAid.org))
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 pursuing post-secondary career education, vocational or technical training which results in the applicant being awarded accredited vocational certification or an Associates Degree.

**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 individual with significant knowledge of 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. Please tell us about your plans after you finish the training/education program for which you are seeking aid. What job do you hope to obtain? Why did you choose this current course of study or career?
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 for solicitation of future scholarship funding.

**Application deadline: May 1, 2024**

Email completed applications to **[ChildrensAidCalvert@gmail.com](mailto:ChildrensAidCalvert@gmail.com)** or Mail to:

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



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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 trade school, technical school or community college will you attend in 2024/2025? If undecided, please list schools under consideration: \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

Technical/Vocational Certification or AA 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 2024/2025?  Yes  No

If yes, list the grant/scholarship source and the dollar amount: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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.*

Please list the coursework you have completed at CTA/High School toward your career goal and any additional experience you may have from employment, etc.

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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).

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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.**

<b>Application Checklist</b>	
<b>Application Form</b>	Completed two-page form.
<b>Letter of Application</b>	The letter should contain a brief explanation of career goals and biographical (background) information.
<b>Letter(s) of Recommendation</b>	Submit at least one letter of recommendation, but no more than two, from teachers, administrators, counselors, employers or individuals with significant knowledge of applicant's educational experience and involvement with school/community activities.
<b>Student Financial Information</b>	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 <a href="http://www.FAFSA.gov">www.FAFSA.gov</a> .
<b>Proof of Community College or Trade School Acceptance</b>	Please provide a copy of your acceptance letter.
<b>High School Transcript</b>	Please provide a recent high school transcript. Transcript does <u>not</u> need to be official and copies are acceptable.
<b>Personal Essay</b>	Essay must be typed in 12- point font, double-spaced, a maximum of 1,000 words. On a separate sheet of paper, please tell us about your plans after you finish the training/education program for which you are seeking aid. What job do you hope to obtain? Why did you choose this current course of study or career?

**STATEMENT OF ACCURACY**

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose 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: \_\_\_\_\_