



Saint Croix Foundation

Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund Application Guidelines

St. Croix Foundation for Community Development was established in 1990 to improve the quality of life for St. Croix residents. The Foundation administers the Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund, which awards scholarships to seniors/incoming freshmen desiring to further their studies at an institution of higher education.

Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund Guidelines

The Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund was established by Junior Gaspard in honor of his grandparents, Patrick and Amelia Williams, whose work ethic, determination, and expectation of excellence led to educational opportunities for multiple generations. The Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Scholarship's goal is to provide opportunities to youth who have met obstacles but persevere despite these challenges and see educational pursuit as a means to achieving personal/professional success that can then be shared with the next generation.

Award Cycle: The Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund will award two (2) scholarships per year at a maximum of \$5,000 per award. Applications may be submitted to the Foundation beginning May 1 of each calendar year; applications must be submitted by June 15. Applicants will receive notice by July 16th as to the status of their application. *All applications are reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee.*

Qualifications: To qualify for a Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Award, applicants must:

- ✓ Reside on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
- ✓ Be a senior in a St. Croix public high school or incoming freshman matriculating into college/university from a public high school
- ✓ Have attended a public junior high school on St. Croix
- ✓ Provide proof of acceptance to an accredited college/university
- ✓ Demonstrate specific, long-term goals and financial need
- ✓ Indicate and maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale

Review Process: All applicants that satisfy the above requirements are considered with priority given to applications that demonstrate:

- ✓ Meaningful community service/volunteering or work experience (reflected in letters of reference and personal statements)
- ✓ Participation in extra-curricular activities (e.g. clubs, after school programs, etc.) or description of socioeconomic circumstances that prevented the ability to join

Attachments: This completed application **MUST INCLUDE** (*clear copies acceptable):

- _____ Birth or baptismal certificate
- _____ High school and junior high school transcript/report card
- _____ Acceptance letter to college/university
- _____ Two letters of reference (one must be an academic reference; professional reference also preferred)
- _____ Two (2) 500-word essays: (1) describing a time the applicant showed perseverance and overcame adversity and how this experience shaped the person he/she is today; and one (1) describing the greatest impacts that obtaining a college/university degree will have on the applicant's life

This completed application and **all** the above documentation should be mailed or delivered to:

St. Croix Foundation: Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund
1023 Market, 2nd Floor
Christiansted, USVI 00820

For additional information, please contact the Foundation at 340-773-9898.



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Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

This form, along with all supporting documents outlined in the guidelines, must accompany the student's completed application by June 15. **Applicants are encouraged to submit their applications online at www.stxfoundation.org** but may also mail or deliver to **St. Croix Foundation, Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund, 1023 Market Street, Christiansted, VI 00820.**

Contact Information (Please type or neatly print all information)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Physical Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
City State Zip Code

Telephone No.: _____ Email: _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Please list below all junior high and high schools attended. List your high school first and then your junior high school. If extra space is needed, please attach a separate sheet.

Name of high school(s) and junior high school(s) attended	From Month / Year	To Month / Year	Graduation Date

Employment Information - if applicable (Please type all information)

Employer Name: _____ Occupation/Title: _____

Physical Address: _____
City State Zip Code

1. Are you currently participating or volunteering in any community activities? Explain: _____

College/University Information

For what University(ies) or institution(s) have you applied? List in order of your preference.

[Attach copy of acceptance letter; attach program summaries/brochures]

A) _____ Major: _____ Accepted? Yes No Don't Know

B) _____ Major: _____ Accepted? Yes No Don't Know

C) _____ Major: _____ Accepted? Yes No Don't Know

EXPENSES: What will be your costs to attend the program? Please indicate costs for institutions listed above.

	Preference A	Preference B	Preference C
Tuition for the full program	_____	_____	_____
Room & Board	_____	_____	_____
Supplies/Books	_____	_____	_____
Travel	_____	_____	_____
Other Expenses (Explain)	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL:	_____	_____	_____

AVAILABLE FUNDS: What funds are available to you to help cover the costs of your preferred university?

Family contribution	_____
Student earnings/contribution	_____
Scholarships	_____
Other resources (explain)	_____
TOTAL:	_____

What is the dollar amount of scholarship you would need to attend your chosen program? \$ _____

THIS CERTIFICATION MUST BE SIGNED AND DATED BY THE APPLICANT BEFORE THE REVIEW PROCESS CAN BEGIN. I understand that withholding information requested on this application or giving false information may make me ineligible for a scholarship from the Patrick and Amelia Williams Opportunity Fund. I certify that the statements I have made on this application are correct and complete.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____
(Applicant must sign in order to qualify)

Parent/Guardian Signature (if applicant is under the age of 18 years old)

Printed Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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