

Birthright Neglia Family Scholarship

Birthright of Columbia invites graduating expectant/parenting high school seniors and expectant/parenting college* students to apply for a **one-time non-renewable** scholarship of \$1,000.

Our goal is to enable the expectant/parenting student to pursue and/or continue a higher-level education and advance their career to provide a safe, stable, and financially secure future for the baby.

Requirements for scholarship application year 2026/2027:

- Must be a current expectant or past parent of Birthright of Columbia with pregnancy (currently pregnant or parenting a child 12 months old or younger). *If applicant is an expectant/parenting father, then he must be involved with the pregnancy and be providing support (financially) for the family (see criteria p.4).*

AND

- Graduating from high school in the spring of 2026 and planning to attend college* either in South Carolina or out of state in 2026 **OR**
- Currently enrolled in an accredited school/college* in an associate's or bachelor's degree program **OR**
- Be a returning mature student to an accredited school/college*

*Refers to an accredited university, college, technical or trade school program.

Applicant must show proof of FAFSA and acceptance or enrollment (schedule for upcoming semester). Note: Scholarship will be paid directly to the college to defray tuition expenses.

OR

Show proof of transcript AFTER semester is over. Note: Scholarship will be awarded after requirement is met.

DEADLINES FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

May 1, 2026 (Summer 2026), July 1 (Fall 2026), November 1 (Spring 2027)

Applications will be ranked by a three-member panel selected by Birthright's Board of Directors.

*****Birthright reserves the right to verify all submitted information, including but not limited to, school/college accreditation, enrollment, transcript verification, and references provided. By submitting this application and signing below, the applicant expressly grants Birthright permission to request and receive transcripts and enrollment information for a period of three months from the submission of the application.***

(Signature)

APPLICATION

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION: See schedule above

To submit your application, please read and complete the following directions carefully.

There are four Components of the application that must be scanned and submitted via email or mailed directly to Birthright of Columbia.

Email to: anita@birthrightofcolumbia.org

OR

Mail to:

Attention: Anita Campanelli
Birthright of Columbia
1316 Richland St
Columbia SC 29201

Components:

1. Cover Page
2. Eligibility Documentation
3. Reference Letters (2)
4. Essay

The application can be emailed to you upon request and completed by computer or by hand. Writing must be legible for the application to be considered.

Cover Letter

Applicant's Name: _____

Full Address (including Apt#//Lot#): _____

Phone/Cell #: _____

Email Address: _____

Complete if you are a High School Graduating Senior:

Name of High School: _____

Address/Location of School: _____

Name of University/College: _____

Major (if known): _____

Complete if you are a Currently Enrolled or Returning University/College Student:

Name of University/College: _____

Address/Location of School: _____

Major: _____

Eligibility

Proof of **FAFSA*** and **acceptance letter or enrollment schedule** for upcoming semester (for current graduating high school seniors).

OR

Proof of **transcript/grades AFTER** semester is completed (for currently enrolled college students).

*Note: Assistance can be provided to fill out **FAFSA** application.

Provide 2 letters of reference from a teacher, coach, employer, church leader, or mentor. The letter cannot be from a family member. The letters must be emailed or mailed **directly** to Birthright by one of the methods below. Applications without referral letters provided in this manner will NOT be considered.

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OR

Mail to:

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Essay (500 Words or Less)

- Tell us about yourself and your child/children. Include any achievements, volunteer projects, sports, activities, and hobbies.
- Explain why you are pursuing this major and what you hope to do in the future***
- Explain how this scholarship will help you pursue the goals listed above.
- Explain how this scholarship will help your baby or child.

*****Additionally, if you are applying as the EXPECTANT FATHER of the baby you must include:**

1. **How are you currently involved with the pregnancy?**
2. **How are you currently providing support (financially) for mom/baby?**
3. **What are your long range goals in education? and**
4. **How do you intend to provide for your family?**



