



# Empower x Momentum Scholarship



**Two \$1,000 Non-Renewable Scholarships Available**

**Deadline for Submission: March 15, 2026**

## Scholarship Description

The **Empower x Momentum Scholarship** is a collaborative initiative between **Plays 2 Empower** and **Momentum Health Charities**, created to support **African American female students in Prince William County** who demonstrate **academic achievement, leadership, and a commitment to their communities**. Two scholarships of **\$1,000** each will be awarded to students planning to attend an accredited college or university beginning in **Fall 2026**. The mission of this scholarship is to provide financial support that empowers deserving young women to achieve their educational goals, develop as leaders, and continue giving back to their communities.

## Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet **all** of the following criteria:

- Must be a **graduating senior** from a Prince William County High School (Class of 2026)
- Must **identify as an African American female**
- Must have a **minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0** or higher
- Must submit a **personal essay (500 words max)**
- Must submit **two letters of recommendation**
  - *At least one must be from a current school official (teacher, counselor, or administrator)*
- Must provide an **activities résumé** listing:
  - Community service, leadership roles, extracurricular activities, honors, and/or employment

- Must submit an **official or unofficial high school transcript**
- Must show **proof of college/university acceptance** (required before funds are disbursed)
- Must submit their **FAFSA Student Aid Index (SAI)**
- **Immediate family members** of Plays 2 Empower or Momentum Health Charities board members are **not eligible** to apply

## Application Period & Deadlines

- 📅 **Opens:** October 1, 2025
- ⌚ **Closes:** March 15, 2026 at 11:59pm
- 🏆 **Recipients Announced By:** May 1, 2026

*Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.*

## Application Package Must Include:

- ✅ **Completed Application Form** – Fill out all sections.
- ✍️ **Personal Essay (500 words max)** – Prompt:  
“Describe a challenge you have faced in your community or personal life and how it has shaped your goals for the future.”
- 📄 **Activities Résumé** – Include leadership roles, service, extracurriculars, honors, and work experience from the past 12 months
- ✉️ **Two Letters of Recommendation** – One must be from a school official
- 🎓 **Transcript** – Official or unofficial, must show GPA
- 🏠 **Proof of College Acceptance/Enrollment** – Required before scholarship funds are awarded
- 📊 **FAFSA Student Aid Index (SAI)** – Include a copy or screenshot of your FAFSA confirmation or SAI page

## Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated based on:

- Quality and depth of the personal essay
- Demonstrated leadership and community involvement
- School and non-school activities, service, and honors
- Strength and relevance of recommendation letters
- FAFSA SAI (used to help assess financial need)
- GPA and overall academic performance
- Completeness and presentation of the application

## Recipient Responsibilities

Scholarship recipients may be asked to provide a brief update during their first year of college. This helps Plays 2 Empower and Momentum Health Charities understand how the scholarship is supporting their educational journey.

## Contact Information

For questions or additional information, visit [plays2empower.org/scholarship](https://plays2empower.org/scholarship) or contact: [info@plays2empower.org](mailto:info@plays2empower.org)


## How to Apply

Apply online using this link: <https://forms.gle/TPbWh7wN32vw3WnJ7>

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