

## Irene Cook Stallard Scholarship



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The Irene Cook Stallard Scholarship is made possible through the generosity of Dr. Sondra Stallard, the 13th president of Strayer University. The scholarship honors Dr. Stallard's mother, Ms. Irene Cook Stallard, who entered college in her 50s, successfully completed her coursework while working full time and was the first member of the Cook family to graduate. Ms. Cook served as an inspiration to Dr. Stallard throughout her life. Successful applicants will receive a full scholarship, including the cost of tuition, technology fees and books for a Strayer University undergraduate degree.



**START YOUR  
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION  
ON THE NEXT PAGE**

This application is due **Friday, Sept. 11, 2026, by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time**. You will be notified by **Friday, Sept. 18, 2026**, as to whether you are a scholarship recipient. The program begins fall quarter 2026.



# Irene Cook Stallard Scholarship application

## DIRECTIONS

Save a copy of this application and complete all the fields.

Email your completed form to [officeofthepresident@strayer.edu](mailto:officeofthepresident@strayer.edu).

### Please include:

- Your official college transcript
- One letter of recommendation from a current employer, community leader or a community college faculty or staff member on official letterhead

## REVIEW ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Before you apply, confirm that you:

- Have successfully completed an associate degree program from an accredited community college
- Are a first-time bachelor's degree seeking student
- Are seeking to enroll in a bachelor's degree in a current program of study at Strayer University during fall 2026
- Will be available to start the program fall quarter 2026
- Agree with terms related to specific award and scholarship requirements for initial and continued eligibility for this scholarship
- Meet all [Strayer University admissions requirements](#)

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## PERSONAL INFO

First name:

Last name:

Email:

Phone number:

Home address:

City:

Postal code:

State:

Date of birth:

How did you hear about this scholarship?  
(select one)

I consent to receive phone calls and electronic communications directly related to this application. Consent is not required to purchase goods or services. You can always call us at 1-866-314-3547.

[We respect your privacy.](#)

## ESSAY :

Answer the following essay question, using up to 500 words for your answer.

**What influenced your decision to pursue a bachelor's degree at this time, and how do you see obtaining the degree making a difference in your life goals?**

## LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION :

*Directions to applicant:*

Please provide this page, or the information below under Directions to recommendation provider, to the person from whom you're requesting the recommendation letter. The person providing your recommendation should be someone who can speak formally and officially about your commitment to continued learning and education.

*Directions to recommendation provider:*

The applicant is applying for the Irene Cook Stallard Scholarship at Strayer University and requesting a letter of recommendation from you. The scholarship provides a full-tuition scholarship toward a bachelor's degree. Please provide your recommendation letter on official letterhead. Include in your letter how you know the applicant and reference the applicant's commitment to continued learning and education.

*Strayer University is certified to operate in Virginia by SCHEV and has many campuses, including one at 2121 15th St. N. in Arlington, VA.*