BULL RUN CIVIL WAR ROUND TABLE (BRCWRT)

2025 SCHOLARSHIP

INSTRUCTIONS

The Bull Run Civil War Round Table will provide a $2,000 scholarship to one 2025 high school senior from a public or private high school in Prince William or Fairfax County, including the cities of Manassas, Fairfax, and Manassas Park.

The goal of our scholarship program is to increase interest and knowledge of American history with special emphasis on the Civil War as it happened in the local area and how it affected armies and civilians for both sides in the war.

The applicant should have a good academic record, show a passion for American history. The applicant, however, is not required to major in American history in college. However, he/she should be ready to explain how one’s interest in history could co-exist with one’s career or leisure life after college.

THE SCHOLARSHIP PACKET

Applicants must submit the Scholarship Packet by email no later than April 4, 2025 by going to: BRCWRTScholarship@gmail.com. Please include the following:

1. A completed Application Form. You can obtain the form by clicking on http://brcwrt.org, then clicking on the “College Scholarship” link found on the left side of the web page, or from scholarship databases at local schools.

2. A copy of the applicant’s high school grade transcript which include the first semester classes being taken during the current school year and showing the cumulative grade point average.

3. A letter of recommendation from a person not related to the applicant, but who is familiar with the applicant’s interest in American history.

4. An essay written by the applicant which focuses on the importance of a historical site in Northern Virginia which is related to the Civil War. In your paper you should include stories of the people associated with the site during the Civil War, what happened at that site, and why it was important.

\*Essay Requirements:

1. Have a clear and descriptive title for your essay along with your name. It should include a brief thesis statement at the beginning of your essay. The paper must be original with no evidence of plagiarism or the use of artificial intelligence.
2. The paper must be typed and double spaced.
3. The paper must have a bibliography page which lists a minimum of four sources, with at least one being a primary source, such as a memoir of someone who lived during the Civil War, or *The Official Records of the Union & Confederate Armies of the Civil War.*
4. The paper should be 3-5 pages in length, with a minimum of 750 words, not counting the title and bibliography page.

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1. All primary and secondary sources must be cited within the text of the essay, consistently using one reference style of the writer’s choice (such as the *Chicago Manual of Style*).

OTHER INFORMATION

\* The applicant’s career objective need not be in work that involves solely the study or use of

   Civil War history. However, the applicant must show either from his/her academic records

   and/or interview that he/she has an interest in using his/her future leisure time to the study or

   stewardship of American history.

\*  ​Each applicant will be notified shortly after April 4, 2025 that their application packet was

   ​received. Finalists will be notified by mid-April that they have been selected for an interview.

\*  ​The winner will be invited along with their parents to the June 12, 2025 BRCWRT general membership meeting at the Centreville Library at 7 p.m.  Prior to the meeting, the applicant and parents will be guests at dinner with Round Table leaders.

\*   The winner will receive a free membership in the BRCWRT.

\*   The stipend awarded to the winner will be sent to the winner’s college or university where it

will be applied to tuition costs.

\*​ The applicant cannot be related directly to the BRCWRT Executive Committee or the BRCWRT Scholarship Committee. The Round Table reserves the right to withhold a scholarship if it considers the quality of the submissions to be inadequate.

\* If you do not have access to email or the internet, you may mail the packet to the following address:

​​​​​​​The Bull Run Civil War Round Table

​​​​​​​c/o The Scholarship Committee

​​​​​​​P.O. Box 2147

​​​​​​​Centreville, VA  20122

\*   BRCWRT Contacts to answer your questions:

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