

Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584

THE MARY F. SURRY SCHOLARSHIP

The Mary F. Surry Scholarship, created October 18, 2014, pays homage to the ***First*** *Worthy Matron of Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584, Order of The Eastern Star, Prince Hall Affiliated, Jurisdiction of Georgia.*

Mary F. Surry, born Christmas Day, is the oldest of four children. Past Matron Surry served as the 1st Worthy Matron of Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584 for the years of 1999 – 2001. She served as a District Worthy Matron (2007) for the Atlanta District, Grand Treasurer (2007 – 2017), Grand Chairman of Trustees (2022 – 2023), Grand Associate Conductress (2023 – 2026) and is the current Grand Conductress (2026 – present). She also holds positions in numerous auxiliaries. Past Matron Surry loves children as much as she loves to serve and can be described as consistent, loyal, progressive, honest, and genuine just to name a few.

"Whatever she does, she does it because that's who she is and that's what the organization is about…service."

This scholarship is in dedication to her for all of her service, hard work, and love.

Scholarship Details	
Scholarship Name:	The Mary F. Surry Scholarship
Sponsor:	Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584, Order of the Eastern Star, Prince Hall, Jurisdiction of Georgia

Eligibility Requirements	
Residency:	U.S. Citizen
State of Residence:	Georgia
Applicant Status:	Current High School Senior/Graduate
Gender:	Female
Award may be used for:	Tuition, Room and Board, or Books
Award may be used at:	Accredited Post-Secondary Institution, Technical School or Vocational Studies Program
Accreditation:	School must be accredited
Location of school:	United States and Minor Outlying Islands Designated Institutions

Application Requirements	

Application Requirements 	• Essay
	  ○ Topic denoted by the Scholarship Committee
	  ○ 500 words
	  ○ Times New Roman Font
	  ○ 12 Character font
	  ○ 1.5 Paragraph spacing
	• Transcript
	  ○ Most recent within the past six (6) months
	• Two (2) Letters of Recommendation to include:
	  ○ Name, Phone, and Email of person making the recommendation
	  ○ List specific reason(s) you are recommending the applicant

Applicant must demonstrate:	• Leadership • Commitment to Service • Charitable contributions/hours • Financial need • Academic Achievement
Additional information:	Applications are available ***now***.
Award distribution:	Once per year, per recipient
Membership in OES is not required, but the application must be endorsed by and submitted to Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584 for consideration. The award recipient is selected by the Scholarship Committee.	

General Information	
Type of award:	Scholarship
Deadlines	
Application Deadline:	**November 16, 2026**
Notification Date:	**November 19, 2026**

Contact Information	
Mailing Address:	Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584, P.O. Box 962048, Riverdale, GA 30296
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Scholarship Guidelines

Our scholarship programs are for undergraduate studies only. A student may not receive more than one (1) Mary F. Surry scholarship award or grant in any one academic year.

All checks given to the award recipient will be made payable to the school; under no circumstance can we make payment *directly* to the award recipient.

Scholarship awards may be used for the cost of attendance expenses. In order to receive payment, the award recipient must have the school send to our mailing address the completed Verification of Enrollment form. Upon receipt, we will issue a check made payable to the school and mail it directly to the award recipient's address provided on the scholarship application. We will notify the student when we mail the check.

Since most checks are being prepared during the months of August through November, the award recipient must allow four to six weeks for payment.

It is the responsibility of the award recipient to follow up on all matters relating to her scholarship award.

The information herein should not be turned over to publishers or those who wish to include it in a computer resource listing without the written permission of the Scholarship Committee. Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584 has no loan programs, vocational grants, or assistance for graduate studies available and does not maintain a mailing list.

For more information contact the Viola Hart-Felton Chapter No. 584 at secretary@vhf584.com.