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Robert C. Saffold Scholarship

2026



The **Robert C. Saffold Scholarship Fund** was established by Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc. (FNPH) in memory of Robert C. Saffold, who was instrumental in assisting youth to proceed with their post-secondary education that would be beyond their capacity to reach due to their low-income status (Addendum #1). The Fund will accomplish its purpose by providing financial assistance with the expenses of higher vocational training and/or college education. An award, of **\$1,000.00** vocationally and **\$2,000.00 academically**, will be given per student, with a maximum of six (6) students selected. This Scholarship is administered under guidelines established by the FNPH Board of Directors.

Eligibility

The Robert C. Saffold Scholarship Fund is available to individuals who are:

- (1) Students at Avon Park High School, Lake Placid High School, and Sebring High School.
- (2) Have a high school diploma or GED / GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Scholarship recipients will be selected from these schools based on good work habits, and the potential for vocational training and/or college-level achievement.

Application Instructions

Complete the attached application form to apply for the Robert Saffold Scholarship Fund and submit it to the address listed below. You may also submit an online application at <https://form.jotform.com/253443883493063>.

Applications will be reviewed once a year. A checklist is provided to ensure all required documents are included (Addendum #2).

Requirements

- Essay describing how applicants' career path will benefit the community in which they reside. The essay must be formatted using college requirements, i.e.: 1-inch margins all around, type using Times New Roman, 12 font, and doubled-space.
- Applied, admitted, or currently enrolled at a post-secondary institution (State College, Vocational School, or University).
- Provide a high school transcript that shows your weighted GPA.
- Provide the attached form signed by Guidance Director or Principal with the GPA (Addendum #3).
- Up to two letters of recommendations.

We look forward to receiving your application. Applications are due by **March 6, 2026**. The deadline will be adhered to. Applications received after March 6, 2026, **will not** be considered.

Submit to: Florida Non-Profit Housing:

ATTENTION: Steven Brown

P. O. Box 1987

Sebring, Florida 33871-1987

sbrown@fnph.org

Scholarship Type Selection (check one)

☐ Academic Scholarship

☐ Vocational/Technical Scholarship

Personal Information

Today's Date: _____

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email _____

Birthdate: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

Education Information:

Name of Attending High School:

City: _____ State: _____ Graduation Year: _____ Weighted GPA: _____

Check one: ☐ I have applied ☐ I have been admitted ☐ I am currently enrolled

Proof of acceptance or current student enrollment will be required for receipt of funds.

Essay

How will your career path benefit the community in which you reside.

Doubled-spaced, 1 inch margin, Times New Roman, 12 in font.

Letters of Recommendation

Academic Potential - Student Instructions

Have this section completed by a **school administrator, counselor, dean, teacher, employer, or personal reference** with significant knowledge of applicant's experience and involvement. Have them place the completed signed appraisal in a sealed envelope. Enclose the unopened envelope with the completed application and forward it to Steven Brown, Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc.

This form must be completed by someone other than a family member. Up to two letters of academic potential recommendations may be included.

Student References Instructions

Write whatever you think is important about this applicant, including a description of academic and/or personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the applicant's maturity, integrity, leadership potential, work habits, enthusiasm, concern for others, respect accorded to faculty/staff and reaction to setbacks that will help us to differentiate this applicant from others. Also include how long you have known the applicant and in what context. **Place the completed recommendation in a sealed envelope and sign the seal for security. Return the envelope to the applicant. For electronic applications, send a letter directly to FNPH at the email address below.**

Methods of Application Submission:

(1) Paper Application: Mail

Submit to: Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc
Post Office Box 1987
Sebring, FL 33871-1987
Attention: Steven Brown

(3) Hand Delivered:

3909 Kenilworth Blvd.
Sebring, FL 33870

(2) Electronic Application:

Submit to: Sbrown@fnph.org

(4) On Line Application:

<https://form.jotform.com/253443883493063>

Certification

If I am selected as a Scholarship winner and in consideration thereof, I understand, agree, and hereby grant permission to Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc. to use my likeness and name in announcing and promoting this Scholarship.

I understand and agree that the Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc. Scholarship Fund Committee is solely responsible for the selection of the Scholarship winners, and its decision is final. I have completed the Scholarship application and have attached the required documentation. In submitting this application, I certify that the information is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand and agree that falsification of information will result in termination of the Robert C. Saffold Scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Biography of Robert Calvin Saffold, Sr.

Robert Calvin Saffold, Sr., was born on November 12, 1929, in Okeechobee, Florida. He was raised by his late Uncle Will and Aunt Jesse Saffold, whose domicile was in Sebring, Florida. His educational foundation was established in the Sebring, Florida school system. Upon graduating high school at E.O. Douglas High School, he enlisted into the military and served in the Korean War (1951-53). Afterwards, Robert received the GI bill and matriculated to Bethune-Cookman College (Daytona Beach, FL). He excelled academically and was active in many clubs and organizations.

Upon graduation, Robert dedicated his life to education and community development. He taught and coached generations of students throughout the community, including professional assignments at E. O. Douglas High School and Lake Placid High School during the era of integration/desegregation. As a result of his community efforts, students annually received school bookbags and supplies; the community celebrated Juneteenth; children and adults learned and played golf.

Robert exerted foresight, thoughtful resource management, and strategic planning skills to achieve long lasting improvements in infrastructure and social change as a community activist and visionary leader. Roads in rural areas were paved; streetlights were erected; high school children learned and played competitive basketball; graduating seniors participated in college tours (the Bethune-Cookman stop was always the spotlight!); families received gift cards during the holidays; a church was built and sustained; and overall, his community prospered.

Robert was a gifted orator and artist. He addressed crowds of any size or communicated on an individualized basis, i.e., Rotary Club, NAACP, Black History programs, City and County Commissions.

Robert is an unsung hero who wore many “hats” throughout his life: son, brother, husband, father, veteran, educator, mentor, tutor, activist, visionary, trailblazer, coach, and so much more! He sacrificed his time, talent, and/or resources for children and his community - he was recognized on his 85th birthday with a key to the city by Mayor John Shoop for his many contributions. The following is a selected listing of the many initiatives/organizations to which he sacrificed his time, talent, and/or resources: *Annual Florida Classic* (Former Trip Coordinator); *Annual Juneteenth Festival* (Former Chair); *Bountiful Blessings Church of God (Elder)*; *Boys and Girls Club* of Highlands County; *Champions for Children Foundation, Inc.*; *Florida Non-Profit Housing, Inc.* (Former Board member); *National Alumni Association of Bethune-Cookman University*; **Sunshine State Amateur Golfers Association, Inc.**; and the *Rotary Club*.

Robert Calvin Saffold, Sr. lived to share his life with others, and he lived to help others. He lived a full, meaningful life. He transitioned peacefully with grace and dignity on July 21, 2021, at the age of 91.

Robert C. Saffold 2026 Scholarship Application Checklist

Student Name: _____

Scholarship Type Selection	<input type="checkbox"/>
Personal Information	
Person's information - full name and address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Telephone number(s)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Email address	<input type="checkbox"/>
Education Information	
Current School Information	<input type="checkbox"/>
School Transcripts	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidance Counselor signed Statement on GPA	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acceptance by or current enrollment at College/Technical School	<input type="checkbox"/>
Miscellaneous Information	
Demonstration of Good Work Habits	<input type="checkbox"/>
Scholarship Essay	<input type="checkbox"/>
Letter(s) of Recommendation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Academic Potential (completed by school administrator, counselor, teacher, or personal reference)	<input type="checkbox"/>

Robert C. Saffold Scholarship Application

Name of School:

Student's Name:

Grand Point Average (GPA):

Guidance Director

Date