



Jeffrey Matheny Scholarship Application 2025/26

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is sponsoring a scholarship program with the aim of encouraging study, among Virgin Islanders at the university level, with an interest in VI environmental and cultural issues.

The Jeffrey Matheny Scholarship is offered to a St. John or St. Thomas student attending, or entering, an accredited college university with a (planned) major in a field related to the protection and management of the natural resources in the Virgin Islands, and will contribute to making St. John and the Virgin Islands more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. This college scholarship is for local youth who demonstrate passion and dedication toward environmental protection, emblematic of Jeffrey Matheny.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have:

- **St. John or St. Thomas resident and have completed high school in the Virgin Islands (or are currently in the last semester of high school senior year).**
- **Attained a “B” (3.0) average during their previous (and most recent) three semesters of high school and/or university (whichever is applicable).**
- **Studying in a field related to natural or cultural resource protection**
- **2 Letters of Recommendations, 1 from a teacher/educator**

**More information on this scholarship can be found at www.friendsvinp.org/scholarships/
SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE MARCH 24 to Taylor White at twhite@friendsvinp.org/
203-530-4392**



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Jeffrey Matheny Scholarship Application

Date: _____

Name: _____

Place of Birth: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

High School(s) Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

University Attending: _____

Date of University Entry: _____ Intended Major: _____

Please attach the following to your application:

- Official copy of high school or university transcript.
- A brief (approximately 250 word) essay on “Why pursuing study in a field related to cultural or natural resource management is important to me and the future of the Virgin Islands.”
- 2 written references from (1) a current teacher and (1) from someone in the community who knows you personally and can serve as a character reference.



**Jeffrey Matheny Scholarship
Reference Questionnaire –Current Teacher**

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Reference occupation: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to contact: _____

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

2. What is your assessment of the student's academic abilities?

3. What is your assessment of the student's maturity and general character as it might be applicable to receiving this scholarship?

4. Any additional comments you'd like to add that may help influence our decision?



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**Jeffrey Matheny Scholarship
Reference Questionnaire –Character Reference**

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Reference occupation: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to contact: _____

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

2. What is your assessment of the student's academic abilities?

3. What is your assessment of the student's maturity and general character as it might be applicable to receiving this scholarship?

4. Any additional comments you'd like to add that may help influence our decision?
