



Noble Samuel 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 Noble Samuel Scholarship scholarship offered to a St. John or St. Thomas student attending, or entering, an accredited college university with a (planned) major in a field related that will contribute to making the Virgin Islands more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable. This college scholarship is for local youth who demonstrate the leadership skills and community service emblematic of Noble Samuel. The annual scholarship will be in the amount of \$5,000 per academic year (disbursed at the rate of \$2500 per semester). The scholarship includes a paid internship/ employment with Friends of Virgin Islands National Park on St. John during holidays and the summer months.

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, or a field that will make STJ more environmentally, socially and economically secure.**
- **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/](mailto:twhite@friendsvinp.org)
203-530-4392**



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Noble Samuel 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 this application:

- Official copy of high school or university transcript.
- An (approximately 500 word) essay on the following subject: "Why does the Virgin Islands National Park and natural and/or cultural conservation in general matter to you?" Share personal experiences that have inspired you to protect and preserve natural and cultural resources. Include your hopes and vision for the future and any role that you would foresee yourself playing.
- 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.



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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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**Noble Samuel 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?
