

The Jackie Wade Memorial Scholarship (2026)

The Giles Youth-Adult Partnership (GYAP) is offering scholarship awards to graduating seniors from Narrows and Giles High School who are pursuing a degree and career in social work.



Jackie Wade was a founding member of the Giles Youth-Adult Partnership who dedicated her education and career to the field of social work. She worked at Pearisburg Head Start and later with the Giles County Department of Social Services before her death from breast cancer in 1999 at the age of 45.

Scholarship Awards

There will be two awards in 2026 with \$1,000.00 presented to each recipient.

Requirements

This scholarship program is open to eligible seniors at Narrows High School and Giles High School only. Students applying for the scholarship must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and be pre-approved for an eligible training or degree program. (To be verified by NHS/GHS Guidance and Administration.)

Entries must be postmarked by April 29, 2026. (No exceptions.)

Students applying for the scholarship must complete and return the official entry form (found below). Additionally, students must also submit an essay (between 500 – 750 words) explaining why they want to become a social worker. NOTE: Essays should be written on a separate document and not added to the bottom of the application form.

Essays should be typed, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins, using a serif typing font, (i.e. Times New Roman).

Entries should be mailed to: Giles Youth-Adult Partnership, Attn: Mike Wade, 2B Corporate Drive, Radford, VA 24141.

Entries will be evaluated by our Scholarship Review Panel. Judging will be based on adherence to requirements, as well as: use of proper grammar, spelling, and punctuation; and relevance to the essay theme. Questions may be directed to Mike Wade at 540-961-8420 or mwade@nrvc.org.

NOTE: The form below must be completed, printed and returned with the essay.

First & Last Name: Click or tap here to enter text.	Date: Click or tap here to enter text.
Which school do you attend (Narrows High or Giles High)?: Click or tap here to enter text.	

Street Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	
City: Click or tap here to enter text.	State: Click or tap here to enter text.
Zip Code: Click or tap here to enter text.	
Home Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.	Cell: Click or tap here to enter text.
Email Address: Click or tap here to enter text.	
College or Program Where You Have Been Accepted: Click or tap here to enter text.	



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