In 2024 the Community Foundation of the Virginias, Inc. invested a total of $950,869 in support of area organizations and students.

The Foundation approved 209 scholarships for graduating seniors at high schools and home-schooled students in Mercer County and Tazewell County in the 2024 Scholarships Cycle.

The Foundation’s Scholarships Committee recommended awards for 140 applicants this year. Awards were also approved for 31 college students who were eligible to renew scholarships they had received previously.

These awards totaled $319,100, and were funded by 42 separate scholarship funds.

The Foundation appreciates the dedication and hours of time invested by the Scholarships Committee, the members of which are: Tom Chaffins, Chairman; Gene Bailey, Deborah Garton, Kathy Shott, Sharon Webster, and Cathy Zimmerman.

The Foundation approved 70 grants totaling $482,097 in 2024. An additional $147,672 will be distributed from Donor Designated, Donor Advised, and Pass-Through funds.

The Grants were awarded in the four categories of charitable giving: Education, 10 awards; Health, 4 awards; Human Services, 36 awards; and Arts & Humanities, 20 awards.

The Foundation appreciates the diligence of the Grants Committee in reviewing the many applications we received: Kathleen Blaydes, Chair, and members Maggie Asbury, Mary Jo Babbitt, Gene Bailey, Carol Cofer, Deborah Garton, Cathy Payne, Mike Swatts, Peter Taylor, Daniel Wells, and Cathy Zimmerman.