



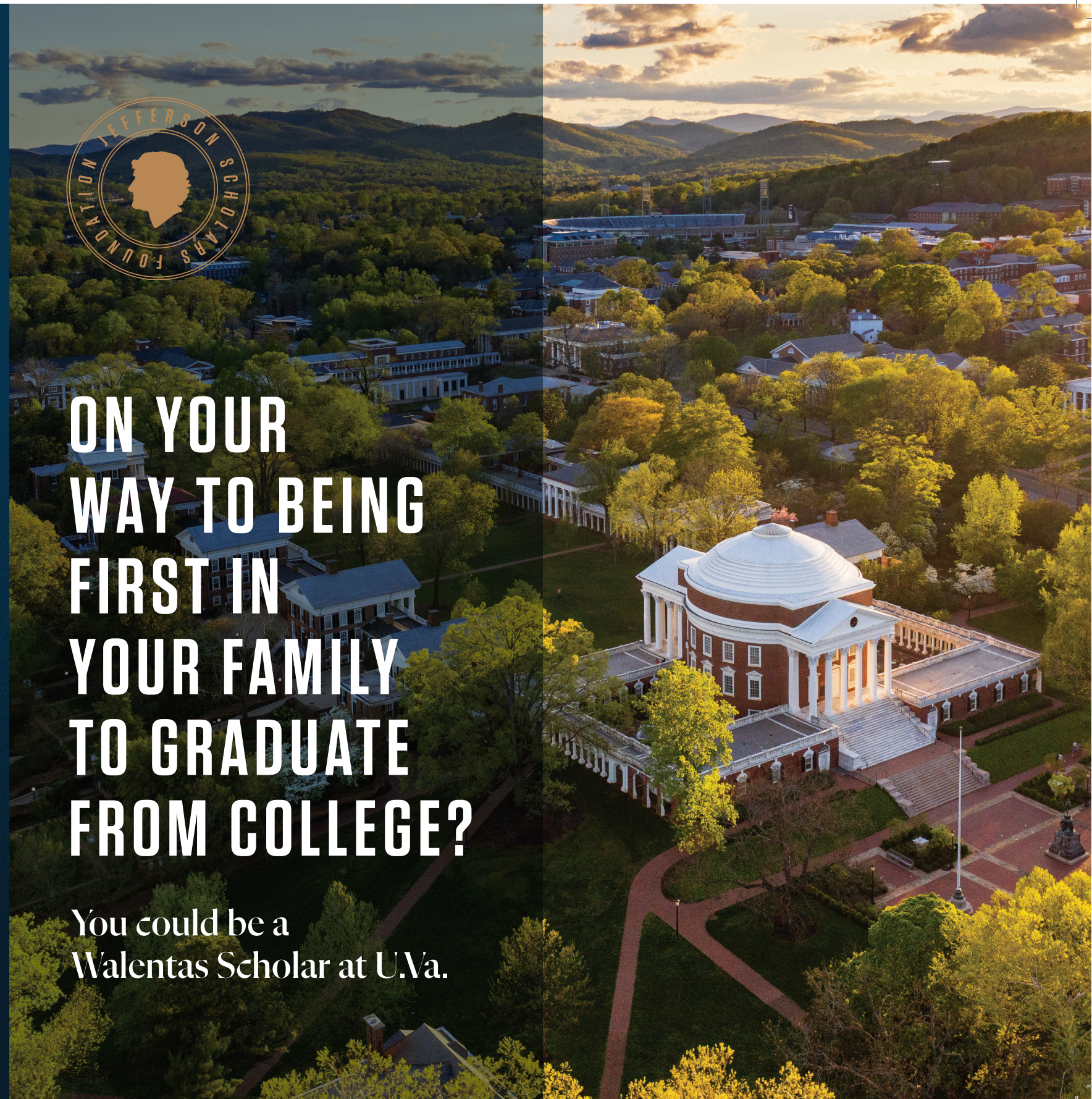
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ON YOUR WAY TO BEING FIRST IN YOUR FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE?

You could be a
Walentas Scholar at U.Va.



The mission of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation is to benefit the University of Virginia by identifying, attracting, and nurturing individuals of extraordinary intellectual range and depth who possess the highest concomitant qualities of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship.

The Foundation has accomplished this mission in many ways over the course of its 40-year history and is excited to expand its efforts in 2021-22 by attracting the inaugural class of Walentas Scholars.

WHAT IS A WALENTAS SCHOLARSHIP?

Walentas Scholarships provide the full cost of attendance for four years of study at the University of Virginia, as well as a robust enrichment program, including study abroad and internships.

THE TOTAL VALUE OF A WALENTAS SCHOLARSHIP EXCEEDS:

\$293,000
— for non-Virginian students —

\$157,000
— for Virginian students —

WHO ARE WALENTAS SCHOLARS?

Walentas Scholars are first-generation college students who demonstrate potential for impact as leaders, scholars, and citizens. They are first or among the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree from a college or university.

HOW DO I BECOME A WALENTAS SCHOLAR?

Candidates for the Walentas Scholarship must be nominated by their high schools by December 1. Once nominated, successful candidates will undergo a series of interviews in front of Foundation-appointed selection committees.



Home of the Jefferson Scholars Foundation

Thanks to a \$100 million gift from U.Va. alumnus David Walentas and his wife, Jane, the Jefferson Scholars Foundation was able to launch a new merit-based scholarship program aimed at attracting the most talented first-generation students to the University of Virginia. The Walentas Scholars Program will welcome its first cohort of Scholars to U.Va. in fall 2022.

“I was the first in my family to attend college, and my time at U.Va. completely changed my life. There are so many talented young people in this country who can help make our society a better place if given the opportunity. I can’t wait to see how these first-generation college students change the world.”

—David Walentas, benefactor