

## Trafficking Survivor Gap Scholarship

Survivors of human trafficking face seemingly insurmountable obstacles to join their peers in reintegrating in society and pursuing educational dreams. Research demonstrates that marginalized students are more likely to succeed and complete a Bachelor's Degree when they are in a four year institution as opposed to starting at a 2 year community college and then transferring. Vanguard University is well equipped to provide the academic support for a student who may have missed out on a quality high school education. Counseling support is also available for those students who enter college with ongoing PTSD. Survivors often qualify for generous financial aid packages; however, there is often a gap in funds that leaves them in a precarious situation to complete their degree successfully.

Name of Fund: Trafficking Survivors GAP Scholarship

Year Established: 2015

Type: Need based, year by year

**Purpose**: This scholarship is established to fill the financial gap that trafficking survivors experience after exhausting all financial aid opportunities.

Eligibility: Scholarship eligibility shall be limited to students who meet the following qualifications:

- Student must be a survivor of human trafficking.
- Student must be currently enrolled at Vanguard University as a full-time student in the undergraduate program.
- Student must have a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- Student must demonstrate financial need as determined by FAFSA.
- Student must demonstrate Christian commitment and Christ-like attitude.
- Student must be recommended/endorsed by the Global Center for Women and Justice.

Reporting: Recipients reports shall be sent at the end of each semester.