MISSION
The Next Generation Scholars Program (NGSP) provides first generation college-bound students enrolled in one of the public schools on St. Thomas with the coaching and support necessary to help them achieve their dreams of higher education. Beginning as early as their sophomore year, eligible Scholars are supported in high school and beyond to ensure success in college. NGS Scholars then become mentors to other high school students in the Virgin Islands.

The program works with parents, mentors, donors, school personnel, and educational institutions to prepare Scholars for higher education and success in life. Parental participation is a key component of the program and is done through workshops, seminars, and individual family meetings.

FOCUS
While in high school, Scholars participate in the Saturday College Preparation Academy which focuses on preparation for the college admissions and application process, career awareness and exploration, and life skills training (résumé building, interviewing skills, and personal finance). The program also provides individual college counseling meetings with scholars and their families, and on-site school visits.

In college, Scholars transition to the College Success initiative. Scholars are supported through individualized counseling, assistance with summer employment, preparation for graduate school, and/or a career in their chosen field. NGSP alumni then serve the greater community as mentors.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
- Applicants must be a current freshman, sophomore, or junior attending a public high school.
- Applicants must be a first generation college bound student - the first person in their immediate family to go to college.
- Applicants are also eligible if one or both parents earned their undergraduate degree part time while raising a family.

APPLICATION PROCESS
January 26, 2015: Application available online
March 7, 2015: Application Deadline
March 20-21, 2015: Applicant Interviews
March 28, 2015: Selection Notification Deadline (email notifications)
April 22, 2015: The Induction Ceremony
May 9, 2015: New Member Meeting

APPLICATION CHECKLIST
- Completed Application with required signatures
- Typed Essays Attached
- Unofficial Transcript or copies of report cards (at least two semesters)

APPLICATIONS CAN BE MAILED, FAXED, OR SCANNED AND EMAILED TO:
The Next Generation Scholars Program
c/o The Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands
P.O. Box 11790, St. Thomas, USVI 00801-4790
Phone: (340) 774-6031, Fax: (340) 774-3852
Program Coordinator/Consultant: Patricia Swan, College Coach - CFVINGS@gmail.com
Applicant Information

Name: _____________________________________________  Sex:  M  /  F  Grade Level: ________
First  MI  Last

Date of Birth:___________________  Place of birth:________________________  Citizenship: _______________

Physical Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

City:  __________________________________ State:  __________ Zip Code:  ________________________

Home Phone:__________________  Cellular Number:______________  Email:____________________________

High School Information

High School:_______________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

City:  __________________________________ State:  __________ Zip Code:  ________________________

Counselor's Name:______________________________  Counselor's Email:  _______________________________

Father/ Male Guardian

Name of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________________________  Relationship:_______________
First  MI  Last

Physical Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

City:  __________________________________ State:  __________ Zip Code:  ________________________

Home Phone:__________________  Cellular Number:______________  Email:___________________________

Citizenship:  __________________________________________ Years resided in the Virgin Islands:  ___________

Highest level of education completed:  ____________________  Name of the Institution:  ___________________

Occupation:  ___________________________________  Employer:_____________________________________

Are you financially responsible for this applicant?:  _______  Total earnings for 2014 (before taxes)    $  ____________

Signature:  ____________________________________________________ Date:  __________________________

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Mother/ Female Guardian

Name of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________________________  Relationship:___________

First  MI  Last

Physical Address: ___________________________________________________________________________________

Mailing Address:____________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip Code: _________________________

Home Phone:_______________ Cellular Number:______________ Email:___________________________

Citizenship: __________________________________________ Years resided in the Virgin Islands: ___________

Highest level of education completed: ____________________ Name of the Institution: ___________________

Occupation: _______________________________ Employer:_______________________________________

Are you financially responsible for this applicant?: _______ Total earnings for 2014 (before taxes) $ ____________

Signature: ____________________________________________________ Date: __________________________

Dependent Children of Parents:

Name: _______________________________ Age: _____ Institution/School:________________________

Name: _______________________________ Age: _____ Institution/School:________________________

Name: _______________________________ Age: _____ Institution/School:________________________

Name: _______________________________ Age: _____ Institution/School:________________________

Essay Section:

Complete both essay questions in this section. Answers must be a minimum of 100 words and a maximum of 300 words per question. Please type your responses and attach to this application.

Question 1: Why do you want to be a part of The Next Generation Scholars Program?

Question 2: What are your long term personal and academic goals?