

# Virginia Governmental Employees Association Scholarship Program

VGEA will award four (4) scholarships each in the amount of \$2,500 for the 2014 Fall Semester.

# Eligibility:

- VGEA members in good standing, spouses, children or grandchildren are eligible.
- Members of the VGEA Board of Directors, VGEA employees and contractors, as well as their spouses, children and grandchildren are not eligible.
- Only the first 100 applications received will be accepted.

### Application Packet must include:

- Application Form.
- One letter from a supervisor or teacher and one personal reference, each no longer than two pages double-spaced.
- An essay that is no longer than two pages double-spaced on one of the topics selected by the committee and included in the scholarship announcement.
- Candidates *may* also be asked to participate in an interview with a member of the VGEA Board of Directors.

#### Guidelines and Procedures:

- Candidates must attend a college or university, or technical institution accredited by the State Council on Higher Education (SCHEV accredited) or state equivalent.
- Once notified that you are a winner your social security number must be given to VGEA for the college accounting purposes.
- Scholarships will be awarded in May for the 2014 fall semester. Notification will be included in the VGEA Newsletter and on the Web site and in the winner's local newspaper. The awarded recipients will be invited to the VGEA Annual Meeting for the presentation. Successful candidates must submit a photo after award notification and attend the VGEA Annual Meeting, September 13, 2014.
- Scholarships awarded will be mailed directly to the college financial aid office.
- VGEA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability.

The Scholarship Committee will review all applications received before the deadline and will recommend recipient(s) to the Board of Directors for approval. The recommendations and scholarships awarded will be at the sole discretion of the Scholarship Committee and the Board of Directors. The decision is final and not subject to review or appeal.



# Virginia Governmental Employees Association Scholarship Application Form

Name:	
	Work Phone:
Email:	
	n the spouse/child/grandchild of a VGEA Member
If you are the spouse/child/grandchi Member, VGEA Number and your re	•
Name of the College or University w Office.	rith the Address and Phone Number of the Financial Aid
Name and address of your local news	spaper for a press release if you are a scholarship winner.
certificate of your scholarship.	ly, a member of VGEA would like to attend to present you a and time.

All forms and attachments must be typed with a size 12 font. Please include the following items in your application packet:

- This completed Application Form.
- Two letters of reference; letters must be no longer than two pages double-spaced.
- An essay, no longer than two pages double spaced on **one** the following topics:

Describe an instance where public service impacted your life and what you have learned from that experience? How will you pay it forward?

Virginia is one of five states that do not have a Memorial for Public Safety Employees. Why should Virginia have such a Memorial? What public safety employees would you include on this Memorial and which ones would not be included? Why or why not would you include these employees?

Electronic submittal to <u>info@vgea.org</u> is preferred. Applications must be received at the VGEA office and postmarked Friday, February 28, 2014. Electronic submissions must be received by midnight Friday, February 28, 2014. All applicants will be notified of the results of the process no later than April 18, 2014.