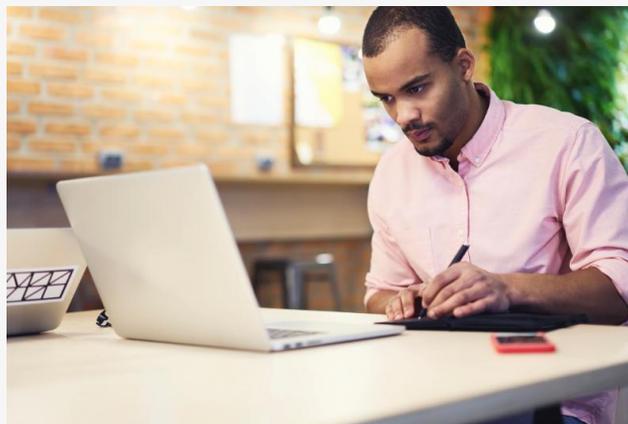




It's scholarship application time



For the eighth year in a row, the VGEA is awarding \$10,000 in college scholarships for the fall semester.

In all, four \$2,500 grants will be distributed. To be eligible, the applicant must be a VGEA member, or the spouse, child or grandchild of a member. The member must have been a VGEA member in good standing for at least one full year prior to the application date.

The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, March 8, and only the first 100 applications received will be considered. Scholarship recipients will be notified on May 30.

VGEA board of director members, VGEA employees and contractors, as well as their spouses, children and grandchildren are not eligible. Neither are previous VGEA scholarship winners.

The recommendations and scholarships awarded will be at the sole discretion of the VGEA scholarship committee and board of directors. The decision is final and not subject to review or appeal.

Application criteria

To obtain an application form, visit vgea.org, click Login and go to the Members Benefit page

then select VGEA Scholarship Program. If there is a problem logging in, please send an email to member services at info@vgea.org, or call 877-302-7146.



Application forms must be completely filled out to be eligible and the following criteria must be met:

- Candidates must attend a college, university, or technical institution accredited by the State Council on Higher Education for Virginia or state equivalent.
- Applicants must submit the entire application packet together with his or her name on every page.
- Application packets must be formatted in Microsoft Word or as a PDF.
- All lines on the application form must be completely filled out.
- Two reference letters are required: one from a supervisor or teacher. Another from a personal reference (*non-family member*). Each letter must be no longer than two pages.
- The applicant must include an essay that describes the event that or person who sparked an interest in you to pursue additional education. The essay must be no longer than two pages double-spaced with 12-point font and one-inch page margins. The essay must follow APA or MLA format, and must include the applicant's name on the header of each page.
- A head-shot photo and a bio of up to 250 words must accompany the application.
- Candidates must submit the entire application packet all at one time with their name on each page.
- Half of the funds will be distributed in May for the fall semester. Scholarships awarded will be mailed directly to the college financial aid office. To receive the second half of the grant, the recipient or a representative must be present at the September 14 VGEA annual meeting.
- The applicant's Social Security number must be given to the VGEA for college accounting purposes.
- Recipients must agree to participate in an interview with a member of the VGEA board of directors and staff member for publication in a news release and newsletter.
- VGEA does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, age or disability.



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