

VCU Affinity License Plate Scholarship Award

Sponsored by VCU Department of Business Services

Purpose:

The VCU Affinity License Plate Scholarship Award program is sponsored by the VCU Department of Business Services with proceeds generated by the sale of license plates purchased through the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles bearing Virginia Commonwealth University marks. The program was established to recognize undergraduate Virginia students who have enhanced and promoted the image of Virginia Commonwealth University through their demonstrated efforts while achieving academic scholarship in the classroom.

Multiple scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each will be awarded for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Eligibility:

All full-time VCU undergraduate students residing in Virginia who will complete their degree after the fall 2012 semester may apply for the scholarship. Applicants must have a 2.75 or higher cumulative grade point average and demonstrate financial need.

Qualified candidates must meet the following requirements:

- Be classified as a full-time undergraduate degree seeking student at VCU.
- Have successfully completed at least one semester at VCU and will complete degree requirements after the fall 2012 semester.
- Have at least a 2.75 cumulative GPA at VCU.
- Be a bona fide domiciliary resident of Virginia as defined by section 23-7.4 of the Code of Virginia.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Have promoted or enhanced the image or reputation of VCU, earned favorable recognition for VCU or enhanced the quality of the educational experience at VCU.

Applying for the Award:

Students must complete the application form and short answer question. Additionally, students are required to write a double-spaced essay, of not more than two pages, addressing how they have promoted or enhanced the image or reputation of Virginia Commonwealth University, earned favorable recognition for VCU or enhanced the quality of the educational experience at VCU. An unofficial copy of their VCU transcript and two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a VCU faculty, administrator or staff member) must accompany all applications.

Administration of the Award:

The VCU Affinity License Plate Scholarship will be administered through the VCU Department of Business Services with the assistance of the VCU Office of Financial Aid. Scholarship funds will be directly deposited into each recipient's student account in equal allotments for the fall and spring semester. A selection committee will be actively engaged in the process of selecting scholarship recipients. The selection committee reserves the right to limit the recipient to one scholarship sponsored by VCU Department of Business Services per award year.

Timetable

Applications Accepted:	Until – February 23, 2012
Review Process and Selection:	March 5, 2012 – March 30, 2012
Ceremony:	TBD

Return Applications to:

VCU Business Services
Attn: Affinity License Plate Scholarship Coordinator
1111 West Broad Street, Suite A
P.O. Box 980208
Richmond, Virginia 23298-0208



VCU AFFINITY LICENSE PLATE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: February 23, 2012

**PLEASE REPLY TO ALL QUESTIONS FULLY.
 TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY AND USE ADDITIONAL PAPER AS NECESSARY.**

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Title (Mr./Ms./etc.)	
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Current Address	Number & Street	Apartment #	E-mail Address	Student ID (V) Number
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City	State	Zip	Local Phone	Cell / Work Phone
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Permanent Address (if different from current address)	Number & Street	Apartment #
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City	State	Zip	Phone
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How did you hear about the VCU Affinity License Plate Scholarship Award?

Educational Status:

What is your major? _____

What is your cumulative GPA? _____

When did you begin this program? _____

What semester/year do you expect to complete the program? _____

Extracurricular Activities (Itemize any leadership roles):

Volunteer/Community Activities:

Artistic or Athletic Activities:

Other extracurricular pursuits of importance to you:

Honors or awards:

Other information of interest:

Recent Employment History:

Place of Employment: _____ Date of Employment: _____ - _____

Duties and Responsibilities: _____

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Place of Employment: _____ Date of Employment: _____ - _____

Duties and Responsibilities: _____

Short Answer Question: Limit your responses to 100 words or less, typed and double-spaced.

- Describe the community service projects and volunteering efforts you have engaged in during your time as a college student resulting in favorable recognition for VCU. List the organization names where applicable, number of months or years you were involved and the number of hours per week you dedicated to the project/effort.
Please indicate with an asterisk () those efforts for which you received college credit.*

Essay:

Please complete a double-spaced essay, of not more than two pages, addressing the following:

"How I have promoted or enhanced the image or reputation of Virginia Commonwealth University, earned favorable recognition for Virginia Commonwealth University or enhanced the quality of the educational experience at Virginia Commonwealth University".

Letters of Recommendation:

1) _____

2) _____

Reminder: All applications must be *complete* and post-marked by (or hand-delivered no later than 4:30 PM on) February 23, 2012 to be considered. Faxed or electronically mailed materials **will not** be accepted.

I certify that the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I am attaching to this application two letters of recommendation (one of which is from a university faculty, administrator or staff member), an essay of how I have promoted or enhanced the image or reputation of Virginia Commonwealth University and an unofficial copy of my transcript from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Signature of Applicant_____
Date_____
Student Identification (V) Number

To be considered for this scholarship you must meet the requirements and include the following with your application:

- Essay
- TWO Letters of recommendation
- VCU Transcript (UNOFFICIAL) Printed from e-services

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Section I: (To be completed by applicant)

The following information must correspond exactly to the information submitted on your application.

You should give this form to the recommender and provide him or her with a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Have the recommender place the completed reference into the envelope, seal it and sign across the seal. The envelope should be returned to you, and you should return it unopened with your application.

Do not return separately.

 Last Name First Name Middle Initial Title (Mr./Ms./etc.)

Name of recommender: _____

Section II: (To be completed by recommender)

Virginia Commonwealth University values your comments on the suitability of this applicant for the VCU Affinity License Plate Scholarship Award and will hold your comments in confidence.

How long and in what capacities have you known the applicant?

Please carefully assess the applicant in the following areas. In making your assessment, compare the applicant to other individuals you have known who have similar levels of experience and education.

	Superior	Good	Average	Poor	Unknown
Intellectual ability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability to analyze a problem and formulate a solution	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competence in applicant's general field	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-reliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Creativity/innovation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motivation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Self-discipline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cooperativeness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oral communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Written communication skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Initiative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reliability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please use space on the back of this form to elaborate on the applicant's qualifications.

