

# VCU Excellence in Community Service Scholarship Award

Sponsored by the VCU Department of Business Services  
in partnership with the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services

## Purpose:

The VCU Excellence in Community Service Scholarship Award is sponsored with proceeds generated by the sale of class rings and graduation-related items through the Jostens Company. Virginia Commonwealth University values students who lead through their commitment to service on campus and within the community. We would like to recognize these extraordinary students and their outstanding service achievements through the Excellence in Community Service Scholarship Award.

The amount of this scholarship award is \$2,500 and will be for the 2012-2013 academic year.

## Eligibility:

All full-time VCU undergraduate students who will complete their degree after the fall 2012 semester may apply for the scholarship. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average and demonstrate a commitment to service on campus and within the community.

Qualified candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Be classified as a full-time undergraduate degree seeking student at VCU.
- Have successfully completed a minimum of 24 credit hours at VCU and will complete degree requirements after the fall 2012 semester.
- Have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA at VCU.
- Be a contributing citizen to their campus community and the community-at-large.
- Demonstrate a commitment to service on campus and within the community.

## Applying for the Award:

Students must complete the application form and are required to write a double-spaced essay, of not more than two pages, addressing the affect that their community service and volunteer work has had on their life, particularly focusing on the college years. Students should provide concrete examples from their experiences that demonstrate their commitment to serving as a volunteer on campus and/or in the community. 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 Awards:

The VCU Excellence in Community Service Scholarship Award will be administered through the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services with the assistance of the VCU Department of Business Services. 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: Excellence in Community Service Scholarship Coordinator  
1111 West Broad Street Suite A  
P.O. Box 980208  
Richmond, Virginia 23298-0208



**VCU EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

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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 Excellence in Community Services 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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**Essay:**

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

Describe the affect that your community service/volunteer work has had on your life, particularly focusing on the college years. Provide concrete examples from your experiences that demonstrate your commitment to serving as a volunteer on campus and/or in the community. Please feel free to include information about academic pursuits, career aspirations and work experiences if it complements the focus of this award.

**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 describing the affect that my community service and volunteer work has had on my life, 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.

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Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial	Title (Mr./Ms./etc.)
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Name of recommender: \_\_\_\_\_

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### Section II: (To be completed by recommender)

Virginia Commonwealth University values your comments on the suitability of this applicant for the VCU Excellence in Community Services Scholarship Award and will hold your comments in confidence.

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

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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.

	<b>Superior</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
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.

