

VCU International Student Scholarship Award

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

Purpose:

The VCU International Student Scholarship is sponsored with proceeds generated by the sale of Officially Licensed VCU merchandise. Virginia Commonwealth University values the contributions international students make to the university community through scholarship, service, and leadership. This scholarship will recognize an outstanding international student with a scholarship award up to \$2,000. The award will be for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Eligibility:

All full-time VCU international students who will complete their degree after the fall 2012 semester may apply for the scholarship. Applicants must have a 3.2 or higher cumulative grade point average and demonstrate significant contributions to the university and/or community.

Qualified candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Hold an F-1 international student visa.
- Be classified as a full-time degree seeking student at VCU.
- Have successfully completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at VCU and enrolled for the fall 2012 semester.
- Must have at least a 3.2 cumulative GPA at VCU.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Evidence of significant contributions to VCU and/or the community at large through scholarship, service, and leadership.

Applying for the Scholarship:

VCU international students must complete the application in its entirety and are required to write a double-spaced essay, of not more than two pages, addressing their role in contributing to the university and/or community through scholarship, service and leadership. 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 International Student 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: International Student Scholarship Coordinator
1111 West Broad Street Suite A
P.O. Box 980208
Richmond, Virginia 23298-0208



VCU INTERNATIONAL STUDENT 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 International Student 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: _____

Please indicate the nature of your financial need:

Essay:

Please complete a double-spaced essay, of not more than two pages, addressing the following:
Discuss your specific role and involvement in organizations or activities that focus specifically on your contributions to VCU through scholarship, service and leadership.

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 discussing my role in contributing to VCU through scholarship, service and leadership, 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.)
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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 International Student 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.

