

# VCU Dining Services Multicultural Scholarship Award Program

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## Purpose

The VCU Dining Services Multicultural Scholarship program is sponsored by ARAMARK Educational Services, LLC. Students, who have demonstrated outstanding academic scholarship in the classroom, as well as leadership in diversity efforts at Virginia Commonwealth University, may be considered for a \$2,500 scholarship. The program has been designed to encourage high academic scholarship and recognize the potential for diversity promise for undergraduate students at VCU.

The VCU Dining Services Multicultural Scholarship program coincides with *Kaleidoscope: ARAMARK's Commitment to Diversity*. Through *Kaleidoscope*, ARAMARK identifies tools and resources to support their strategy to retain, develop and recruit a diverse, high-performing workforce and to ensure that they are able to meet the diverse and complex needs of their clients and customers.

## Eligibility

All full-time VCU undergraduate students who will complete their degree after the fall 2009 semester may apply for the scholarship. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average and show demonstrated leadership in diversity efforts at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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 2009 semester.
- Have at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- Demonstrate leadership and diversity efforts at VCU.

## Applying for the Award

Students must complete the application form and the short answer questions. Additionally, students are required to write a double-spaced essay, of not more than two pages, addressing the following: "Multiculturalism in Society: My aspiration to become a leader in diversity at Virginia Commonwealth University." An unofficial copy of your 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 Dining Services Multicultural Scholarship will be administered through the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs 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.

## Timetable:

Applications Accepted:	November 1, 2008 – February 28, 2009
Review Process and Selection:	March 1, 2009 – March 31, 2009
Ceremony:	TBD

## Return Applications to:

Office of Multicultural Student Affairs  
Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services  
University Student Commons  
907 Floyd Avenue, room 215  
P.O. Box 843080  
Richmond, Virginia 23284-3080



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## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application Deadline: February 28, 2009

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	Home Phone	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 Dining Services Multicultural 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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**Short Answer Questions:** Limit your responses to 100 words or less per response, typed double-spaced.

1. Describe the community service projects and volunteering efforts in which you have engaged during your time as a college student (either while attending VCU or at a college or university you previously attended) that have demonstrated your potential for leadership in diversity efforts at 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.*
2. Provide a brief description of your involvement with diversity efforts at Virginia Commonwealth University.
3. Provide a list of three words that a person who supervises you during your diversity efforts would use to describe you. How are the words appropriate?

**Essay:**

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

"Multiculturalism in Society: My aspiration to become a leader in diversity at Virginia Commonwealth University."

Provide concrete examples from your experiences that demonstrate your commitment to diversity efforts on campus and in the community.

**References:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Reminder:** All applications must be *complete* and post-marked by (or hand-delivered no later than 4:30 PM on) February 28, 2009 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 addressing "Multiculturalism in Society: My aspiration to become a leader in diversity at Virginia Commonwealth University" and a copy of my VCU transcripts.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Identification (V) Number

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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 Dining Services Multicultural 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.

	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.

