

Virginia EL Supervisors' Association



February, 2024

Dear ESOL Contact and School Counselor,

The Virginia EL Supervisors' Association is proud to be able to offer scholarships to English Learners who are planning to continue their studies at a college, university, community college, or work-force training programs.

The VESA Scholarship Application form is attached. You may duplicate the application as necessary. Please encourage your English learner (EL) teachers (AKA: ESOL teachers) and school counselors to assist students in gathering the required documents so that all applications will be complete at the time of mailing. Incomplete application packets will not be considered. **The deadline for all applications is April 26, 2024 by 5:00pm EST.**

The following criteria will be used for scholarship consideration:

- Enrolled in an ESL program for at least one year in grades 6-12 in a Virginia public school
- Enrolled in 12th grade at the time of application
- Financial need
- The strength of the student produced essay

Please note the importance of a local contact person taking the time to assist the student in completing ALL sections of the application. Due to the large number of applicants each year, the committee will not be able to personally follow-up on sections of the application that are missing.

We hope to be able to announce the names of the scholarship winners no later than **May 30, 2024.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at via email at scholarship@vavesa.org.

Sincerely,

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Complete VESA Scholarship Application is due April 26, 2024

Student Information	
Full name (including middle):	
Home Address:	
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Date of Birth:	
Country of Birth:	
High School (currently enrolled):	
High School Address:	
Dates of Attendance at this High School:	
U.S. college(s) or programs (including work-force) to which you have applied (list all):	
U.S. college(s) or programs (including work-force) to which you have been accepted (list all):	
The U.S. college or program (including work-force) to which you have already committed (if applicable):	
Intended major/field of study:	

Career Goals:	
List your high school activities (or attach separate sheet):	
List your community service activities (or attach separate sheet):	
List awards or honors you have received in high school (or attach separate sheet):	

Additional Contact Information	
Preferred ESOL teacher or school counselor, including contact information:	
Parents' names:	
Parents' address:	
Parents' phone:	
Financial Information	
Family gross income for year 2023	
Number of brothers/sisters 21 years old or younger living at home:	
Number of brothers/sisters currently in college:	
Please list any scholarships/grants you have applied for and/or received and their amounts:	

The following items must be enclosed in the VESA Scholarship Application packet:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A copy of ALL high school transcripts available
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Two letters of recommendation from teachers, school counselor and/or school administrators at the school in which student is currently enrolled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● This completed application form with attachments for questions 1-3 below

Essay Questions:

Your responses to the following statements will be considered in the selection process. Your responses to these three prompts/questions must be typed and attached to the application.

What are some obstacles you have faced in your life and how did you overcome them? (maximum 400 words)

What is one piece of advice you would give to your 13 year old self? (300 words)

Describe your personal and educational goals. (maximum 300 words)

I certify that the information contained in this application and the accompanying documents is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. And, that the three questions above were written by me without assistance.

(Signature of applicant)

(Date)

(Signature of EL teacher or school counselor)

(Date)

Return completed application to: *(Remember to include all items requested)*

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