



February 6, 2023

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 program.

The VESA Scholarship Application form is attached. You may duplicate the application as necessary. Please encourage your EL 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 28, 2023.**

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. (Current ELs preferred)
- Enrolled in 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of application
- Financial need
- We weight decisions heavily based on the "story" the student shares in their 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 last 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, 2023.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (540) 667-4253, Ext. 12125 or via email at [peteronk@wps.k12.va.us](mailto:peteronk@wps.k12.va.us)

Sincerely,

Kimberly Peterson  
English Learner Program Coordinator  
Winchester Public Schools  
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Winchester, Virginia 22601



**Student Information (Return by April 28, 2023)**

Full name (including middle): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City and Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Been accepted to: \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to attend: \_\_\_\_\_

Intended major/field of study: \_\_\_\_\_ Career Goals: \_\_\_\_\_

List your **school** activities (or attach a separate sheet): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

List your **community service** activities (or attach separate sheet): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Person for School**

Preferred EL teacher or school counselor: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Information**

Parents' names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information**

Family gross income for year 2022: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of brothers/sisters 21 years old or younger living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ or are in college: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any scholarships/grants you have applied for and/or received: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and amount: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**The following items must be enclosed in the VESA Scholarship Application packet:**

- A copy of ALL high school transcripts available
- Two letters of recommendation from teachers, school counselor and/or principal at the school in which student is enrolled
- This completed application form with attachments for questions 1-3 below

Your responses to the following statements will be considered in the selection process. Your responses to items 1-3 should be typed.

1. Give a brief summary of your life, telling what you would like others to know about you. Be sure to include any extraordinary events that have helped to shape your life. (Maximum 300 words)
2. Describe your personal and educational goals and tell how the scholarship money would be used to help you meet your goals. If you have been accepted at a university or college, please indicate where. (Maximum 300 words)
3. Please list any other information that you think might be helpful for the selection committee. For example, list clubs, sports, hobbies, jobs, volunteer work or other similar activities. Also list any honors or awards you have received.

*I certify that the information contained in this application and the accompanying documents is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of applicant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of ESL teacher or guidance counselor)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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

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