

# VCU Scholarship for the Advancement of Women

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

## Purpose:

The VCU Scholarship Award for the Advancement of Women is sponsored by the VCU Department of Business Services through proceeds generated by the sale of class rings and graduation-related items through the Balfour Company. Virginia Commonwealth University values students who dedicate efforts towards the advancement and promotion of women at VCU and beyond. Through the Scholarship Award for the Advancement of Women, our goal is to recognize an extraordinary undergraduate student whose hard work benefits, promotes and advances women or women's issues.

The amount of this scholarship award is \$5,000 and will be for the 2018-2019 academic year.

## Eligibility:

All full-time VCU undergraduate students who will complete their degree after the fall 2018 semester may apply for the scholarship. Applicants must have a 3.0 or higher cumulative grade point average and demonstrate significant contribution to the advancement and promotion of women at VCU and beyond.

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 2018 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 significant contribution to the advancement and promotion of women at VCU or in the greater 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 their specific role in contributing to the advancement and support of women or women's issues. Students should be specific on how their endeavors have benefited women directly or indirectly as well as how the women have impacted their life. An unofficial copy of their VCU transcript and two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from a VCU faculty, administrator or staff) must accompany all applications.

## Administration of the Awards:

The VCU Scholarship Award for the Advancement of Women will be administered through the VCU Department of Business Services with the assistance of the Division of Student Affairs. 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 15, 2018       |
| Review Process and Selection: | March 1, 2018 – April 6, 2018 |
| Ceremony:                     | TBD                           |

## Return Applications to:

VCU Business Services  
Attn: Scholarship for the Advancement of Women Coordinator  
1111 West Broad Street Suite A  
P.O. Box 980208  
Richmond, Virginia 23298-0208



**VCU SCHOLARSHIP FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN**

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Application Deadline: February 15, 2018

**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.) |
|-----------|------------|----------------|----------------------|

|                 |                 |             |                |                       |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Current Address | Number & Street | Apartment # | E-mail Address | Student ID (V) Number |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|

|      |       |     |             |                   |
|------|-------|-----|-------------|-------------------|
| City | State | Zip | Local Phone | Cell / Work Phone |
|------|-------|-----|-------------|-------------------|

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|---|-----------------|-------------|
| Permanent Address (if different from current address) | Number & Street | Apartment # |
|---|-----------------|-------------|

|      |       |     |       |
|------|-------|-----|-------|
| City | State | Zip | Phone |
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How did you hear about the VCU Scholarship for the Advancement of Women?

**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: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

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Duties and Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_**Essay:**

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

Discuss your specific role in contributing to the advancement and support of women or women's issues. Be specific on how your endeavors have benefited women directly or indirectly, as well as how they have impacted your life.

**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 15, 2018 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 the advancement and support of women or women's issues, 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 Scholarship for the Advancement of Women 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.

|   | <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.

