

Virginia Williams High School Career Association, Inc. (VWHSCA, Inc.) Scholarship Application Form - Part 2

The Virginia Williams High School Career Association, Inc. (VWHSCA, Inc) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Our mission is to prepare high school students for a successful transition from high school by exposing them to a variety of career opportunities and expansion of financial knowledge through educational and motivational programs.

Virginia Williams, Director of Student Services at Mt. Vernon High School in Alexandria, VA, was the first African American woman to hold the position in Fairfax County Public Schools. She devoted her career to ensuring that high school students were prepared with the knowledge and confidence to forge successful and meaningful careers and life after high school through her educational career and community involvement.

This year, VWHSCA, Inc. is offering four scholarships to graduating high school seniors.

The students who are eligible for assistance shall be:

1. Graduating seniors in the Washington DC Metropolitan area (DMV) and Virginia Beach City Public Schools (A student is defined as someone who is a 12th grade high school student for the 2025/2026 school year).
2. Have applied to an accredited trade school, community college, or university (proof of application acceptance must be included with the completed application).
3. Have completed the activities template to include the applicant's work, school activities, and community service record.
4. You must provide one (1) letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member that speaks to your character, academic potential, and community involvement. **Letter must be emailed by the writer to scholarships.vwhsca@gmail.com**

Four Students will be awarded \$500 each:

The Virginia Williams High School Career Association, Inc. Scholarship for College, a scholarship for two (2) students who will be attending a two or 4-year college or university.

The Eva M. Bridget Scholarship for Trade School, a scholarship for two (2) students attending a trade school (to include vocational school/apprenticeship program and certification).

Essay Question:

What impact do you hope to make in your chosen field or industry, and how will this scholarship help you achieve that goal?

Deadline: Monday, April 6, 2026

Supplemental Questions:

1. Scholarship winners must provide a copy of the student's commitment letter to their selected college, university or trade school in order to accept the scholarship.

Scholarship application rules:

1. Essay entries must include the following completed materials:
 - a. application form
 - b. proof of application to an accredited trade school, community college, or university
 - c. activities template to include the applicant's work, school activities, and community service record
 - d. signed adult recommendation from someone other than a family member that speaks to the applicant's character, academic potential, and community involvement **Letter must be emailed by the writer to scholarships.vwhsca@gmail.com**
 - e. type-written essay no more 500 words in length adhering to the following formatting guidelines
 - i. 1 inch margins
 - ii. double-spaced
 - iii. 12-point font
2. Applicants may submit only one essay entry during any given scholarship year and the entry may only be submitted once. Further submissions with revisions will not be accepted.
3. Entries utilizing artificial intelligence (AI) will not be considered.
4. Disqualification will result from the following:
 - a. Judges identify non-original material,
 - b. Completed application received after the submission date of **April 6, 2026**.
5. Scholarship entry will be judged on organization, originality/persuasive argument, grammar and community involvement.

Evaluation Process is as follows:

- Judging will be completed by a panel of qualified judges.
- Scoring procedures for both scholarships will be identical.
- Judges will not discuss or compare essays being judged until all essays have been judged.
- All decisions of the judges are final.

- Only judges can assign a penalty or reward points.

Disclaimers:

- Tax consequences may be associated with the prizes received by a Contest winner, which may include, without limitation, an obligation to report as income and to pay taxes on such income to federal, state, or local authorities. It is the responsibility of each contest winner to determine the tax consequences of the prizes received and to comply with all applicable laws in all respects.
- Your essay will become the property of VWHSCA, Inc. once it is submitted and will not be returned.
- VWHSCA, Inc. maintains the right to reproduce, reprint, distribute, perform, display or exhibit submitted essays for advertising, publicity and promotional purposes on its website, at conferences or other venues, without notification or further compensation.