

*Virginia EL Supervisors Association*



February 23, 2021

Dear EL Contact and School Counselors,

The Virginia EL Supervisor's Association (VESA), is pleased to offer scholarships again to English Learners who are planning to continue their studies after high school at an institution of higher learning. This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year that VESA has been able to provide promising students with scholarships.

The VESA Scholarship application form is attached. You may duplicate the application as needed for your applicants. 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. **The deadline for all applications is April 30, 2021. We will not be able to consider incomplete applications or applications received after this deadline.**

The following criteria will be used for scholarship consideration:

- Student has been or was enrolled in an EL program for at least one year in grades 6-12 in a Virginia public school
- Student is enrolled in 12<sup>th</sup> grade at the time of application
- Student has financial need
- We are **most** interested to know your story as an English Learner: Tell us about your journey as well as your goals!
- English Learners pursuing technical programs or non-four-year programs after high school are encouraged to apply

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 applications 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 25, 2021**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact via email at [petersonk@wps.k12.va.us](mailto:petersonk@wps.k12.va.us).

Sincerely,

Kimberly Peterson  
*Virginia EL Supervisors Association*



Student Information (Must Return all information by April 30, 2021 in order to be considered for scholarship.)

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

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

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

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

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

High School (Currently enrolled): \_\_\_\_\_

High School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of Attendance at this High School: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. College(s) to which you have:

Applied \_\_\_\_\_

Been Accepted \_\_\_\_\_ Plan to attend \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

**Contact Person for you at School:**

Preferred EL teacher or school counselor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Information:**

Parent's names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Financial Information:**

Family gross income for year 2020: \_\_\_\_\_

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 have received:

Name of scholarship 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 where 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 you think might be helpful for the selection committee to know. Examples could be clubs, sports, hobbies, jobs, volunteer work, or similar activities. Please 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)*

**Ms. Kimberly Peterson  
Winchester Public Schools  
12 North Washington Street  
Winchester, Virginia 22601**

**\*\*\*All materials must be included and returned by April 30, 2021 to be considered for a Scholarship award.**

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