

Virginia State Fire & EMS Association Educational Financial Grant Application Instructions

Goal of the VSFEMSA Scholarship Committee

The goal of this committee is to make financial grants available to enhance the education of the qualified applicants that apply. It has always been the policy of VSFEMSA to assist qualified applicants to further their education so they can better serve the Citizens in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Eligibility

1. Any person who is a member of the VSFA or a child of a person who is a member of the VSFA is eligible to apply.
2. Applicant must be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
3. Applicant must have been accepted in an **undergraduate** program in an accredited college, university or technical school for the school term following the date of this application.
4. Application must be **complete** and be **postmarked no later than June 1 2026.**
5. **If any section of the application is incomplete and all the required information is not received by the deadline, the application will not be considered.**

Selection Criteria

Selection of a financial grant will be based on point system to be determined by the committee prior to receipt of applications and approved by the Executive Committee of VSFEMSA. Factors considered in points will be academic record, financial needs, essay, future promise and recommendations. The point system will be a scale of 0-5, 0 being the lowest score. Applicants receiving the highest score will be awarded if they meet all the criteria.

How To apply

Complete official application, which **MUST** be signed by the applicant.

Note: To ensure that all information is received on time, candidates should secure all needed information and submit it in one packet postmarked **no later than June 1, 2026.**

Attach the following: (Application must be complete and include all of the following)

CHECK LIST

Checklist:

Two letters of reference

Letter of acceptance from institution unless currently enrolled

Current Transcript. A copy of your transcript is acceptable.

250-word essay on the benefits of emergency/fire services in the applicant's community (Previous submitted essays will not be considered)

Submit Completed Application:

VSFEMSA Scholarship Committee
Attention: Joan Dempsey, Scholarship Chairman
606 Plum Street SW,
Vienna, VA 22180

or

Email: Joanie@vvfd.org

Please email any questions to Joanie@vvfd.org. (You may submit application by email on or before June 1, 2026).



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****Additional Information May Be Attached As Needed****

Date: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

Name of High School You Attended: _____

List of High School clubs, sports, etc. in which you participated and any offices held:

For applicants that are in high school you must submit

SAT Scores: _____ Or ACT Score: _____
Verbal _____ Math _____ Total Score _____ Composite _____

High School Graduation Date: _____

Total Number in Class: _____ Your Rank in Class: _____

Name of College you plan to attend and have been accepted: _____

You must submit transcripts. A copy of your transcript is acceptable.

For applicants who are currently enrolled accredited college, university or technical school you must submit:

Name of College: _____

Current Status this fall: (Check one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

GPA is _____ for _____ Semesters (Quarters)

You must submit transcripts. A copy of your transcript is acceptable.

Intended College Major and/or Goals after Graduation from College:

If currently enrolled in College, list clubs, sports, etc., in which you participate:

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Estimate of educational expenses for current school year: _____

Financial Aid/Other Scholarships already awarded or expected, including any financial support the Commonwealth of Virginia: (Please give source(s) and estimated dollar amounts):

ESSAY

1. Submit a 50 word or less essay describing your financial need and how you will finance the remainder of the balance.

2. You must submit a 250-word essay on the benefits of emergency/fire services in your community and how it has benefited you. **(Previous submitted essays will not be considered)**

OTHER ACTIVITIES

What are your Hobbies: _____

Civic/Outside/Volunteer activities:

REFERENCES

Provide two references and attach a Letter of Recommendation from each:

Name:

Address:

1. _____

2. _____

Are you an active volunteer or work for a Fire/EMS agency that is a member of the VSFA:

Yes No

Name of Agency _____

Phone Number of Agency: _____

Do you have a parent who works or volunteers for a Fire/EMS agency that is a member of the VSFA: Yes No

Name of Agency: _____

Phone Number of Agency: _____

Name of Parent: _____

Phone Number of Parent: _____

Applicant's Signature

Date

Application must be postmarked by June 1, 2026

RETURN TO:

**VSFEMSA Scholarship Committee
Joan Dempsey, Scholarship Chair
606 Plum Street SW
Vienna, VA 22180**

Or Email

Joanie@vvfd.org

E-mail and questions Joanie@vvfd.org