



VSLA UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

Description/Overview:

The Virginia State Literacy Association awards four annual scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to graduate and undergraduate student members of VSLA.

Eligibility: The candidate must be a member in good standing of a local chapter, VSLA, and currently attend an accredited university or college in Virginia. Membership in VSLA will be confirmed prior to scholarship review. If VSLA membership is missing or not current, you cannot be considered for a scholarship.

Application Submission Requirements:

- 1) **Application** (including membership information)
- 2) **Resume or Curriculum Vitae**
- 3) **Rationale** for why you should receive this scholarship (1-2 pages)
- 4) **Essay** explaining how VSLA membership in VSLA benefits you
- 5) **Current Transcript** (including GPA)
- 6) **Two letters of recommendation** from faculty members, one of which must be a member of your Education Department. Each recommendation should not exceed one page.
- 7) **A third letter of recommendation** from someone other than a faculty member that is familiar with your ability to work with people, especially children (i.e. cooperating teacher or work supervisor).

Timeline:

Application Due: January 10

Name of Recipient and Rubric to Awards Chair: February 1

Notification of All Applicants: February 6

Presentation of Award: VSLA Annual Conference

**Send your application form via Word Document, PDF or scanned document to
VSLA Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship Chair:**

Name: Sarah Lupo

Email Address: luposm@jmu.edu

VSLA Undergraduate and Graduate Student Scholarship Award

Year:

Name of Applicant: _____

Address:

City, State, Zip:

Telephone- Work: _____ **Home or Cell:** _____

E-mail contact:

University: _____ **Advisor:** _____

Current University Program:

Level: **Graduate Student**

Undergraduate Student

Status: **Part-time student**

Full-time student

Verification:

On my honor, I verify that I am a member of the _____ (*name of local chapter*) Chapter and VSLA.

***If you joined your local chapter online, you are also a member of VSLA. The membership website is <http://VSLA.org/membership/become-a-member/>*

Attachments in this order:

- 1) Applicant's resume and/or curriculum vitae
- 2) A rationale paper (1-2 pages) explaining why you should receive this scholarship.
- 3) An essay explaining how membership in VSLA can benefit you as a professional in either the present or future.
- 4) Copy of your most recent college transcript indicating your GPA
- 5) Two letters of recommendation from faculty members, one of which must be a member of your Education Department. Each recommendation should not exceed one page.
- 6) A third letter of recommendation from someone other than a faculty member that is familiar with your ability to work with people, especially children (i.e. cooperating teacher or work supervisor).

Resume/Vitae: Please include:

(Please note any roles of responsibility such as officer or committee chair)

Extracurricular activities

Professional organizations

Undergraduate and Graduate Student Scholarship Rubric

Components	Number of Points
Application/Resume/Curriculum Vitae (maximum 10 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Application (3 points) • Convey academic/qualifications/training (5 points) • Skills and interests (2 points) 	
Rationale Statement (maximum 20 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One to two pages typed (5 points) • Spelling and grammar (5 points) • Clear explanation/rationale of why student should receive scholarship (10 points) 	
Essay (maximum 25 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One page typed (5 points) • Spelling and grammar (5 points) • Clear explanation of how VSLA will benefit the student in professional life either currently or in future (15 points) 	
Academics (maximum 10 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA: 3.5 or higher (10 points) • GPA: 3.0 -3.49 (9 points) • GPA: 2.5-2.99 (7 points) • GPA: Below 2.99 (0 points) 	
Extracurricular Activities/Community Service and Volunteer Activities (maximum 15 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 or 4 Extracurricular Activities (7 points) • 1 or 2 Extracurricular Activities (5 points) • 0 Extracurricular Activity (0 points) • 3 or 4 Community Service Activities (8 points) • 1 or 2 Extracurricular Activities (5 points) • 0 Extracurricular Activity (0 points) 	
Honors and Awards (maximum 5 points) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four honors/awards (5 points) • Three honors/awards (4 points) • Two honors/awards (3 points) • One honor/award (2 points) • No honors or awards listed (0 points) 	
Letters of Recommendation (maximum 5 points each) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One from faculty member • One from Education Department faculty member • One from someone other than a faculty member that is familiar with ability to work with people, especially children (i.e. cooperating teacher or work supervisor) 	
Total points received	/100

Comments