

# Spring 2024 Educational Foundation General Scholarship Application

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*Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation*

## *Instructions*

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### **Welcome to the Virginia Western Educational Foundation General Scholarship Application**

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You only need to submit **one** application to be considered for the variety of scholarships available.

As you apply:

**1) SAVE YOUR WORK BEFORE EXITING.** The system will not automatically save for you! Scroll to the bottom and click **SAVE APPLICATION** if you need to step away and continue the application at another time. When you come back and finish the application, click **SUBMIT APPLICATION**. You may not make edits to your application once it is submitted.

**2) Answer all required questions** (marked with \*).

**3) Express yourself in the Personal Statements**, This is your time to shine! The Personal Statements require short answers – **but make sure you reply with the minimum 500 characters required, or your application will not be considered.**

**4) Upload a PDF of your most recent unofficial Virginia Western or other college transcript** (high school transcript, if no college).

**5) Submit names and email addresses for three people willing to provide a reference** for your application. If you are a student currently at Virginia Western, one reference must be from a Virginia Western instructor or academic advisor.

## *Personal Profile*

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### **First-Generation\***

Are you a first-generation college student (neither parent/guardian has graduated with a 4-year degree from an accredited college)?

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

Unsure

### **City or County of Residence\***

Select the city or county in which you currently reside.

#### **Choices**

Botetourt County

Craig County

Franklin County

Roanoke City

Roanoke County

Salem

Other

## *City or County Other - Yes*

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### **City\_County - Other\***

If you answered "Other" to the question about City or County of Residence, please state what city or county you reside in.

**Please note scholarship recipients must reside in Virginia.**

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## *Academic Profile*

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### **Applicant School Status\***

Select one of the following.

#### **Choices**

Current high school senior

Current college student

College graduate

No or some college

### **High School\***

From which high school will you or did you graduate?

### Choices

- Botetourt County Homeschooled
- Botetourt County Private School
- Cave Spring High School
- Craig County High School
- Craig County Homeschooled
- Craig County Private School
- Forest Park Academy
- Franklin County High School
- Franklin County Homeschooled
- Franklin County Private School
- Glenvar High School
- Hidden Valley High School
- James River High School
- Jefferson Forest High School
- Liberty High School
- Lord Botetourt High School
- Noel C. Taylor Academy
- Northside High School
- Patrick Henry High School
- Roanoke County Homeschooled
- Roanoke County Private School
- Salem High School
- Salem Homeschooled
- Salem Private School
- Staunton River High School
- William Byrd High School
- William Fleming High School
- Other

### High School GPA\*

What is your most recent cumulative high school GPA? (This is your high school GPA, not Virginia Western dual-enrolled GPA.)

**If you have a GED or do not remember your high school GPA, please enter 0.00.**

*Character Limit: 20*

### College GPA\*

What is your most recent cumulative college GPA?

**If you do not have a college GPA, please enter 0.00.**

*Character Limit: 20*

### Credits Completed\*

Enter the total number of credits of coursework have you completed to date at Virginia Western? (Do not include dual-enrollment credits.)

*Character Limit: 3*

## Enrollment Status\*

Select your intended enrollment for the upcoming semester.

### Choices

Full-time (12 or more credits)

Part-time (6 to 11 credits)

Other (less than 6 credits)

## Transcript\*

Please upload your most recent academic transcript (unofficial) indicating cumulative GPA. If you have completed a GED or received a high school diploma through an alternative program, please upload proof of completion. **Document must be a PDF (portable digital format).**

**\* Virginia Western students:** If you are a Virginia Western student who has completed at least one semester of coursework, you should provide an VWCC UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT, which is available on your

Virginia Western student account student center page, under the Academics section. Consult <https://www.viriniawestern.edu/iet-services/myvwcc-help/view-your-unofficial-transcript/> for more information.

**\* Virginia Western dual-enrolled students:** If you are a Virginia Western dual-enrolled student, you must provide your most recent high school transcript.

**\* You are not a Virginia Western student:** If you have not attended Virginia Western, then you may provide an UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT from another college or from the high school from which you graduated.

**\* No transcript:** If you cannot provide any of the above, please upload an explanation in a PDF document.

*File Size Limit: 2 MB*

## Academic Plan\*

You must be enrolled in a financial aid-eligible program of study at Virginia Western in order to apply for our scholarships. Please select your program from the drop down menu. If you have questions about a program of study, contact an advisor in Chapman Hall.

### Choices

Accounting, AAS

Administrative Management Tech, AAS

Adv Skills in Human Services, CSC

Adv Technology in Mechatronics, CSC

Advanced Medical Office Spec, CSC

AdvFoundations Criminal Justice, CSC

Air Condition & Refrigeration, CSC

AMT- Medical Admin Management, AAS  
AMT: Computer Office Support, CSC  
Automotive Analysis & Repair, CSC  
Biotechnology, CSC  
Building Trades Technology, CSC  
Business Administration, AS  
Business Communication, CSC  
CISCO CCNA Networking, CSC  
Commercial HVAC/Refrigeration, CSC  
Computed Tomography Imaging, CSC  
Computer Draft & Design (CAD), CSC  
Construction Management, CSC  
Criminal Justice, AAS  
Culinary Arts, AAS  
Culinary Arts: Baking & Pastry, CSC  
Culinary-Advanced Foodservice, CSC  
Culinary-Baking Specialization, AAS  
Culinary-Cake Prod & Decorate, CSC  
Culinary-Professional Catering, CSC  
Database and Program Developer, CSC  
Dental Hygiene, AAS  
Early Childhood Dev Advanced, CSC  
Early Childhood Development, CSC  
Early Childhood Development, AAS  
ECD - Infant and Toddler Care, CSC  
Electrical Wiring, CSC  
Emergency Medical Tech, CSC  
Engineering, CSC  
Engineering, AS  
Engineering: Computer Science, AS  
Engr-Engineering Construction, AS  
Entrepreneurship Plus, CSC  
Foundations - Criminal Justice, CSC  
Foundations of Human Services, CSC  
General Studies, AS  
Health Records Coding, CSC  
Horticulture Technology, CSC  
Hospitality Management, CSC  
HP - Intro to Surg Tech, CSC  
HP: Intro Phys Therapist Asst, CSC  
HP: Intro Radiation Oncology, CSC  
HP: Intro to Dental Hygiene, CSC  
HP: Intro to Medical Lab Tech, CSC  
HP: Intro to Nursing, CSC  
HP: Intro to Practical Nursing, CSC  
HP: Intro to Radiography, CSC  
Human Services, AAS  
Information Systems Technology, AAS  
Intro to Foodservice, CSC

IST: Cyber Security & Network, AAS  
IST: Database and Program Dev, AAS  
IT: Cyber Security, CSC  
IT: Info Tech Support Analyst, CSC  
Legal Office Assisting, CSC  
Liberal Arts, AA  
Liberal Arts - Fine Arts, AA  
Magnetic Resonance Imaging, CSC  
Maintenance Technology, CSC  
Management, AAS  
Mechatronics Sys Engineer Tech, AAS  
Medical Billing, CSC  
Medical Laboratory Technology, AAS  
Medical Office Specialist, CSC  
MSET-Design Engineering Tech, AAS  
MSET-Electrical Engineer Tech, AAS  
Network & Security Admin, CSC  
Nurse Aide, CSC  
Nursing, AAS  
Paralegal Studies, AAS  
Phlebotomy, CSC  
Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS  
Practical Nursing, CERT  
Radiation Oncology, AAS  
Radiography, AAS  
Science, AS  
Science - Computer Science, AS  
Science - Health Sciences, AS  
Science - Mathematics, AS  
Science: Agriculture, AS  
Science: Biotechnology, AS  
Science-Integrated Env Studies, AS  
Social Sciences, AS  
Social Sciences-Educ Specializ, AS  
Surgical Technology, AAS  
Technical Studies, AAS  
Technology in Mechatronics, CSC  
Uniform Cert General Studies, CERT  
Visual Design, AAS  
Web Programmer, CSC  
Welding & Metal Processing, CSC

## Academic Plan #2\*

Are you enrolled in more than one program of study?

### Choices

Yes

No

## *Academic Plan #2*

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### **Academic Plan #2 - Yes**

You indicated you are in more than one program of study (academic plan), please select your second program from the drop-down menu.

#### **Choices**

Accounting, AAS  
Administrative Management Tech, AAS  
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Engineering, AS  
Engineering: Computer Science, AS  
Engr-Engineering Construction, AS  
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Nurse Aide, CSC  
Nursing, AAS  
Paralegal Studies, AAS  
Phlebotomy, CSC  
Physical Therapist Assistant, AAS  
Practical Nursing, CERT  
Radiation Oncology, AAS  
Radiography, AAS  
Science, AS  
Science - Computer Science, AS  
Science - Health Sciences, AS  
Science - Mathematics, AS  
Science: Agriculture, AS  
Science: Biotechnology, AS  
Science-Integrated Env Studies, AS  
Social Sciences, AS  
Social Sciences-Educ Specializ, AS  
Surgical Technology, AAS



Technical Studies, AAS  
Technology in Mechatronics, CSC  
Uniform Cert General Studies, CERT  
Visual Design, AAS  
Web Programmer, CSC  
Welding & Metal Processing, CSC

## *High School - Yes*

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### **High School Other\***

If you answered "Other" to the question about which high school you attended, please provide the name of the high school you attended.

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## *Financial Profile*

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### **Annual Income\***

What is your annual income?

The range of income you select from the list should approximate the amount of **Adjusted Gross Income** reported on your federal tax return.

#### **Choices**

\$0 - \$24,999

\$25,000 - \$34,999

\$35,000 - \$44,999

\$45,000 - \$54,999

\$55,000 - \$64,999

\$65,000 - \$74,999

Above \$75,000

I do not file a federal tax return.

### **FAFSA Submitted\***

Have you submitted the current year FAFSA or upcoming year FAFSA?

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

### **Financial Situation\***

Has there been any significant change in your financial situation within the past year, or is there any financial information we should take into consideration?

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

## *Change in Financial Situation - Yes*

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### **Change in Financial Situation\***

Please explain the change in your financial situation.

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## *Personal Statements*

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### **Importance of College\***

Why is going to college important to you? Detail your commitment to your chosen field of study. How would receiving this scholarship help you achieve your goals? How have your life experiences influenced why you want to go to college and/or what you want to study?

**(Minimum 500 / maximum 1,000 characters required. Hit SAVE APPLICATION as you go.)**

*Character Limit: 1000*

### **Learning from a Challenge\***

Describe a time you worked hard toward a goal and what you learned from that experience. How did you grow? What challenges/obstacles did you encounter? How will this help you in the future? **(Minimum 500 / maximum 1,000 characters required. Hit SAVE APPLICATION as you go.)**

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## *Instructions for Requesting References*

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**References** are one of the most important elements of any scholarship application as they can provide important insight about your abilities and commitment to learning.

This application requires you to **identify three people** who could provide you with a reference. This might be a supervisor or colleague at work, a former teacher or a leader in an organization (community, sports or religious) where you have been active. Be sure you ask them if they are willing to provide a reference for you before including them on your application.

If you attend Virginia Western, at least one of your references **must come from one of your instructors or an academic advisor** at the College. **References should not come from relatives or friends.**

**You will request these references by entering the email addresses** of your individuals in the three boxes below. Reference providers will score you on things such as academic effort,

integrity and work ethic. Your references may also type a narrative in the textbox provided or upload a Letter of Reference if they wish.

## *Reference One*

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### **Reference One\***

Next to the envelope icon on the bottom left of this box, type in the email address of the person you wish to provide a reference for you, then click **COMPOSE EMAIL**. A window will open for you to write your personal request for a reference. The subject line in your request should be direct and simple, such as "Requesting a reference for a VWCC scholarship."

**We have provided sample text below for you to copy and paste this into the body field:**

Dear (YOUR REFERENCE'S NAME),

I am applying for a scholarship from the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation. I am writing to ask you to please submit a reference questionnaire (required) and Letter of Reference (optional) on my behalf.

The deadline for submitting is October 31, 2023.

You will be receiving a separate email from the Virginia Western Community College Educational Foundation with a link for you to provide the reference.

If you have any question, you are welcome to contact Carolyn Payne, Virginia Western Scholarship and CCAP Coordinator, at [cpayne@viriniawestern.edu](mailto:cpayne@viriniawestern.edu).

Thank you for considering this request.

(YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME)

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## *Reference Two*

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### **Reference Two\***

Next to the envelope icon on the bottom left of this box, type in the email address of the person you wish to provide a **reference** for you, then click **COMPOSE EMAIL**. A window will open for you to write your personal request for a reference. The subject line in your request should be direct and simple, such as "Requesting a reference for a VWCC scholarship."

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Sincerely,  
YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME

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### *Reference Three*

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## *Scholarship Eligibility Questions*

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### **Raising Awareness Around Addiction\***

Are you passionate about raising awareness around addiction and the effect it has on loved ones?

#### **Choices**

Yes  
No

### **Refugee or Asylum Status\***

Do you have refugee or asylum status?

#### **Choices**

Yes  
No

### **Single Caregiver\***

Are you a single caregiver?

#### **Choices**

Yes  
No

### **Sole-Support Provider\***

Are you the sole-support provider parent/individual appointed with legal custody and guardianship of one or more children?

#### **Choices**

Yes  
No

### **Sign Language\***

Are you currently enrolled in a Sign Language course?

#### **Choices**

Yes  
No

### **Christian or Parochial High School\***

Did you graduate from an accredited Christian or parochial high school?

#### **Choices**

Yes

No

### Career in Teaching\*

Do you intend to pursue a career in teaching?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Virginia Residency\*

How long have you lived in Virginia?

#### Choices

Less than 1 year

Equal to or greater than 1 year

Equal to or greater than 2 years

Never

### Live and Work in Roanoke Region\*

Do you plan to live and work in the Roanoke region after graduating? (Roanoke, Botetourt, Craig and Franklin counties, cities of Roanoke and Salem)

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Roanoke Valley Residency\*

Have you lived in the greater Roanoke Valley more than two years? (Counties of Roanoke, Craig, Botetourt and Franklin, cities of Roanoke and Salem)

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Employed in Community\*

Are you currently employed in the Roanoke Valley? (Counties of Roanoke, Craig, Botetourt and Franklin, cities of Roanoke and Salem)

#### Choices

Yes

No

### 20 or Older\*

Are you 20 years old or older?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Spouse or Parent Employed at Virginia Western\*

Do you have a spouse or parent that has been employed at Virginia Western for at least two academic years (August through May)?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Disability\*

Do you have a disability? (Refer to Virginia Western Disability Services for more information)

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Enrolled in Developmental Math\*

Are you currently enrolled in a Virginia Western developmental math course?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Student American Dental Hygiene Association Member\*

Are you a member of the Student American Dental Hygiene Association?

#### Choices

Yes

No

### Youth Haven Program Participation\*

Select one of the following:

#### Choices

I attended Youth Haven or Sanctuary for a substantial time

I finished a prescribed program at Youth Haven or Sanctuary

I attended counseling sessions with the Roanoke Juvenile Services for a substantial time

Are you before the court on petition?

Are you before Juvenile Intake on a complaint?

None of the above

### Church of Transfiguration Membership\*

Are you a member of The Church of Transfiguration?

#### Choices

Yes

No

## Community Involvement\*

Have you volunteered in your community (such as education, church or other religious affiliation, athletic or non-profit organizations)?

### Choices

Yes

No

## *Certifications*

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### Financial Aid Certification\*

I understand that in order to fully process and review my scholarship application, the VWCC Educational Foundation requires information from my FAFSA and my financial aid file. This information may not be shared without my consent. My consent is voluntary but choosing not to consent means my scholarship application will not be considered. I authorize the VWCC Office of Financial Aid to release information from my FAFSA and my financial aid report, including, but not limited to my Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and financial aid award amounts, to the VWCC Education Foundation to use for scholarship eligibility and awarding purposes. I understand that the Educational Foundation will not share or sell my financial aid information with a third party.

### Choices

Yes

No

### Release Authorization\*

I authorize Virginia Western Community College and the Educational Foundation to release my program information, photography/videos, and any pertinent directory information to the media for the purpose of promoting Educational Foundation scholarships, unless I provide a written statement to the Educational Foundation denying permission to publish such information.

### Choices

Yes

No

### Student Record Authorization\*

I authorize employees of Virginia Western Community College and the Educational Foundation to review my student record and transcript as needed to confirm eligibility.

### Choices

Yes

No



## *Reason Not to Release - No*

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### **Reason Not to Release\***

If you answered "no" to the Release Authorization certification, please provide a statement indicating your desire to withhold your name and image from public promotion of scholarships.

*Character Limit: 1000*

## *Electronic Signature*

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**STOP!** Read before you click **SUBMIT APPLICATION**

Just a reminder: This has been the General Scholarship application. Once you sign below and click **SUBMIT APPLICATION**, you will get a confirmation email and be directed to a confirmation page in the application.

**You can submit your application here and it will be complete.**

However, depending on the information you provided in the General Scholarship Application, you may be shown a list of supplemental scholarships on the confirmation page.

Hit **CONTINUE** if you would like to provide more information to become eligible for these supplemental scholarships.

Each supplemental scholarship opportunity requires you to hit **SUBMIT APPLICATION** after providing the requested information. (You will receive a confirmation email for each supplemental scholarship application.)

You can keep applying until the list is complete, or quit any time.

**Remember to hit **SAVE APPLICATION** as you go.**

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**Thank you for your time and interest in applying for Virginia Western Educational Foundation scholarships!**

### **True and Accurate Statement\***

By typing in my name below I agree that all information provided in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

#### **Choices**

I agree

### **Electronic Signature\***

Please type your full name below.

*Character Limit: 250*

**Today's Date\***

*Character Limit: 10*