



SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2021

Scholarship Application

**Vermont Retail & Grocers Association
Scholarship Program**

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PURPOSE

To provide financial assistance to eligible students entering their first year at an accredited two or four-year school.

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant must:

- be a Vermont resident or be affiliated with a VRGA Member in Vermont;
- be a graduating high school senior planning to attend an accredited two or four year postsecondary school or;
- plan to attend for the first time an accredited two or four-year postsecondary school in 2021 and have received a high school diploma;
- file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than four weeks prior to the scholarship deadline listed below;

and meet one or more of the following conditions:

- be the dependent of an employee or owner of a VRGA member company. Company or Employee must be located in Vermont or have responsibility in Vermont;
- be an employee of a VRGA retail or associate member company in Vermont. Employee must be located in Vermont or have responsibility in Vermont.
- The employee must be employed a minimum of 15 hours per week or 750 hours per year; and have been employed at a VRGA retail member store or company for a minimum of one year at the time the student applies for this scholarship.

AMOUNT

Ten Scholarships will be awarded according to following criteria:

(3) \$1,500 academic scholarships awarded based on merit.

(7) \$1,500 scholarships awarded based on financial need and merit.

DEADLINE

APRIL 23, 2021 - Completed application & supporting documents must be **postmarked** by this date. Applications will not be considered if sections of the application are blank or supporting documents are missing.

PLEASE NOTE: *Scholarships are made payable to both the student and the school. Some schools may adjust other financial aid based on scholarships received.*

INSTRUCTIONS: Complete this application and mail or email to the Vermont Retail & Grocers Association, postmarked no later than **April 23, 2021**. You will receive notification from the VRGA Scholarship Committee in early June. **Please type or print in BLACK ink.**

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION

First Name _____ Middle Initial ____ Last Name _____
Date of Application _____ Last 4 of SSN _____
Home Address _____
PO Box _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Date of Birth _____
Home Telephone Number _____
Applicant Email Address _____

II. ELIGIBILITY - STORE OR COMPANY AFFILIATION

Do you, the student, or a parent/guardian work for or own a VRGA member company?

STUDENT (___)

Store/Company where employed _____
Address _____

2021 High School Graduating Senior (_____)
Received High School Diploma Year (_____)

Parent(___) **Legal Guardian (___)** **Employee (___)** or **Owner (___)**

Name of Parent _____
Store/Company Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

III. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

College/University You Are Planning On Attending:

Tuition Costs & Fees: (Annual)

Tuition	_____	Books	_____
Room & Board	_____	Lab Fees, etc.	_____

Total Est. Cost \$ _____

Applicant **MUST** have filed a Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and **MUST** attach a copy of his/her Student Aid Report (SAR) to this application along with the financial aid letter from the college or university he/she is attending.

IV. EDUCATION

In the chart below, list schools attended grades 9 through 12.

(Name of High School - City, State & Zip - Attendance Dates)

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____

Important: Be sure to include copies of your high school transcripts.

H.S. Principal (*First and Last Name*) Phone Number

H.S. Guidance Counselor (*First and Last Name*) Phone Number

What subjects have you found most interesting in your schoolwork?

First: _____ Second: _____

Do you feel that your high school grades are an accurate indication of your ability?

Yes No

If not, what were the factors that prevented you from doing better?

GPA _____

If you took college entrance exams please list scores below:

SAT Scores: Reading _____ Math _____ Writing _____

ACT Scores: English _____ Math _____ Reading _____ Science _____ Writing* _____

**Only fill in if you took this portion of the exam.*

V. EMPLOYMENT

In your own words, please describe any jobs you have held or work you have performed during the past three years, either for your family at home or for outside employers.

List average weekly hours you work:

During School Year _____ **Summer Vacation** _____

VI. EDUCATIONAL PLANS

Name of College/University You Plan To Attend

Address of school (Please list complete mailing address)

Degree/Certificate you plan to earn

Use the space provided below to describe your career plans

VII. AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Please indicate your involvement in high school activities such as: class or school offices, band or orchestra, athletics, dramatics, debate or oratory, school publications, pep club, etc.

Please list below the name of any award, honor, prize, and/or scholarship, etc. you have or expect to receive in recognition of outstanding achievement in high school.

What are your favorite recreational activities and/or hobbies?

VIII. COMMUNITY SERVICE

IX. PERSONAL STATEMENTS

What do you believe is your strongest personal strength?

Why do you think you should receive this scholarship?

Tell us a more about your family

Brothers/Sisters	Age	Student (circle yes or no)
_____	_____	yes no
_____	_____	yes no
_____	_____	yes no

X. SIGNATURE AND ENCLOSURES

In order for the applicant to be considered for the Vermont Retail & Grocers Association Scholarship Program, the following materials must be received by the VRGA Scholarship Committee **postmarked or emailed no later than APRIL 23, 2021**.

- Completed application form
- Copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) from FAFSA (page that shows Estimated Family Contribution)
- Copy of financial aid letter from college you are attending which includes cost of tuition, room and board, books, and lab fees)
- Recommendation from your current or previous employer
- One outside recommendation (i.e. from a teacher, guidance counselor, coach) (If you are not employed please include 2 recommendations from this category)
- Official copy of your high school transcripts
- Photo (senior picture or headshot) with signed photo release

Signature of Applicant _____ **Date** _____

PLEASE NOTE:

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT ALL INFORMATION REQUESTED ON THE APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS ARE INCLUDED, OTHERWISE YOUR APPLICATION WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED BY THE REVIEW COMMITTEE.

Please mail application & supporting documents to:

**Vermont Retail & Grocers Association Attn: Scholarship
963 Paine Turnpike N
Berlin, VT 05602**

Or email to: info@vtrga.org