

VSRA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Guidelines and Application Form

Description/Overview:

The Virginia State Reading Association awards four scholarships in the amount of \$500.00 each to two graduate and two undergraduate student members of VSRA.

Eligibility: The candidate must be a member of a local council and VSRA; and currently attending an accredited university or college in Virginia.

Instructions/ Requirements:

- 1) Completed application that includes membership verification by local council president
- 2) Applicant's vitae
- 3) A rationale paper (1-2 pages) explaining why you should receive this scholarship.
- 4) An essay explaining how membership in VSRA can benefit you as a professional in either the present or future.
- 5) Copy of your most recent college transcript indicating your 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:

Due Date: December 15th

Announcement at the VSRA Conference

Send your application form to:

Dr. Marianne Baker

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VSRA STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Year _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone- W _____ H _____

E-mail _____ Fax _____

Circle one: Graduate student Undergraduate student

Circle one: Part-time student Full time student

Verification:

I verify that the above named nominee is a member of the _____
_____(Name of Local Council)

Local Council President's Signature _____

Local Council President's Printed Name _____

Attachments in this order: (All components should be typed in at least a 12 font size.)

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1) Candidate's Vitae:

Include:

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

Extracurricular activities

Professional organizations

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2) Rationale explaining why you should receive this scholarship.

(1-2 pages)

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3) Essay

Explain how membership in VSRA can benefit you as a professional in either the present or future.

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