

DIANE D. ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

PURPOSE:

The **Diane D. Anderson Scholarship**, awarded by the **Virginia Beach Student Leadership Foundation**, provides financial assistance to student leaders graduating from the Virginia Beach City Public School system who wish to continue their education. Successful candidates will have demonstrated integrity, a strong work ethic, and exemplary school/school system service while participating in student activities.

INFORMATION:

1. The scholarship amount to be awarded is \$2000.00 for one year.
2. The scholarship will be awarded to one person each year.
3. The recipient will be chosen by a selection committee directed by the Scholarship Committee of the Virginia Beach Schools Leadership Foundation, consisting of representatives of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools and the community.
4. Financial need will **not** be a consideration for the scholarship.
5. The scholarship money will be disbursed in a single payment to the institution of higher learning that the recipient attends.
6. The scholarship application and all other required information (except for the recommendation letters, which the Foundation will solicit directly) should be scanned and emailed to the Foundation at vbleadershipfoundation@gmail.com.
7. Receipt of the application will be acknowledged in writing.
8. Following the initial screening of applications, finalists will be chosen and interviewed by the selection committee.

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GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. The applicant must be a graduating senior of the Virginia Beach City Public Schools in the current school year.
2. A copy of the student's academic transcript must accompany the application.
3. Applicants must have attended at least one Virginia Beach High School Leadership Workshop or have participated in their high school's leadership workshop.
4. Three letters of recommendation from adults associated with the school or school system must accompany the student's application. Those adults may not be related to the student. One letter must come from advisor/sponsor/coach of the applicant's primary student organization. Effective recommendation letters will include observed examples of the applicant's integrity and work ethic. Candidates are to submit the names and email addresses of the three adults to the Foundation at vbleadershipfoundation@gmail.com no later than March 15. The Foundation will solicit these letters directly.
5. Applicants are required to write a 250-word essay, reflecting how the applicant's involvement in student activities provided value to his/her educational experience as a student in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools system.
6. The recipient must be accepted at an accredited institution of higher learning and agree to be a full-time student at that institution.
7. Applications must be submitted by email to vbleadershipfoundation@gmail.com by **5 PM on Friday, April 12, 2024.**

CRITERIA:

1. Leadership - Applicants must have served in a leadership position or positions within the school, demonstrating responsibility, organization, and dignity. *In addition, applicants must have attended at least one Virginia Beach High School Leadership Workshop or have participated in their high school's leadership workshop.*
2. Service – Applicants are required to have held leadership positions with their school or for the school system. Resumes or activity sheets should clearly indicate leadership positions held.
3. Integrity – Applicants must have exemplified integrity, reliability and respect.
4. Work Ethic – Applicants must have demonstrated a diligent work ethic while participating in student activities.