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The Virginia Writers Club, Inc.

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2012 Virginia Writers Club Scholarship - \$500

Deadline – May 1

In keeping with the Club's vision to foster the art, craft, business and advocacy of the literary arts, the Virginia Writers Club (VWC) awards one college scholarship each academic year. This year, the Virginia Writers Club will award a college scholarship in the amount of \$500.

Eligibility

The VWC Scholarship is open to Virginia residents who meet the following criteria:

1. Applicant must currently be a high school or a home-schooled senior who will be enrolled at an accredited college or university during the next academic year;
2. Must have a GPA of 2.0 or better on a 4.0 .

ESSAY REQUIREMENT & GUIDELINES

The VWC Scholarship Committee has assigned the following essay topic for 2012:

“Looking at the current trends, how do you foresee the future as it relates to written works, and how will this affect you as a writer?”

1. Essays must be unpublished original work and written solely by the applicant.
2. Essays will be judged by a panel of no less than three qualified VWC members appointed by the 1st Vice President who chairs the VWC Scholarship Committee.
3. The VWC reserves the right to publish the submitted essays in its publications. Application for the scholarship constitutes awardee's consent for the VWC to publish his/her essay, name, city and state of residence, high schools attended, and the amount of the scholarship without requiring further permission, consent, payment or other consideration, unless prohibited by law.

Format

1. The essay must be written in English.
2. The essay must be between 850-1,000 words.
3. The essay must be double-spaced and in Times New Roman 12-point type throughout, with one-inch margins. Leave a ragged right margin.
4. Identifying information about the student must appear ONLY on the application form and not in the essay

5. The title of the essay should appear at the top of page one and on the left in the header or succeeding pages; all pages after the first should be numbered on the right in the footer.

6. Pages should be fastened by one staple in the upper left corner.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The Scholarship Application Packet must include:

1. Completed High School Scholarship Application Form
2. Cover letter: No more than one page containing a brief outline of applicant's education and writing goals and a statement why the applicant should receive the award
3. One printed copy of the essay and a CD containing an electronic copy of the essay saved as a Word document (.doc not .docx) The applicant's name should not appear anywhere on the essay pages.
4. A copy of the applicant's current transcript (cumulative 2.0 or better GPA on a 4.0 scale)
5. Two letters of reference from people who know the applicant well enough to speak with confidence about his or her character, potential and abilities. (i.e., a teacher, a family member, a coach).

Submission Method

All applications must be mailed. All essays must be either typed or computer-generated in Times New Roman 12-point type on 8.5" x 11" paper. Handwritten submissions will be automatically disqualified. Letters of recommendation must be submitted as part of the scholarship application packet. Only completed applications will be considered.

Timeline: The deadline for applications is May 1. **Mailed application packets received that are postmarked after May 1 will be disqualified.**

Delivery:

Linda Layne, YVWC Chairperson
P. O. Box 115 • Brems Bluff, VA 23022
If questions, call: (434) 842-6203 or e-mail VWCMail@aol.com

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

The winner will be notified by August 1.

The VWC Public Relation's Officer will prepare and distribute the appropriate release for media use.

The Virginia Writers Club, Inc. (VWC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of writers and poets, screenwriters and playwrights, journalists and essayists, and other publishing professionals whose purpose is to support and stimulate the art, craft and business of writing, as well as advocate the literary arts in the broader Virginia community. The Young Virginia Writers Club (YVWC) is a teen division of the VWC for middle and high school level students.

**VIRGINIA WRITERS CLUB
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Personal Information Last Name _____ First Name _____

Address: _____

(County) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone Number(_____) _____ Email Address _____

Educational Information High School _____

City _____ State _____ Year of Graduation _____ GPA _____

University/College attending next academic year: _____

City _____ State _____ Major/Intended Major: _____

AGREEMENT

I confirm that:

The essay I have submitted as part of the VWC Scholarship requirements is my original work and, as such, I retain the copyright to its use. I understand that a panel of VWC members will judge this application and that their decisions are final. I hereby give the Virginia Writers Club permission to publish my essay in VWC publications and on the VWC web site. I understand my essay and CD will not be returned to me.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

NEWS RELEASE INFORMATION

(The following information will be included in the news release for the award recipient)

1. **Event: VWC College Scholarship Award**
2. **Awardee's Name**
3. **Address**
4. **High School and Year of Graduation**
5. **College/University planning to attend.** Major, if decided. Address or location of college or university.
6. **Parents, Guardians, and/or Grandparents (Please provide specifics)**

Name(s) & Relationship _____

Address(es) _____

Signature of Awardee (*authorizing release of this information to appropriate news outlets*)

Signature _____ Date: _____