



**Valley Stream Christian Academy
ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**

Who is eligible? New and current 6th through 12th graders for the next school year who demonstrate the characteristics of: faith, effort, perseverance, optimism, and respect: Academic Scholarships are awarded to students who are well rounded. They exemplify Christian characteristics through their actions in volunteering and serving both in the church and the community while continuing strong academic preparation in school. Students will be evaluated on the basis of their 1) academics 2) contribution to school, church, and community 3) character

- Having maintained a 3.5 grade point average or above based on the student's cumulative performance for the last 2 school years
- Having strong character based on a review of disciplinary records as contained in the students' grade files and two references
- Having demonstrated leadership involvement in VSCA organizations and activities or in Christian service or as a volunteer in the community.

What is the amount? The scholarship represents between \$1,000 and \$4,500. Half of the scholarship amount will be given in September and the second half will be given in February, pending the student maintains a 3.5 overall GPA. The number of Academic Scholarships will vary depending upon availability of scholarship resources. Students may qualify for additional tuition assistance by applying for TADS.

How do I apply? Complete a scholarship application form and include with the application on the space provided an essay response to the question: ***"Why do you deserve an academic scholarship to VSCA?"*** Also, please include the last two years' report cards.

The application and all related information must be returned to the VSCA High School Office in a sealed envelope addressed to the VSCA Scholarship Panel. Section D (sent in by the 2 references) needs to be emailed to Bayala@vscaschool.org with *Reference for scholarship applicant* in the subject line, or mailed to Attn: VSCA Scholarship Selection Panel, 12 E. Fairview Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580. The **deadline** for receiving applications for the 2019/2020 school year is **April 30th, 2020.**

The Selection Process

Given that the student applicant has met the scholarship criterion identified above and submitted the application and essay, applicants' package will then be evaluated by the VSCA Scholarship selection panel composed of representatives from the VSCA School Committee and VSCA faculty. The selection panel will each provide personal evaluation of the student relative to their demonstration of: Christian leadership and faith, perseverance, optimism and respect.

After the Scholarship Panel has made its decisions, students and families will be notified by letter.



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Carefully read and complete each section of this application by printing or typing in blue or black ink only.

SECTION A: APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____
Last First Middle

Address: _____
Street or P. O. Box Apt No.

_____ *City State County Zip Code*

Telephone No.: (____) _____ E-mail Address: _____

I certify that the attached information is accurate and that the submitted essay is wholly an original composition created by the scholarship applicant.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

***Applications and all supporting documents must be delivered to the VSCA Administrative Office by 3:00 pm on April 30, 2020.
Applications received after the deadline and incomplete applications will not be processed.
If additional copies are needed, this application may be duplicated.***

SECTION B: STUDENT HONORS, AWARDS, AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES

(Please list your answers and include the grade and year of activity)

Roles and accomplishments as a leader: *responsibilities, decisions etc.*

Christian Commitment: *participation in Church, Christian service and personal activities representative of Christian character*

Extracurricular Activities: *clubs, sport, choir, music, etc.* _____

Community Service: *other volunteer work, service to others, etc.*

Section D: REFERENCE 1 of 2- Teacher (The answers and pertaining information should be emailed to: Bayala@vscaschool.org with *Reference for scholarship applicant* in the subject line, or mailed to Attn: VSCA Scholarship Panel, 12 E. Fairview Ave., Valley Stream, NY 11580 by April 30th, 2020 at 3:00 pm)

Scholarship Applicant Name: _____

Reference Name: _____

1) How long have you know applicant? _____

2) What is your relationship with the applicant?

3) How does the applicant relate to their peers and authority?

4) In what ways does the applicant show their Christian character? (If they do not demonstrate Christian character, please note that as well)

5) Is there anything else you would like to share with us about the applicant?

Section D: REFERENCE 2 of 2- Personal Reference (non-family member: ie. Youth pastor, mentor, coach)

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SECTION E: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

Apply only if you're eligible! Read all of the scholarship requirements and directions carefully to make sure you're eligible before you apply. You can't be selected as a recipient if you're not eligible for the scholarship.

Complete the application in full. If a question doesn't apply, note that on the application. Don't just leave it blank.

Follow directions. Provide everything that is required, but don't supply things that aren't requested - you could be disqualified.

Make sure your essay makes an impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Include concrete details to make your experience come alive: Who, What, Where, and When.

Neatness Counts. Make several photocopies of all the forms. Use the copies as working drafts to develop your application packet. Printing must be neat and legible.

Watch out for deadlines. To help keep your-self on track, impose a deadline on your-self that is at least two weeks before the stated deadline. Use this time to proofread your application before you send it off.

Ask for help if you need it. If you have problems with the application, call the VSCA Administrative Office and ask questions.

Give it a final "once-over." Proofread the entire application carefully. Be on the lookout for misspelled words or grammatical errors. Ask a friend, teacher or parent to proofread it as well.

Make copies before sending. Before sending your application make a copy of the entire packet and keep it on file in case your application goes astray.

Remember - your scholarship application represents you! Your ability to submit a neat, timely, complete application reflects on you. Take pride in yourself by submitting your best application.