



**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? Those interested must 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, or scanned and emailed to bayala@vscaschool.org. Section D (sent in by the 2 references) should 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 2021/2022 school year is **April 30th, 2021.**

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 decision, applicants and their families will be notified.

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, sports, choir, music, etc.*

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

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

(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, 2021 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 E: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIPS

1. Only those who meet eligibility criteria should apply. Applicants should carefully read to ensure eligibility criteria is met before applying. Applications submitted that do not meet the initial eligibility criteria will not be considered.
2. No question should be left blank. N/A for "Not Applicable" should be written or typed for any question that does not apply. Applications containing unanswered questions will be deemed incomplete and will not be further reviewed.
3. All instructions and requests for information should be heeded. Missing information will result in disqualification.
4. The essay in Section C is an opportunity for applicants to set themselves apart from others and to make an impression. The key to writing a strong essay is to be personal and specific. Concrete details such as who, what, where, and when should be included to make the personal experience come alive to the reader.
5. Neatness of the application will be a factor in the evaluation process. If application is hand written, responses must be neat legible. It is strongly recommended that applicants make several copies of the application for drafting their responses before completing the application. Typed applications are strongly advised.
6. In order to ensure the application is received by the deadline, it is strongly recommended that applicants complete the application and submit two weeks before the deadline. Applicants should properly pace their completion so as to provide plenty of time for their own editing and proofreading.
7. Proofreading is an important process of submitting any application. Applicants should not only carefully proofread their own work but should also enlist the help of friends, teachers, or parents to proofread as well to "catch" mistakes such as grammatical errors or misspelled words.
8. Applicants should always make copies of each part of the application before mailing in case the application becomes lost while in transit. Applicants will be notified by email when their application has been received.
9. The ability to meet deadlines and present a neat and complete application is a reflection on the applicant. Applications that are neat, timely, and complete will also be factors in the evaluation process.
10. Applicants should contact the VSCA Administrative Office (516-561-6122) if any issues or questions arise.