



Scholarship Program
Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative, Inc.
PO Box 228
Hinton, VA 22831

2024 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES AND APPLICATION

The Virginia Poultry Growers Cooperative, Inc. Scholarship Program provides educational scholarships to qualified individuals who meet the requirements outlined herein, and submit an application in accordance with these guidelines. The VPGC Scholarship was started in 2007 to help prepare a new generation of leaders, and has contributed over \$149,000 to encourage candidates to pursue their interests in agricultural and related fields. The scholarship is not, however, limited to agricultural studies. Scholarships are awarded to those entering or continuing with studies at a technical, two-year or four-year institution.

The funds budgeted for the scholarship program are set annually by the Board of Directors, and Scholarships will be awarded based on recommendations of the Scholarship Committee. Scholarship applications are carefully reviewed during the deliberation process for compliance with submission guidelines, academic achievement, leadership and community activities.

Eligibility is defined as a child of a grower member; a child of an employee; or a full time employee, exclusive of the Senior Management Team or Board members. Previous award recipients are ineligible.

Scholarship Amount: Up to \$10,000 has been allocated for the 2024 scholarship funding cycle. Amounts awarded to individual applicants will vary. Should the Committee determine no candidate meets the requirements for receiving this award, the Committee reserves the right to withhold the award altogether. The award (s) will be determined no later than April 26, 2024 and all applicants will be notified. All completed applications will be considered in conformance with equal opportunity standards. As a condition of receiving a scholarship, applicant's name may be published as part of promotional materials.

Requirements and Instructions to Applicant:

- Applicants must have a current GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and be in good standing with their school.
- All applicants must provide current transcripts. All transcripts must be submitted to the Scholarship Committee by the high school registrar or Dean of Students. If you received a GED you must provide copies of your GED Certificate and GED scores.
- Each applicant must include a personal statement as outlined in the application.
- All applicants must provide three (3) references, two (2) of which must submit letters of recommendation. One letter should be from a teacher, counselor or employer; the second must be a personal recommendation from someone other than a family member.
- **An application form must be completed, signed, and postmarked (or hand delivered) on or before the deadline of April 12, 2024.** No applications will be considered after that date, or without all information requested and all enclosures attached.
- Awards are made with the understanding that non-employee applicants will attend school full term as a full time student carrying a minimum of 12 credit hours. For full time employees, eligibility will consist of a minimum of two accredited classes per semester. Proof of enrollment from the college or technical program and a W-9 form will be required from all successful recipients prior to disbursement of the award.



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Please Print or Type

PERSONAL DATA

Date: _____

Name (Please Print): _____

Male / Female (circle one) Date of Birth: _____ email: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Permanent Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Current Residence: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Graduate of : _____ (High School) Graduation Date: _____

College you plan to attend in the Fall of 2024: _____

Year in College, beginning in the Fall of 2024: Freshman ____ Sophomore ____ Jr. ____ Sr. ____

Statement: On a separate sheet, describe briefly your high school (or college) years, including activities and leadership roles; community memberships and activities; work experience; scholastic honors, awards and scholarships. Describe your plans and expectations for college and career, and explain why you have chosen the particular college or technical school you will be or are attending. Include how your field of study relates to agriculture. Your essay must be type written; hand written essays will not be accepted.

FAMILY DATA

Parent's Name: _____
(Employee's Name) or (Grower Member's Name)

Farm Contract Name (if applicable): _____

Address: _____

Parent's Occupation: _____

VPGC Affiliation (circle one): Grower Member Employee

