



## 2024 Linda H. Woodley Service Scholarship Application Information

### About Linda H. Woodley and the Scholarship

The Linda H. Woodley Service Scholarship is established in memory of Mrs. Woodley and to encourage young people who have demonstrated a lifestyle commitment to volunteerism. The scholarship endowment is funded by gifts from the Woodley family, colleagues, and organizations from around the Commonwealth. For more information about Mrs. Woodley and the scholarship, visit: [www.virginiacan.org/scholarship](http://www.virginiacan.org/scholarship)

### Who can nominate students for this scholarship:

- A VirginiaCAN partner organization in good standing (must have attended at least 2 out of 3 of VirginiaCAN's annual conferences since 2021)
  - The nominating organization must provide higher education access activities directly to high school students.
- DO NOT encourage all of your students to submit applications. Instead, it is recommended that the nominating organization identify two or three students that best meet the scholarship criteria and then work specifically with those students to submit applications.
- Only the first three complete applications per organization, submitted by the deadline, will be accepted.

### Application and Selection Notification Deadlines:

Applications must be submitted by April 1, 2024. The recipients and nominating organizations will be notified of their selection via email no later than April 26, 2024.

### Scholarship Awards:

The scholarship committee will award \$1,000 scholarships to four students for the 2024-2025 academic year.

### Selection Criteria:

- 2024 high school graduate; intending to enroll at least half-time at an institution of higher education no later than fall 2024
- Significant volunteer service
  - The student's volunteer service need not necessarily have been with the nominating organization.
  - In order to qualify as volunteer service:
    - The student cannot be paid. The service organization may not be for-profit.
    - The work must benefit someone outside of the student's immediate or extended family.
    - Service to the following types of organizations generally qualify: Hospitals, homeless shelters, animal shelters, after-school programs, charities, religious organizations, environmental organizations
- Strength of academics and student-submitted essay
- Financial need
- Special consideration for first-generation college students and students from single-parent households

**IMPORTANT:** Recipients will be required to complete an Intent to Enroll form and provide a valid Social Security Number (SSN) or Individual Tax ID Number (ITIN) to receive the scholarship payment. They will also be asked to submit an electronic photo of themselves and be invited (but not required) to participate in the 2024 VirginiaCAN conference.

# Application Details

**IMPORTANT:** The nominating organization must complete all fields of the application and upload all required documents. The application must be completed in one sitting. It does not allow for you to save as a draft; therefore, it is important that you read through the information below and gather the information and documents before starting the application.

- **Application Deadline:** April 1, 2024
- **Selection Notification Deadline:** April 26, 2024
- **Application Link:** <https://form.jotform.com/220934140576151>

## Application Fields

### **Nominating Organization Information**

- Nominating Organization Name
- Select each year your organization has attended the VirginiaCAN Conference
- Nominating Organization Contact Name
- Nominating Organization Contact Telephone Number
- Nominating Organization Contact Email Address
- Nominating Organization President/CEO Name
- Nominating Organization Website

### **Student Demographic Information**

- Student Full Legal Name
- Student Date of Birth
- Student Mailing Address
- Student Email Address
- Student Phone Number
- High School Name, City/County, Zip Code
- Provide Student's Top 3 College Choices
- Has the student been offered admission to the colleges listed above?
- First-generation college student?
- Single parent household?

### **Parent/Legal Guardian Information**

- Name
- Email Address
- Phone Number

### **Required Documents**

**The nominator must upload the following in JotForm:**

- Volunteer Service Statement (**Nominating organization** must write a statement, in 300 words or less, describing the nominee's volunteer service, including what sets this student apart.)
- Student Essay (**Student** must write an essay, in 600 words or less, describing their volunteer activities, how volunteer service has affected them personally, and what their future plans for volunteering are.)
- Entire [FAFSA](#) Submission Summary or [VASA Application](#) PDF (must include SAI)
- Student's High School Transcript (must include current GPA)

### **Nominating Organization Certification and E-Signature**