2027 VA/MD College of Veterinary Medicine Scholarship Application

Community Foundation of the New River Valley

The purpose of the Fund shall be to provide scholarships to students at the Virginia-Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine to pursue a doctor of veterinary medicine degree **with the intention of practicing shelter medicine**. Scholarship selection criteria shall include demonstrated financial need. This scholarship is renewable, with students eligible to receive funding for the duration of their studies as determined by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee.

Applicant Name*

Please put in **last name, first name** format

Character Limit: 100

May we text you concerning your application?

If yes, make sure you provide your mobile number in your profile.

Choices

Yes
No

Locality Where You Reside*

In what Virginia county or independent city do you live?

Character Limit: 250

Applicant's Current School*

Character Limit: 250

Are you a previous Community Foundation Scholarship Recipient?

If so, please tell us what fund gave you the Scholarship Award.

Character Limit: 50

Personal and Educational Information

Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number*

Character Limit: 5

First Generation Student*

If neither of your parents have a college degree, then you are a first generation student. At the CFNRV, when we refer to "first generation student", we are asking if at least one of your

parents completed a 4 yr college or university degree. If one parent has a degree, then you are not a first generation student. We do not include siblings.

Choices
Yes
No

Educational Attainment*
Select the educational attainment level that best describes you

Choices
I am a current HS senior
I have graduated high school
I am enrolled in my first year of college
I am enrolled in my second year of college
I am enrolled in my third year of college
I am in vet school

Grade Point Average*
If you are a currently enrolled student, enter your cumulative GPA and grading scale. *For example (3.1/ 4.0)= a 3.1 GPA on a scale of 4.0.*

Character Limit: 12

AI Acceptable Use Policy Review Confirmation*
I have read the Community Foundation of the New River Valley's Policy on Acceptable Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Scholarship Applicants, which outlines the acceptable and unacceptable use of AI writing tools, such as, but not limited to, ChatGPT, Gemini, Jasper, and CoPilot. If I do use AI tools for this scholarship application, I agree to abide by the policy's acceptable use parameters. I understand that my application may be removed from consideration if reviewers believe I have violated the policy and used AI tools in an inappropriate manner.

Choices
Yes, I affirm that I have read and followed the policy.

Student Essay*
Tell us about yourself. Make it a story. Scholarships are awarded heavily based on your essay. Please know that your essay is confidential. Be sure to include all of the following information:

- A brief biographical sketch. Be as creative as you can.
- An experience that deeply influenced you.
- Your goals and aspirations. Be clear on your goals and why you are going to vet school and if you are planning to become a shelter veterinarian.

Character Limit: 5000

Honors and Awards
List any honors and awards you have received in the past 2 years

Character Limit: 500

School Based Extracurricular Activities

List any extracurricular activities in your school you have been involved with in the last 2 years and any information on office positions held. Please spell out any acronyms (i.e. write out "National Honor Society" instead of "NHS" so we understand what you are referring to.)

Character Limit: 500

Community Based Volunteer Activities

List any volunteer activities you have been involved in that were not affiliated with your school. Spell out any acronyms.

Character Limit: 500

Employment

List your employment history from the last 2 years. Please include whether it is full time, part-time or a summer job. Please spell out any acronyms.

Character Limit: 500

Additional Considerations

Are there any special circumstances or expenses the Scholarship Committee should be aware of when reviewing your application, such as illness, medical conditions, loss of job, or student debt that affect your family's financial situation? If so please describe:

Character Limit: 10000

Financial Information

Financial Statement*

Please fill out the Financial Statement and upload it below. The link will download a Word Document. Please save it as a PDF before uploading it to the application system.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Transcript (self-upload)

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Upload a copy of your most recent official or unofficial academic transcript in PDF form.

File Size Limit: 5 MB

Letters of Recommendation Instructions

Letters of recommendation are submitted directly by the people you ask to write them. In the space below, you will be asked to provide contact email addresses for two writers.

- Examples of writers include current teachers, principals, coaches, employers, etc.
- **Writers cannot be family members.**
- At least one letter **must** be from a current teacher or professor or academic advisor!

Other important items to note:

- **We require two letters of recommendation.**
- After typing the contact's email address, click "compose email" and a pop-up window will prompt you to write an email asking for a recommendation
- **Be sure to include the application deadline in the body of your email**. Each writer will also receive an email from our application system with a link for submitting their letter, but this email DOES NOT include the application deadline.
- **We do not accept letters of recommendation by mail or email.**
- DO NOT submit your application until BOTH letters of recommendation have been submitted.

Keep in mind:

- **It is your responsibility** as the applicant to ensure your writers submit the letters of recommendation by the required deadline.
- **It is your responsibility** to then submit your application once those letters have been uploaded.
- **Your application will not be accepted if two letters have not been uploaded.**

Letter of Recommendation #1

Letter of Recommendation Contact Email*

Enter the email address of the person who will be writing your first letter of recommendation.

Character Limit: 254

Letter of Recommendation Form*

Upload a letter of recommendation for this student. Provide the most current information you have for the student. All letters must be in PDF format. *For help creating a PDF, please refer to page 4 of our FAQ.*

File Size Limit: 2 MB

Letter of Recommendation #2

Third Party Email*

Character Limit: 254

Letter of Recommendation*

Upload a letter of recommendation for this student. Provide the most current information you have for the student. All letters must be in PDF format. *For help creating a PDF, please refer to page 4 of our FAQ.*

File Size Limit: 2 MB