

VIRGINIA ATHLETIC TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION



**APPLICATION
FOR
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HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

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GENERAL REGULATIONS

The Virginia Athletic Trainers' Association (VATA) offers a one-time \$500 scholarship to a deserving high school senior annually. Outstanding high school seniors who intend to pursue a career in athletic training will be considered. The award is based on individual merit and proof of enrollment in a CAATE accredited athletic training education program at a college/university. A check in the amount of \$500 will be sent directly to the winner's student account at the college/university which the student is enrolled. It is the expectation of the VATA that the winner make a concerted effort to attend the Awards Luncheon at the VATA Annual Meeting and Symposium that follows the receipt of their scholarship so that they may be recognized. Extenuating circumstances may absolve this requirement.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

The VATA High School Student Scholarship Program seeks to recognize students who demonstrate intent to pursue a career in Athletic Training and excellent potential to succeed. In granting the scholarship, the VATA will consider the following:

1. Scholarship ability (grades/test scores)
2. Leadership ability (leadership positions in sports/clubs/activities)
3. Responsible citizenship (community service)
4. Dedication/Interest in Athletic Training (classes taken, internships, conference attended)

CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for the VATA scholarship, a candidate must:

1. Be a member of the current graduating class of a secondary school in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Verification of admission to an accredited institution of higher learning that currently has a **CAATE accredited athletic training education program**.
3. Provide evidence of interest in Athletic Training through experience as a high school student athletic trainer and/or attendance at an athletic training seminar or workshop.

The completed nomination form and application must be postmarked by the due date to the following address:

Sara Pittelkau, Chairman
VATA Scholarship Committee
1222 Waterfront Drive
Apt 202
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23451
syp0721@gmail.com

The Scholarship application must be submitted in its entirety. No letters, transcripts, etc will be accepted if sent separately.

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NOMINATION FORM

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Name in full: _____
(LAST) (FIRST) (MIDDLE)

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____
(Area Code) (Number)

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Name of High School: _____

Name of High School Principal: _____

Name of Nominating Official: _____

Title : _____

Phone: _____

School Mailing Address: _____

School Telephone Number: _____
(Area Code) (Number)

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Requirements

- **LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

A letter of recommendation must be submitted from each:

1. **Nominating Official** (Athletic Trainer, Physician, School Nurse). **Instructions:** Please provide a candid assessment of the candidate's potential for a career in the allied health profession of Athletic Training. The award is based on excellence in scholarship, leadership, and citizenship.
2. **School Official** (Principal, Headmaster, or Guidance Counselor). **Instructions:** Please provide a candid assessment of the candidate's potential for a career in the allied health profession of Athletic Training. This award is based on excellence in scholarship, leadership, and citizenship. Please attach a properly certified transcript for grades 9-12 and a record of SAT and Achievement Test scores. Please verify the candidate's admission and acceptance to an accredited institution of higher learning.

- **EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES REPORT**

Please list, in order of importance, your activities in Athletic Training including related endeavors outside the classroom. Note the school year of the activity. Include any summer employment opportunities you have had. **NOTE: MUST BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET**

- **HONORS AND SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Please list any significant honors and special recognition you have received for academic or extra-curricular achievements. **NOTE: MUST BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET**

- **PERSONAL ESSAY**

Please compose a personal essay of 250-500 words. Use this essay to help the members of the VATA Education Committee learn more about you and your interest in a career in Athletic Training. In this regard, you might describe an influential person in your life, your goals for the future, and what pointed you toward a career in athletic training. Please include a description of your intentions for college and identify the Athletic Training Education Program to which you have applied or been accepted. **NOTE: MUST BE TYPED ON A SEPARATE SHEET**

Please read and sign below in the space indicated.

I certify that all statements and information contained within this application and all its attachments are true and are not in any way embellished that I may gain from deception.

Signature of Applicant

Date