

Vail Board of REALTORS® Foundation Academic Scholarship Award Program



Dear Applicant:

Applications are being accepted for the Vail Board of REALTORS® Foundation (VBRF) Academic Scholarship Award Program. Below is an overview of the scholarship program and the specific requirements. Please carefully review the scholarship guidelines and timelines for completion and submission. These must be strictly adhered to for consideration of the VBRF academic scholarship award program.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

- Scholarships may be awarded in amounts up to \$2,000.00 each.
- The number of scholarships and award amounts will be based upon the VBRF budget and determined by the qualifications and number of applicants each year.

SECTION I: CRITERIA FOR STUDENT APPLICANTS

1. Applicant must be an Eagle County resident, resided in Eagle County for at least two years and must provide proof of Eagle County residency such as a driver's license, voter's registration or another form of legal proof of residency.
2. Applicant must be enrolling in or returning to a college, university or accredited academic institution of higher learning in the fall of the current year as a full time student. Provide verification of the institution's statement defining a full-time student which shall include a full course load of no less than 12 hours per semester.
3. As an incoming freshman, the student must have graduated high school with at least a cumulative 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale for all four years. A returning college student must have earned a 3.0 GPA or higher the previous school year. Course selections must be at least grade appropriate or show higher academic rigor.
4. Applicant must disclose the cost of tuition to the institution being attended and the amount of any other scholarship monies awarded.
5. Scholarship winners must give the VBRF permission to use the applicant's information for marketing purposes.

SECTION II: SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. **Failure to complete all the application requirements will result in the elimination of the entire application.**
2. Preference is for the application to be completed in a 12-point font. Legible handwriting will be accepted as an alternative.
3. Submission **DEADLINE** is on or before **June 18th**.
4. Applications must be received at the VBR office located at 0275 Main Street, Unit G004, Edwards CO 81632 or by electronic submission to jessica@vbr.net no later than the submission deadline date. Subject line must read: VBRF Scholarship Application.

SECTION III: AWARD PROCESS

1. The decision to award any scholarships will be at the discretion of the VBRF Scholarship Committee. The Committee reserves the right to not award any scholarships in the event that no applications are received by the deadline, applicants fail to meet all the requirements, or do not provide all the specified information or documents.
2. A blind review of all applications will be performed to ensure fairness.
3. Scholarship winners will be announced on August 2, 2021.
4. The Scholarship will be provided within two weeks of receiving proof of enrollment. The Scholarship recipient must provide a photocopy of the student's college identification card and proof of current enrollment to the Vail Board of REALTORS® (VBR) office. This verification must be received by the VBR office no later than October 15th. If it is not received by such deadline, the Scholarship will be forfeited by the recipient.

SECTION IV: APPLICATION CONTENT AND REQUIRED INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTS

The following MUST BE SUBMITTED IN THE EXACT ORDER listed below:

1. ___ Academic Scholarship Submission Form
2. ___ Proof of Eagle County Residency
3. ___ Copy of the **dated** letter of acceptance from the college, university or accredited academic institution of higher learning you will be attending OR proof of your commitment to return to school such as an **official** class schedule, confirmation of university housing assignment, or other official documentation from the institution – must show name of applicant and institution.
4. ___ Copy of your complete 4-year high school transcript OR, if a returning student, communication from the college, university or accredited academic institution of higher learning stating your GPA from the preceding school year.

If there is a gap in time, provide a detailed explanation as to what you did during this time and provide your complete 4-year high school transcript if you're a new incoming college student OR proof of your most recent academic school year GPA if you're a returning student.

5. ____ In 500 words or less, please share your thoughts on one of the following and note the statement you are addressing:
 - a. Tell us what role Social Media plays in your life.
 - b. Describe what you envision your life to be after college.
 - c. Share a time you faced a challenge, set-back or failure, how it affected you and what you learned.
 - d. Recall the impact someone had on you that was so inspiring it caused you to want to be that kind of person. Tell us about the experience and how you would inspire others to be their best and not give up on their dreams.
6. ____ Letter of recommendation **dated and endorsed to the scholarship committee** from your academic advisor, guidance counselor, teacher, coach, college professor, advisor, mentor or employer/internship supervisor.
7. ____ Tell us about your experience with philanthropy and volunteering and share how it made an impact on your life.

What is the cost of tuition for the institution you are attending? _____

Are you receiving any other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, how much were you awarded? _____

Have you applied for this scholarship in the past? Yes _____ No _____

High School: _____

Graduation Date: _____ 4- Yr. Cumulative GPA: _____

If returning, GPA from most recent year: _____

College: _____

Number of hours for upcoming semester: _____

ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP SUBMISSION FORM

PLEASE READ AND SIGN THIS STATEMENT BELOW AND INCLUDE THIS PAGE WITH YOUR COMPLETED SUBMISSION.

I, _____ am submitting this scholarship application, having read and understood all the criteria and guidelines of the Vail Board of Realtors® Foundation.

- I understand that I must supply a copy of my college or higher learning institution Student ID and proof of active enrollment and participation in such institution before any scholarship check will be issued to me should I be chosen as a winner.
- I agree to allow the Vail Board of Realtors® Foundation to publish the results of the scholarship awards to any media outlets, social media and on the VBR’s website.
- I agree to allow the VBRF to take a photograph of me or use one supplied by me should they wish to include a photograph of the winning scholarship recipient in any publicity.
- I have submitted all items in the exact order as stated in Section IV, Items 1 – 7 and answered the required questions.

DEADLINE FOR OFFICE TO RECEIVE APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS IS ON OR BEFORE JUNE 18th.

Print Name: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____

Date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Print Parent or Legal Guardian Name: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

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