

# Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

## Claudia Dodson Award Criteria

The Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (VIAAA) awards **ONE** annual scholarship for **\$1,500.00** to a deserving high school student who will be graduating from a Virginia High School League member school or Independent School in honor of Claudia Dodson. She was the first female athletic administrator with the Virginia High School League appointed in 1971 serving the league for thirty years. The athletic administrator of the member school must be a member of the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association in order for the member school's student to qualify for the scholarship. **Each school is limited to one nominee per scholarship.**

### Requirements for this application must include the following:

- Must attend an institution for higher learning.
- Must be in need of financial assistance.
- Must have a minimum of a B (3.0) grade point average.
- Will not receive full athletic financial aid.
- Must have earned four or more Athletic Varsity Letters\*.
- Must have earned a leadership position(s) in school and community activities\*\*.
- Must have extensive service to school and community.
- Must provide three letters of recommendation for the nominee.

*\* Please include any Varsity letters you could potentially receive during the 2023–2024SY.*

The Selection Committee of the VIAAA will select **ONE** individual who best meets the above requirements and demonstrates the qualities of athletic achievement, leadership, and service as presented in the letters of recommendation.

These criteria are intended as guidelines for selection. Judgment of the Selection Committee will remain the determining factor in the selection process. **The Selection Committee will consider only those nominations that have been postmarked on or before December 1, 2024.**

The VIAAA Scholarship Chair or his/her designee will notify the award recipient's school. The award will be in the form of a check made payable to the institution in which the recipient has enrolled. A plaque will also be presented to the recipients at the VIAAA Annual Conference Banquet.

**This application must be postmarked on or before December 1, 2024, and forwarded to the VIAAA Scholarship Selection Committee. Submit all applications to:**

Wendy Baylor, CAA, Committee Chairman  
Tallwood High School  
1668 Kempsville Road  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

**Questions/Scanned Application Packets may be sent to: [wendy.baylor@vbschools.com](mailto:wendy.baylor@vbschools.com)**

# The Claudia Dodson Scholarship Award Application

Sponsored by the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification (circle one): 1/2 3/4 5/6 Ind.

Name of institution(s) of higher learning the student plans to apply or attend  
\_\_\_\_\_

GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a separate attachment for each of the following in this specific order (please include a separate CV/Resume for Parts II & III):

- I. Enclose an unofficial transcript from your Counseling Department/Parchment.
- II. List the nominee's athletic participation and achievements (minimum of four Athletic Varsity Letters - *Please include any letters you could potentially receive during the 2024-2025 school year.*)
- III. List areas in which the nominee has demonstrated leadership roles and service to the school and community.
- IV. Enclose **ONE** letter of recommendation for the nominee **FOR EACH CATEGORY** - athletic achievement, leadership, and service to school and community.
- V. Please include a short statement that reflects any circumstances that would show need for financial assistance.
- VI. When answering the following questions, consider highlighting a specific original event(s) that will allow the committee to have a better understanding of who you are as a person:
  - ◆ In two hundred words or less attach a typed essay on:
    - "How will this scholarship benefit you and your family in achieving your higher educational goals?"
  - ◆ In two hundred words or less attach a typed essay on:
    - "Looking back on your high school athletic participation, please describe a time where you had to overcome or manage adversity (in life or on your team)."

Principal's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic Administrator's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I give my consent and approval for the picture and name of the student listed above to be used by the VIAAA in any athletic program, publication, website, or video.

Signature of parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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