

Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association

John C. Youngblood Scholarship Award Criteria

The Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (VIAAA) awards **FOUR** annual scholarships in the amount of **\$1500.00** each to **FOUR** deserving high school students who will be graduating from a Virginia High School League member school or Independent School. This scholarship is in honor of John C. Youngblood, the first VIAAA president. The athletic administrator of the member school must be a member of the Virginia Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association for the member school's student to qualify for the scholarship. **Each school is limited to one nominee per scholarship.**

The scholarship will be awarded to a special and unique individual who:

- Is definitely going to pursue higher education and has a need for financial aid
- Has made a significant contribution to athletics
- Will not receive any financial assistance in the form of an athletic scholarship
- Has the respect of the coaches, peers, teachers, and community

The Selection Committee of the VIAAA will select **FOUR** individuals who best exemplify the description above. Attributes of athletic participation, leadership, service, and character will also be considered.

- **CHARACTER:** Reflects the qualities of honesty, integrity, and courage.
- **LEADERSHIP:** Possesses the capacity to lead and demonstrates the ability to provide direction that results in group achievement.
- **SCHOLARSHIP:** Achieves above-average scholarship, evidence provided by the nominating school that an institution of higher learning has accepted the student.
- **PARTICIPATION:** Must have received at least one varsity monogram during their high school career and have participated in a varsity athletic program for a minimum of two years including his/her senior year*.

** Please include any Varsity letters you could potentially receive during the 2024–2025 School Year.*

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 M. Baylor, CAA, Committee Chairman
Tallwood High School
1668 Kempsville Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Questions may be sent to: wendy.baylor@vbschools.com

The John C. Youngblood Scholarship Award Application

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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:
 - a. In two hundred words or less attach a typed paragraph on:
 - i. "How will this scholarship benefit you and your family in achieving your higher educational goals?"
 - ii. "Considering your leadership and character, how has your participation in high school athletics positively impacted your school and community?"

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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