



Scholarship Application Instructions

The **Virginia Basketball Academy (VABA) Scholarship Program** exists to provide our unique teaching programs to anyone in need who wants to participate. The only requirement is a love for the game of basketball and a sincere desire to work hard and improve. Are you someone who possesses these qualities? Do you know someone who might make the most of this opportunity who could use the assistance?

How do I apply for a Scholarship?

Applying for a Scholarship is quite simple. Please follow the steps and guidelines below to complete the scholarship application process.

STEP 1: Complete SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

- ❖ Enter Personal Information, Scholarship Request Info, and Agree to Commitment Pledge
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For applicants in or entering grades 3- 6

STEP 2: Complete SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE

- ❖ The purpose of the short-answer questionnaire is for our *Scholarship Committee* to determine why you, the applicant, deserve a scholarship. These questions hope to give our committee a better idea of the level of commitment and motivation of the applicant – in other words, what the applicant hopes to gain from the experience, what he/she wants to learn, what his/her are goals for the future, what kind of effort and commitment he/she has toward the game and self-improvement and participating in this experience, and what qualities he/she has that lend himself to thriving in this camp experience as well as anything else the applicant feels should be expressed. Simply, the short answer questionnaire serves to provide the *Scholarship Committee* specific insight into the candidates' worthiness to receive a scholarship.

For applicants in or entering grades 7 - 12

STEP 2: Complete SHORT-ANSWER QUESTIONNAIRE & PERSONAL STATEMENT ESSAY

- ❖ The purpose of this essay is to communicate to our *Scholarship Committee* why you, the applicant, deserve a scholarship. Generally, within the body of this essay, the applicant must express what he hopes to gain from the experience, what he wants to learn, what he has as goals for the future, what kind of effort and commitment he has toward the game and self-improvement and participating in this experience, and what qualities he has that lend himself to thriving in this camp experience as well as anything else the applicant feels should be expressed. Simply, the applicant must express to the *Scholarship Committee* that he is a worthy candidate and why.
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STEP 3: Include TWO (2) REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRES (from non-family members)

- ❖ The applicant must provide two (2) reference questionnaires from non-family members recommending him as a commendable candidate for a scholarship. Those completing the reference questionnaires should provide important insight into the applicant's qualities, personality traits, and any past history (specific examples are encouraged) that may help determine whether the applicant is a viable candidate, and anything else that may provide supporting evidence as to why the applicant should receive a scholarship. Any other additional information that will help the *Scholarship Committee* is always welcome. *Emails or attachments to emails are not acceptable. All reference questionnaires should be included in the applicants packet.*
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STEP 4: Complete REGISTRATION FORM (specific to the basketball program)

- ❖ The applicant must complete a REGISTRATION FORM (accessible online at www.PlayVABA.com), for the appropriate basketball teaching program (include insurance information and make sure parent/guardian has signed Liability Waiver and Consent to Medical Treatment).

The applicant must include all items listed above and mail together to the address below **to arrive a minimum four weeks prior to the event. If you are applying AFTER the deadline, please contact us directly and request an extension (which is usually granted provided all scholarship opportunities have not been distributed).*

Virginia Basketball Academy, Scholarship Application, PO Box 2438, Charlottesville, VA 22902

Please allow a minimum two to four weeks for a reply. The sooner the application is received, the sooner the Scholarship Committee will reply with a response. If there are any further questions or concerns, please email ScholarshipProgram@BDbasketball.com or call 434-242-7729.