

# Beblon G. Parks Scholarship

*In honor of Beblon G. Parks, retired VEA UniServ Manager & Director of the Office of Field Support, Organizing and Minority Engagement.*

*(Beblon served as Director of the Chesapeake Bay Education Association's Portsmouth/Suffolk Office and as Associate Director for the Education Association of Norfolk. She was also a classroom and resource teacher for the Hampton City Schools and served as President of the Hampton Education Association.)*

The Beblon G. Parks Scholarship Fund awards either two \$1,000 scholarships to two high school seniors or one \$2,000 scholarship to a single high school senior, depending on the pool of qualified applicants.

## **Scholarship Criteria:**

1. A letter of nomination from a current Virginia Education Association (VEA) member or VEA-Retired member is required. *Please call 1-800-552-9554, if needed, to verify membership before submitting the application.*
2. The official high school transcript should be submitted with the application.
3. Submission of an essay on: Why You Chose to Enter the Education Field and your goals for your professional career. (No more than two (2) typed pages, Font: Times New Roman, Size: 12, Double-spaced, MLA Style)
4. Two (2) letters of recommendation, one from the student's current or past teacher and one from school personnel or a community leader who is familiar with the student.
5. Proof of acceptance to a college or university to which the scholarship award shall be applied. The scholarship shall only be applied toward educational expenses once the applicant has been accepted into the college or university. The letter of acceptance must accompany the application.
6. Applications will be reviewed by the Grants Committee of the Beblon G. Parks Scholarship Fund.
7. The recipient will be notified by mail and invited to attend, upon availability, a recognition program.
8. Mail or hand deliver the application and supporting documentation on or before the deadline of **March 31, 2025.**

Beblon G. Parks Scholarship Fund  
Virginia Education Association  
8001 Franklin Farms Drive, Suite 200  
Richmond, VA 23229

**Personal Data**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City/State Zip code

Student's Email \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# or Last four Digits of SS# \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's  
Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's/Guardian's Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Honors/Awards and Extra-Curricular Activities**

Beginning with the most recent, give a brief summary of honors/awards and extra-curricular activities. Be sure to include dates honors/awards were received or dates of participation. Attach a separate sheet, if necessary.

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**College Plans**

Name of College/University you are planning to attend in the fall. \_\_\_\_\_ College/University Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Aid Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Aid Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street Room/Hall # City/State Zip code

**Returning the Application**

**The deadline for returning the application and supporting criteria is on or before March 31, 2025.**

**Please make sure all scholarship criteria has been checked off before mailing your application and documentation.**

- Application (page 1 & 2)
- Official High School Transcript
- Essay
- Letter of nomination from a current VEA member or VEA-Retired member
- Two Letters of Recommendation
- College/University Acceptance Letter

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***This page is to be completed by the Nominating VEA or VEA-Retired member.***

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Letter of Nomination:

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Nominating Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number & Street City/State Zip code

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Member's  
VEA Local Association \_\_\_\_\_ VEA Membership # \_\_\_\_\_  
Spelled out Call 1-800-552-9554 to verify membership.

Nominating Member's Signature \_\_\_\_\_