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VBCDC Youth Empowerment Scholarship 2016

The Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation is an award-winning 501(c) 3 non-profit housing development corporation operating in the City of Virginia Beach. Our mission is to enhance and expand affordable housing opportunities as well as to assist the City with neighborhood revitalization strategies.

We are proud to announce that we are offering two \$500 scholarships for the first time to graduating seniors in high school for current VBCDC resident neighbors.

Program Guidelines & Priorities:

* Seeking graduating seniors with a record of community service, volunteerism in non-school sponsored activities, or willingness to help others, and participation in extracurricular school activities.

* Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.7, and plan to attend a 2 or 4 year college or technical school.

* Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the scholarship winner. (Scholarship funds may be used for tuition, books, lab supplies, and materials.)

* Two (2) teacher/community sponsor/mentor reference forms must be submitted with the application. No reference form should be from a relative. An application will not be reviewed by the scholarship committee unless there are two (2) teacher/community sponsor/mentor references.

(Print or type your name on the line at the top of the Teacher/Community Sponsor/Mentor Reference Form and give to each teacher/community sponsor/mentor reference to complete. You are responsible for collecting the completed forms from the teacher/community sponsor/mentor in a sealed envelope. Please make sure your name and the name of the scholarship are on the front of the envelope. (or) Your teacher/community sponsor/mentor reference may electronically send the reference form directly to: scholarshipinfo@vbcdc.org)

* Applications must be received by the application deadline of ***April 29, 2016 by 4:00 p.m.*** Late applications will not be accepted.

1. Applications may be downloaded from the VBCDC website at <http://www.vbcdc.org/#!/scholarships/bdnn> and submitted by email to: scholarshipinfo@vbcdc.org.

2. Applications may be mailed to: VBCDC, Attention: Scholarship Committee, 2400 Potters Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23454

3. Applications may be dropped off at the VBCDC corporate office listed above.

The applications will be reviewed and recipients selected by a committee from VBCDC. The scholarships will be awarded in May 2016.

Please submit any questions to: scholarshipinfo@vbcdc.org.

Submission Checklist:

1. Proof of 2.7 or better GPA
2. Two (2) teacher/community sponsor/mentor reference forms
3. Resume
4. Two essays
5. Submit application

VBCDC SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2016

Please **type** your answers.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:																																								
2.	Mailing Address																																									
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3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()																																									
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4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year	Gender: Male Female																																								
5.	Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) * (Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.)																																									
7.	Name and location of High School attending:																																									
8.	<p>(If your resume or activities sheet answers question 8, please attach and skip to Question 9.)</p> <p>A. List any academic honors, awards and membership activities while in high school: B. List your hobbies, outside interests, extracurricular activities and school related volunteer activities: C. List your non-school sponsored volunteer activities in the community:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 40%;">Activity</th> <th style="width: 15%;">Years Participated</th> <th style="width: 25%;">Position Held</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Award Received</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> <tr><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td><td> </td></tr> </tbody> </table>		Activity	Years Participated	Position Held	Award Received																																				
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10.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): (Include address if different than your own listed in Question 2.) Name(s): Street: City: State: Zip: Home phone of parents or legal guardians: Work phone:
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11. On a separate sheet please write an essay (250 - 500 words) answering two out of the four questions below: A. Describe how volunteer or community service has shaped who you are today and what community service has taught you. Also in your essay discuss any challenges or obstacles you dealt with and overcame in life, and how this will help you succeed in college and beyond. B. Discuss an accomplishment or event, formal or informal that marked your transition from childhood to adulthood within your culture, community, or family. C. The word community is defined in a variety of ways depending on who is asked. How do you define the word community? D. Discuss something you have done that has made a difference in your community.

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY FOR STUDENTS

I hereby affirm that all the above stated information provided by me is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that if chosen as a scholarship winner my picture may be taken and used to promote the VBCDC scholarship program. (The winner may waive photo due to unusual or compelling circumstances.)

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the VBCDC Scholarship policy, I must be present at any potential awards ceremony or reception in May 2016 to receive my scholarship award.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the VBCDC Scholarship policy, it is my responsibility to remit the appropriate information for my scholarship to VBCDC to be paid directly to my educational institution for my second semester in December 2016/January 2017.

I hereby understand I will not submit this application without all required attachments and supporting information. Incomplete applications or applications that do not meet eligibility criteria will not be considered for this scholarship.

Signature of scholarship applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

***(If scholarship applicant is under age 18)**

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

TEACHER/COMMUNITY SPONSOR/MENTOR REFERENCE FORM

Student Name: _____

- Please fill in the information below in reference to the applicant.
- Factors considered are academic excellence, leadership qualities, and outstanding service.
- Please place this form in a sealed envelope before returning it to the applicant. Please print the name of the applicant and the name of the scholarship on the front of the envelope. (or)
- Please email directly to us at: scholarshipinfo@vbcdc.org.

1.	Teacher/Community Sponsor/Mentor Reference Name:
2.	Email:
3.	Number of years you have been acquainted with the applicant:
4.	In what context do you know the applicant?
5.	(Feel free to provide a recommendation letter in place of answering the following questions.) How would you evaluate the applicant's skills/accomplishments? If possible, offer specific examples that illustrate the student's strengths and qualifications.
6.	Why would you recommend this student and to what degree would you recommend him/her?

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