



## Financial Aid

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# Scholarships

Enclosed is a list of scholarships offered at Valdosta State University, a list of Suggestions and Sources of Scholarships, and a VSU General Scholarship Application. Students may request scholarship applications after January 1st of each year. Some applications are not available until later. Please be advised that the deadline for most applications is March 1st.

Regardless of your family's income or your potential eligibility for a scholarship, complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and all other financial aid applications required by the VSU Office of Financial Aid.

Students should read each scholarship description carefully. Some scholarships require the student to contact the donor or department directly to obtain information, others require the student to contact the Office of Financial Aid. **VSU General Scholarship Applications are due in the Office of Financial Aid by March 1st.**

There are two academic scholarships offered which do not require an application, the Odum and Whitehead. These are offered to incoming freshman. Eligible students are automatically selected by the VSU Office of Admissions. Inquiries regarding Odum and Whitehead Scholarships should be directed to the VSU Office of Admissions.

This list and additional information on student financial aid is also available on the World Wide Web on the VSU Office of Financial Aid Web Page at <[www.valdosta.edu](http://www.valdosta.edu)>.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to call the Valdosta State University Office of Financial Aid.

## State-Wide Scholarships

### Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Georgia Scholarship

Full tuition awarded throughout the State of Georgia on a rotating basis. Must be a Georgia resident, undergraduate with superior academic achievement, good citizenship and financial need. Apply to the VSU Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### Ty Cobb Scholarship

Awarded annually to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. To qualify, one must be a Georgia resident, demonstrate financial need, and possess at least a "B" average. Applications available from: Ty Cobb Foundation, P.O. Box 725, Forest Park, Georgia 30051, or by e-mail: <tycobb@mindspring.com.>

### HOPE Scholarship

(Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally)

Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and is available to eligible Georgia 1993 or later high school graduates. HOPE covers matriculation, a portion of the mandatory fees, and a book allowance (\$150 for 6 hours or more; \$75 for 5 hours or less).

Basic Eligibility Requirements:

- Georgia Residency. Students receiving a tuition waiver must also have graduated from a Georgia high school;
- Grade point eligibility for entering freshmen is based on a final high school grade point average of 3.0 or better as determined by the high school and reported to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC), by July 1 each year;
- Regardless of high school graduation or high school grade point average, students with a 3.0 cumulative grade point average at the 30th, 60th or 90th attempted hour are eligible to participate in the Program if they were Georgia residents at the time they first enrolled in a post-secondary institution in Georgia;
- Maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average while in college. This covers all prior colleges attended as well as VSU. The grade point average is reviewed at

the 30th, 60th, and 90th attempted hour. Be advised, the HOPE Scholarship Regulations for public institutions are different from those of the private and technical institutions;

- If you lost the HOPE Scholarship after your freshman year due to your grade point average dropping below a 3.0, you are eligible to reapply for the HOPE at the 60<sup>th</sup> or 90<sup>th</sup> attempted semester hour, provided your cumulative grade point average is a 3.0;
- If you have not attempted more than 127 semester hours at VSU and/or any other college(s) combined, you may be eligible. Attempted hours include any letter grade for A, B, C, D, F, W, WF, WP, WY, WH, I, IP, U, S, V;
- Full-time enrollment is not a requirement;

All students who meet the HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements and wish to apply for the HOPE Scholarship are required to complete the FAFSA and provide any additional documents as requested by the Office of Financial Aid for verification purposes. A HOPE Processing Application should be completed and returned to the VSU Office of Financial Aid.

However, students who wish to only apply for the HOPE Scholarship and have no intentions of applying for any other type of financial aid such as student loans, a one-page HOPE Scholarship & Grant Application is available by request at the OFA.

You may also apply on-line at the Georgia Student Finance Commission's web site, [www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org), by clicking on the "Electronic HOPE Application". Once you have completed this on-line application, you will need to call the VSU Office of Financial Aid, or email the Office of Financial Aid at [finaid@valdosta.edu](mailto:finaid@valdosta.edu), as the electronic application is not automatically downloaded to the VSU OFA.

You may monitor your HOPE Scholarship history at this web site by clicking on "View Your Scholarship and Grant Status". You will also find a complete list of the HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations at this same web site.

If you have questions, you may contact the VSU HOPE Scholarship Coordinator in the Office of Financial Aid (229) 333-5935, or contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission at 1-800-505-GSFC.

## University-Wide Scholarships

Valdosta State University offers academic scholarships each year to incoming freshmen. Various criteria are considered, such as SAT or ACT scores and high school. The VSU Office of Admissions notifies eligible students of their selection and the amount of their scholarship. There is no application for these scholarships, as eligible students are automatically selected by the VSU Office of Admissions. The scholarships offered are as follows:

### R.B. Whitehead Scholarship

Provided from funds donated to the University by the late Mr. and Mrs. R.B. Whitehead of Valdosta. The Whiteheads were enthusiastic supporters of the University, donating money not only to scholarships but also to campus beautification. Selected by the VSU Office of Admissions.

### John and Gertrude Odum Scholarship

Provided from funds donated to the University by the late John and Gertrude Odum. Mrs. Odum was a Professor of English at VSU for many years and a long-time supporter of academic excellence. Selected by the VSU Office of Admissions.

## Scholarships Based on Major

Most scholarship applications should be submitted before March 1 of each year. On any scholarship in which financial need is a criteria for consideration, the student must have a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on file with the VSU Office of Financial Aid.

## College of the Arts

### Robert F. Barr Scholarship

Funds are available for scholarship awards for promising instrumentalist Music and Music Education majors through the Robert F. Barr Scholarship Fund. The Department of Music selects recipients on the basis of audition. Apply to the Department of Music.

### Lee M. Bennett Art Scholarship

VSU students majoring in art, who meet certain criteria are eligible to apply for this scholarship, created by Mrs. Bennett's will. Apply to the Department of Art.

### Wesley Ren Christie Scholarship

This scholarship is provided for communication arts majors. High school seniors must have a combined SAT score of at least 1100. Applicants for this scholarship will be chosen on the basis of SAT or ACT scores, the academic average and standing in high school or junior college, and an original essay. Apply to the Department of Communication Arts.

### Elene D. Dorminy Scholarship

Scholarship funds are provided by the John Henry Dorminy Foundation. Awarded annually to an undergraduate music major, based on musical ability and potential. Recipients are selected by the Department of Music on the basis of audition.

### LaForrestEberhardtTheatreScholarship

This scholarship is awarded to theatre majors based on a combination of academic achievement and audition or portfolio presentation. Apply to the Department of Theatre Arts.

### Golden Circle Theatre Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to theatre majors based on a combination of academic achievement and audition or portfolio presentation. Apply to the Department of Theatre Arts.

### Tammy Lee Fortner Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Tammy Lee Fortner by her parents and family. The scholarship is available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors majoring in art. It is renewable. The scholarship will be awarded based upon a combination of need and academic merit, and recipients are selected by the Department of Art Scholarship Committee. Apply to the Department of Art.

### Bernard L. Linger Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Bernard L. Linger and is awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior majoring in music, art, or communication arts. The recipient must have carried a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours per semester during the year prior to application and must have maintained an overall 3.5 grade point average. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years if the student maintains a 3.5 cumulative grade point average and continues to major in music, art, or communication arts. Apply to the College of the Arts.

### **Ola Lee Means Scholarship**

This non-renewable scholarship is offered to outstanding students in the field of English and those enrolled in a program in the College of the Arts. In even numbered years, the award will be made to a student majoring in English. In the odd numbered years, the award will be made to a student enrolled in a College of the Arts major of study. Recipients are selected by the appropriate college or department. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Louise Sawyer Theatre Scholarship**

This scholarship fund established in memory of Louise Sawyer is awarded to a student pursuing a degree in theatre arts. Recipients are selected by the Department of Theatre Arts.

### **Lucy Martin Stewart Scholarship**

Awarded each year to a vocal music major. Selection is made solely on promise as a performer. Recipients are selected by the Department of Music on the basis of audition.

## **College of Arts & Sciences**

### **Alpha Kappa Delta Scholarship**

This annual endowed scholarship is available to undergraduates and graduates based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need. The scholarship was established to promote interest in the study of Sociology at VSU. Recipients are chosen by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice. Apply to the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice.

### **Harold S. Gulliver, Sr. Memorial Scholarship**

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Harold S. Gulliver, Sr. The scholarship is based on academic ability and financial need. Preference will be given to English and humanities majors. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Andy Koppy Memorial Scholarship**

This annual endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Andy Koppy and is awarded to student(s) majoring in Computer Science, who is/are also minoring in German. The recipient(s) must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all courses and are chosen annually

on the basis of ability, promise and need, by an agreed decision from the Department Heads of Mathematics and Computer Science and the Senior Professor of German in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Apply to the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

### **James E. Martin Scholarship**

This scholarship was created to honor the memory of James E. Martin. The scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a B.S. degree in physics. The scholarship can be renewed for up to three years if the student maintains a 3.0 grade point average in all courses required for the physics major. Recipients are selected by the Department of Physics. Apply to the Department of Physics.

### **Ola Lee Means Scholarship**

See awarding criteria listed in College of the Arts section.

### **Julia Wisenbaker Sumerford Scholarship**

This non-renewable scholarship is offered to outstanding students in the fields of chemistry and nursing. In the even numbered years, the award will be made to the student majoring in the field of chemistry. In the odd-numbered years, the award will be made to a nursing student. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration**

### **Belk-Hudson Management Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship provided by Belk-Hudson of Valdosta, awarded to an outstanding management major, is renewable if the student maintains a 2.75 grade point average and is making satisfactory progress toward completion of the B.B.A. degree. Recipients are selected by the College of Business Administration. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Citizens Community Bank Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded based on student recommendations by the Dean of the College of Business Administration. Minimum requirements include an SAT score of 1000 or higher and a high school grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. A current FAFSA should be

on file at the Office of Financial Aid. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **James L. Dewar, Sr.—Park Avenue Bank Scholarship**

Created in honor of Mr. Dewar, Sr., this scholarship invites applications from students who graduated from a Lowndes County school and majoring in Business Administration. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **John Henry Dorminy Scholarship**

This scholarship is provided by the Dorminy Trust Fund. Incoming freshmen at VSU who will be majoring in the College of Business Administration are eligible. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years if the student maintains a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Georgia Gulf Sulfur Business—Athlete Scholarship**

This scholarship established by the Georgia Gulf Sulfur Corporation to recognize outstanding performance in the classroom and the field of competition is awarded to an incoming freshman at Valdosta State University, majoring in a College of Business discipline, and participating in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic teams. A minimum 950 SAT is required, and the scholarship can be renewable up to three additional years if the student maintains a minimum 2.5 grade point average, continues to pursue a College of Business degree program, and continues to participate in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic sports. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Bank of America Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded based on recommendations by the Dean of the College of Business Administration. Preferences are given to business majors. Must be in good academic standing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Max Stephenson Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded based on student recommendations by the Dean of the College of Business Administration. Preferences are given to business administration majors. Must be in good academic standing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Steele Scholarship**

The premier scholarship of the Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration, this endowed scholarship was created in 2002 to honor the memory of Rea and Lillian Steele. Steele Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding incoming freshmen and transfer students majoring in one of five business disciplines. Minimum requirements for consideration include an SAT score of 1230 and a high school or transfer grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Involvement in activities, leadership, service to the community and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid) are also considered. A Steele Scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years for recipients maintaining a 3.25 average while continuing to pursue a BBA degree. Recipients are selected by the College of Business Administration. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## College of Education

### **Gail Aberson Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Gail Aberson, to assist teachers at the graduate level in their professional development/certification as Teacher Support Specialists (Mentors) and science teachers K-12. The award will provide assistance to teachers from member school systems in the Okefenokee RESA. Qualified recipients may contact the College of Education for application information.

### **Ola M. Brown Minority Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship designated for a minority student majoring in Education is available to a student with good academic standing and demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Selection will be determined by the College of Education Scholarship Committee. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

### **Mattie H. Dewar Scholarship**

This annual endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Mattie Hendry Dewar by her family members. The scholarship is awarded to students pursuing service occupations in the primary fields of education, welfare and religious activities. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

## **HOPE Promise Scholarship**

Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and is a component of the HOPE Scholarship Program. The purpose of this Program is to attract high-achieving undergraduates into the teaching profession and provide them with financial assistance beginning the junior year and continuing through the senior year. Scholarship recipients agree to teach in a Georgia public school at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level after graduation. If a recipient fails to meet this obligation, the scholarship becomes a loan, which must be repaid in cash, with interest. Applications should be available late spring semester. To apply, contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission at (770) 724-9030 or toll-free at 1-800-505-GSFC, or the VSU HOPE Coordinator in the Office of Financial Aid (229) 333-5935, request a HOPE Promise Scholarship Application. For the complete HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations, visit the GSFC web site address at [www.gsfc.org/](http://www.gsfc.org/).

## **HOPE Teacher Scholarship**

Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and is a component of the HOPE Scholarship Program. This scholarship provides financial assistance to teachers, counselors, and individuals seeking advanced degrees in critical fields of study in education. Scholarship recipients agree to teach in a Georgia public school at the preschool, elementary, or secondary level after graduation. If a recipient fails to meet this obligation, the scholarship becomes a loan, which must be repaid in cash, with interest. Applications should be available late spring semester. To apply, contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission at (770) 724-9030 or toll-free at 1-800-505-GSFC, or the VSU HOPE Coordinator in the Office of Financial Aid (229) 333-5935, request a HOPE Teacher Scholarship Application. For the complete HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations, visit the GSFC web site address at [www.gsfc.org/](http://www.gsfc.org/).

## **Vicky Lynne Foshee Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Vicky Lynne Foshee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald P. Foshee. The scholarship is to be awarded to a graduate student enrolled in the Industrial/Organizational Psychology program. Completing at least 10 hours per semester with a "B" or better grade point average may renew it. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

## **A.B. "Sonny" Martin Scholarship**

This scholarship is awarded based on recommendations by the College of Education Scholarship Committee.

Students must be pursuing a masters of education degree. Based on ability and promise. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

## **Catherine Hensley McDonald Memorial Scholarship**

The members of the Valdosta Junior Service League established this scholarship in memory of Catherine Hensley McDonald. The scholarship is available to students majoring in the Business-Vocational Education program, who have a minimum grade point average of 2.5, and have demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). The scholarship is renewable for one year if the recipient maintains the 2.5 grade point average. Selection is made by the College of Education Scholarship Committee. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

## **Saralyn Sammons Scholarship**

The Saralyn Sammons Scholarship was established to honor Miss Sammons, a member of the Vocational Education faculty for 26 years. The scholarship is awarded to a student who has completed 30 hours at VSU, has a minimum 3.0 grade point average, and has demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Recommendations for this scholarship are made by the Department of Adult and Career Education. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

## **Elizabeth Darlene Sikes Scholarship**

This scholarship was established to recognize an outstanding graduate student in Communication Disorders. Based on continuous community service, good academic standing and financial need. Must provide 2 letters of support. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

## **Speech and Hearing Scholarship**

The members of the Valdosta Junior Service League have established this scholarship for a student majoring in Communication Disorders, who has completed 50 semester hours, has a minimum 2.5 grade point average, and has demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Contact the Department of Speech and Hearing for application information.

## **Jim & Mary Threatte Scholarship**

This annual scholarship was established by Jimmy '65 & Quay Allen of Tifton, in honor of Mrs. Allen's parents, to

recognize an outstanding student in the College of Education. The College of Education selects recipients. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

### College of Nursing

#### Virginia McCraw Gaskins Scholarship

One scholarship is offered each year from funds provided in memory of Virginia McCraw Gaskins. Preference is given to students who are pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in nursing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### Kiwanis Club of Valdosta Scholarship

This scholarship is sponsored annually by the Kiwanis Club of Valdosta. This scholarship is renewable, and recipients are recommended by the College of Nursing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### Thomas H. Moseley, M.D. Nursing Scholarship

This scholarship is provided in memory of Dr. Thomas H. Moseley, Sr. It is awarded to senior nursing majors, with consideration given to academics and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### Jane Parramore Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to senior nursing majors based on academics and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Recipient selected by the College of Nursing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate female students, in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Recipients selected by the College of Nursing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### Julia Wisenbaker Sumerford Scholarship

See awarding criteria listed in College of Arts & Sciences section.

### Other Scholarships

#### Air Force ROTC Scholarship

Scholarships are available to students enrolled in ROTC at VSU and are based on performance, academic achievement and leadership potential. For further information, contact the VSU Air Force ROTC Office at (229) 333-5954.

#### Valdosta State University Alumni Scholarship

Provided by the Valdosta State University Alumni Association. This scholarship was created to recognize and support graduate students who have demonstrated a significant amount of academic achievement. Awarded to one graduate student annually. Contact the VSU College of Graduate Studies. Request a VSU Alumni Scholarship Application.

#### Beth Burnette Scholarship

This endowed scholarship is created to honor the memory of Beth Burnette. The scholarship is available to students who are graduates of Valdosta High School. Recipients will be selected based upon a combination of financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid) and academic merit. The scholarship is renewable for three years. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### Paul A. Burnette Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship established in memory of Paul A. Burnette, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Burnette, awarded annually to a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The recipient must have a 2.5 grade point average and demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

#### Louise S. Chastain Scholarship

This fund was established by Mrs. Chastain for students pursuing a Masters in Social Work. Preference is given to residents of Thomas County, Georgia. Apply to the Division of Social Work.

## **Griffin L.L.C. Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship assists the dependent child of a Griffin Associate. Incoming freshmen, as well as students enrolled at VSU, with a Griffin employed parent, are eligible for this scholarship. This scholarship is renewable if the student maintains a 15 credit hour enrollment at VSU, a 2.0 grade point average, is making satisfactory progress toward a degree, and the parent is maintaining employment with the Griffin Corporation. Applications are available with the Griffin Corporation Human Resources Department, and are due April 1.

## **Dr. Joseph A. and Hazel Durrenberger Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship is available to deserving undergraduate students, with preference given to those who are considered non-traditional, having reached the age of 25, maintaining a 2.5 grade point average, and enrolled full-time. This scholarship is renewable. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **Sallie Hutchinson Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to deserving undergraduate students, with preference given to female students who permanently reside in one of the following counties: Berrien, Cook, Lowndes, Thomas or Brooks. This scholarship is renewable. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **Lorene Joiner Memorial Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thomas, in memory of Mrs. Thomas' mother, Lorene Joiner. The scholarship is intended to benefit students with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **Clare Philips Martin Scholarship**

This scholarship is available to a student currently enrolled at VSU who has completed no less than 60 semester hours at VSU with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. To qualify, a student must have demonstrated intellectual growth and leadership through involvement in clubs, organizations, projects, and work experience while in college. This award is presented during the University Honors Day Program, during spring semester. The deadline for application is March 1, and applications are available through the Office of Financial Aid. Request a

Clare Philips Martin Scholarship Application. It can also be obtained by visiting the VSU website at [www.valdosta.edu/Finaid](http://www.valdosta.edu/Finaid).

## **Paul Scott Marty Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Paul Scott Marty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Marty. The recipient must be an Air Force ROTC cadet who will be entering the junior year and will not be receiving the Air Force ROTC Scholarship. The ROTC Detachment 172 will distribute and receive applications for scholarships. For further information, contact the VSU Air Force ROTC Office at (229) 333-5954.

## **VSU Minority Alumni Scholarship**

This scholarship was established by the VSU Minority Alumni Association. The scholarship is awarded to students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). The recipient(s) will be selected by the VSU Minority Alumni Association. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **Roy L. "Butch" Pierce Scholarship**

Awarded each year based on academic excellence and financial need. May be renewed. Preference given to residents of Seminole County, Georgia, and the surrounding area. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **Milton M. Ratner Foundation Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended to benefit students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **Walter R. and Dorothy S. Salter Scholarship**

This fund provides scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled in a pre-medical program of study. The trustee of the estate of Mrs. Salter selects recipients. Students must be enrolled full-time, have a 3.0 grade point average, be a declared pre-med major having completed two major level courses in both chemistry and biology (4 courses). Application can be made to the Office of Financial Aid by completing the VSU General Scholarship application.



### **Barbara Pearlman Sosnik Scholarship**

This endowed scholarship was created by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pearlman, to honor the memory of their daughter. To be awarded to deserving students with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **James D. Walker Scholarship**

Awarded to a junior transfer student. Based on academic excellence and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). May be renewed for the senior year. Preference given to residents of Suwannee County, Florida. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

### **Frances Wood Wilson Foundation, Inc. Scholarship**

This scholarship is intended to benefit students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship.

## **Athletic Department Scholarships**

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For scholarship information regarding a particular sport, contact the VSU Athletic Office at (229) 333-5890.

### **GeorgiaGulfSulfurAthleticScholarships**

These scholarships were established to assist academically and athletically talented students who are members of the VSU basketball teams. Selection is made by the coaching staffs of the basketball programs.

### **Billy Grant Scholarship**

This scholarship was established in memory of Billy Grant, for his many contributions to the VSU athletics program. The scholarship is awarded to a member of the VSU golf team based on recommendations from the golf coach and athletic director.

### **Jesse F. Tuggle Scholarship**

The Jesse F. Tuggle Scholarship was established as an endowed scholarship, to assist members of the VSU football team. Recipients of the scholarship must be in good academic standing. Selection is determined by the football coaching staff.

## Suggestions and Sources of Scholarships

Scholarships are provided by a variety of sources: colleges, government agencies, large corporations, professional organizations, civic groups, fraternities/sororities and so forth. To assist you with locating scholarship sources several publications are listed. Scholarships require a lot of research on the students' part. For additional information, contact high school counselors, college representatives, community leaders, your local chamber of commerce, your local library, churches, etc. A source of information can be found on the World Wide Web by searching "scholarships". The following suggestions may assist you with scholarship applications:

### Scholarship Information and Availability

Students should begin seeking scholarship information prior to their senior year. Specifically, inquire about eligibility requirements, application procedures, and deadlines.

### Scholastic and Test Score Requirements

Many scholarships are awarded to students having the most competitive scholastic record and college admissions test scores. Therefore, maintain and, if necessary, attempt to increase your grade point average. In addition, do your best on the SAT and ACT examinations.

### Documentation of Eligibility

Gather pertinent certificates, letters of commendation, and other evidence of awards that may help document your eligibility for various scholarships. In addition, ask teachers, ministers, and other professionals to write a letter of recommendation on your behalf.

### Apply for Financial Aid

Regardless of your family's income or your potential eligibility for a scholarship, complete all financial aid applications required by the college(s) where you are applying.

### Completion of Scholarship Applications

Applications should be neatly written or typed. When essays are required, be sure they are free of errors. Ask several people to proofread and critique your essay.

### Record Keeping

Maintain copies of submitted scholarship, admission, and financial aid applications. If timely responses are not received from agencies or institutions, contact them to confirm receipt and status of your applications.

*Before ordering a publication, check with your high school counselor or local library for a reference copy.*

### The Scholarship Book

By Daniel J. Cassidy

The complete guide to private-sector scholarships, grants, and loans for undergraduates. Order from: National Scholarship Research Service (NSRS), Box 6609, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-0609, Phone: (707) 546-6777.

All students are welcomed to come by the VSU Office of Financial Aid and use our copy.

### Undergraduate Programs or Cooperative Education

A clear, up-to-date listing of all known programs of co-op education in the U.S. and Canada. Order from: National Commission for Cooperative Education, 360 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115, Phone: (617) 437-3465.

### Need a Lift?

A guide to educational opportunities and scholarships. Especially helpful for those with a military background, but useful for all. Sometimes available from local American Legion Auxiliaries. Order from: American Legion, P.O. Box 1050, Indianapolis, IN 46206, Phone: (317) 635-8411, Ext. 251.

### Don't Miss Out and/or A's and B's of Academic Scholarships

Practical, clearly written, step-by-step guide to financial aid and scholarships. Helps you to plan strategies. They are updated each September. Order from: Octameron Associates, P.O. Box 2748, Alexandria, VA 22301, Phone: (703) 836-5480.

### Chronicle Student Aid Annual

Provides information on financial aid and scholarships available from private organizations such as churches, unions, foundations, professional associations, multi-national companies, etc. It is double indexed for easier searching. It is updated each August. Library of Congress



**Quick Reference**

VSU General Information .....(229) 333-5800 or 1-800-618-1878

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