

## **Award Criteria for the Region VII VPPPA Scholarship**

The Region VII scholarship was established in 2009 to recognize students who are leaders and role models in their schools and communities and who are pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree **or** pursuing a degree in the Trades Programs. This annual scholarship is granted to one student who is either a full time employee at a VPPPA Full Member site or is the child / grandchild / stepchild / step-grandchild of a full time employee at a Full Member site.

Applications will be accepted from eligible candidates only. The VPP site must be a VPPPA Full Member in good standing to qualify.

Students must be pursuing a degree (undergraduate or graduate) **or** pursuing a degree in the Trades Programs. Students can be either full-time or part-time.

All applicants must:

1. Complete the Region VII Scholarship Application Form for the scholarship program.
2. Submit an official transcript of grades.
3. Submit a reference letter from a high school teacher, a professor from the university they are attending, or a supervisor at a current job.
4. Submit a reference letter from the relative working at the VPP site.
5. Submit an essay on why they would qualify for the scholarship. (No more than two typed pages, double spaced)
6. Submit a typed biography or current resume. Biographies should be no more than two typed pages, double spaced describing your interests, hobbies and/or work experience. Include any significant accomplishments and extracurricular activities in support of the scholarship application. The biography can be substituted with a current resume.
7. All applicants must have at least a 2.5 GPA on a scale of 4.0.

\*\*\* Other criteria used to evaluate all applicants include demonstrated leadership skills in extracurricular activities, involvement in professional organizations, community service, communications skills and other awards / honors earned at educational institutions.

The 2012 Scholarship award will be presented to the successful candidate on May 09, 2012, at the awards luncheon, in conjunction with the VPPPA Region VII Conference. The successful candidate is encouraged to be present at the ceremony to receive the award.

The 2012 Scholarship award money will be paid to the educational institution the scholarship winner will be attending.

# REGION VII VPPPA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

The Region VII Voluntary Protection Programs Participants' Association's \$5000 Scholarship is intended for students pursuing either an undergraduate or graduate degree **or** pursuing a degree in the Trades Programs. This scholarship is open to students enrolled in or enrolling in a college, university or a vocational school.

To apply for the scholarship, candidates must submit the completed application form, along with the required transcripts, reference letters, and other supportive paperwork. The entire application must be received by Region VII no later than March 15, 2012.

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Applicants Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

VPPPA Members Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

VPPPA Member Site: \_\_\_\_\_  
Site Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic Institution: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**Class Standing:** (check one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> High School Senior                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (60 to 90 credits completed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freshman (up to 30 credits completed)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior (90+ credits completed)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore (30 to 60 credits completed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate Studies                    |

**What course of studies are you enrolled / enrolling in?**

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**Yes**, my GPA is at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.

**Please Include:**

- Completed Application Form
- A copy of your current transcript
- A reference letter from the VPPPA site employee to which you are related.
- A reference letter from a high school teacher, your university's department head, a professor or a supervisor at your current job.
- An essay on why you would qualify for the scholarship. (No more than two typed pages, double spaced).
- Typed biography or current resume.

**Send Application and supportive paperwork to:**

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