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Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association

P.O. Box 7626

Hampton, VA 23666

Dear Member:

On behalf of the Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association (VAAA), I am pleased to announce the 2018 Scholarship competition. This is our eighth annual scholarship competition!

**The VAAA has approved the Scholarship Committee to award two $1,000 scholarships in 2018.** I encourage all individual members in good standing to consider applying for these scholarships, including newly completed apprentices who selected the dues waiver option for their first year of membership, and apprentice/student members. (Corporate and associate members are not eligible.)

The scholarship funds may be used to support your educational development and training. The scholarship monies can be used over a two-year period from the date of the award. Funds will be paid directly to the institution or agency where the instruction is taken. The VAAA looks forward to supporting active apprentices as they complete their related academic instruction, and apprentice graduates as they continue their education and training beyond apprenticeship careers.

Please complete the attached “Application for VAAA Scholarship 2018” and mail to the address indicated at the bottom of the form. **Be sure to include your narrative of 1,000 words or less,** detailing how the scholarship funds will help you achieve your education and training goals. **Scholarship applications will be received any time after January 1, 2018.**  **The deadline for submitting your application is May 31, 2018, as determined by receipt or postmark date. The VAAA membership period is May 1 through April 30 of each year. You must be a 2018 member to be eligible.**

The Scholarship Award Panel, composed of one representative appointed by the Virginia Community College System’s Related Instruction Program, one program sponsor appointed by the Department of Labor and Industry, Division of Registered Apprenticeship, and one member of the Virginia Apprenticeship Council appointed by the Council Chairman, will review all applications. Award winners will be announced at a regular meeting of the Virginia Apprenticeship Council.

Thank you for your interest in and support of registered apprenticeship in the Commonwealth of Virginia. And, good luck in the scholarship competition.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy A. Gardner VAAA Scholarship Committee Chairman

P. S. For additional information or questions, feel free to contact me on 757-380-7624 **OR** e-mail: timothy.gardner@as.edu **APPLICATION ON REVERSE SIDE OF THIS LETTER**

**VIRGINIA APPRENTICESHIP ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (VAAA)**

**APPLICATION FOR VAAA SCHOLARSHIP 2018**

**NOTE: APPLICATIONS WILL BE RECEIVED BETWEEN JANUARY 1, 2018 AND MAY 31, 2018**

This application is for a $1,000 Scholarship awarded by the VAAA Scholarship Committee. The deadline for submitting this application is May 31 (must be postmarked by this date). The recipient will be selected in June. The Scholarship Committee consists of one sponsor appointed by the Department of Labor, Division of Registered Apprenticeship, one representative appointed by the VCCS Related Instruction Director, and one Virginia Apprenticeship Council member appointed by the sitting Chairman of the Council.

 Eligibility:

1. Must be a member of VAAA in good standing (current dues paid in 2018).
2. Newly completed apprentices in 2018 ARE eligible if they fill out membership form.
3. Corporate members and Associate Members do not qualify as eligible members for purposes of this scholarship.

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Scholarship recipients are selected based on first, being a VAAA member in good standing; second, demonstrating the importance of further educational development; and third, clarifying how the educational funds will further their educational, personal and business growth. **Please attach your narrative, in 1000 words or less, single spaced.**  Make sure to answer both of the critical components: tell us why you personally aspire to pursue this educational opportunity and tell us how the educational development funds will further your business and personal growth.

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Signature of applicant Date

Send this application and your attached narrative to:

Virginia Apprenticeship Alumni Association

P.O. Box 7626 Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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