



# The Institute Scholarship Program

Since its founding in 1839, Virginia Military Institute has recognized and rewarded outstanding academic achievement. Today, approximately 100 cadets attend the Institute on full and partial academic scholarships awarded in recognition of their accomplishments. If you are an academically talented and intellectually curious student with a well-balanced high school record that includes leadership roles and a broad spectrum of extracurricular activities, you may be eligible to join this elite group of scholar-cadets. Financial need is not a criterion for selection.

Full and partial scholarships are available to members of the matriculating class each year to cover the cost of tuition and fees for up to eight semesters of full-time study at VMI. Scholarship funds are often used to supplement ROTC scholarships or other forms of financial aid in order to meet the full cost of attendance at VMI. All Institute Scholars are automatically enrolled in the Institute Honors Program.

## INSTITUTE SCHOLARS

Based on the results of the application and interview process, Institute Scholars can receive awards from \$5,000 per academic year up to and including the full cost of tuition and fees. In some cases the total scholarship package includes other forms of financial aid (e.g., ROTC, Athletic, or other scholarship sources).

### Eligibility

For consideration, candidates must meet or exceed the following criteria:  
Combined SAT: 1350 (combined critical reading & math)  
or ACT: 31  
High school GPA: 3.7

### Award Renewal

This scholarship is entirely merit based and includes automatic admission to the Institute Honors Program ([www.vmi.edu/honors](http://www.vmi.edu/honors)). Continuation of the award is linked to the Program's requirements: a minimum GPA of 3.5, active participation in the

Honors Forum and elective program activities each semester, completion of two Honors Seminars during your cadetship, and the completion of an honors thesis during your first class year. The scholarship will cover a maximum of eight semesters at VMI and is subject to annual review based on the terms specified above.

Since Institute Scholarship awards are not derived from federal funding, the acceptance of this offer does not preclude your acceptance of other federal scholarships or loans. If you receive other types of financial assistance during your cadetship (e.g. ROTC scholarship), the amount of this award may be reduced such that your total financial assistance in any semester does not exceed the total cost of tuition and room and board.

### Interviewing

The Institute Scholarship selection committee reviews applications on a rolling basis. Outstanding candidates will be invited to make arrangements for an on-Post interview.

**\*For information about VMI's Institute Honors Program, contact:**

**Colonel Rob McDonald, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, at 540-464-7212 or [mcdonaldrl@vmi.edu](mailto:mcdonaldrl@vmi.edu).**

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## APPLICATION PROCEDURES

To be considered for the Institute Scholarship Program the following materials must be received by the VMI Admissions Office no later than February 1, 2018.

Candidates are advised to complete the scholarship application package and have their materials submitted as early as possible.

- ❖ A complete application for admission to VMI
- ❖ A complete Scholarship Application form
- ❖ A resumé (See question #11 on back of this page.)
- ❖ Two short essays (See question #12 on back of this page.)
- ❖ An official copy of high school/college transcripts

### INSTITUTE SCHOLARSHIP TIMELINE

Application deadline.....February 1, 2018

It is to the scholarship candidate's advantage to complete the application process. Candidates will be scheduled for the interview as soon as possible in the academic year.

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# Scholarship Application

1. Full Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First Middle Jr., etc. Nickname*
  2. Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street City State Zip Code*  
E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number(s) Regular \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Height \_\_\_\_\_ Weight \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Choice of Major \_\_\_\_\_ ROTC Choice \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Intercollegiate sports or extra-curricular activities in which you plan to participate at VMI \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  6. State of legal residence? \_\_\_\_\_  
If Virginia, name county \_\_\_\_\_ or city \_\_\_\_\_ of legal domicile.
  7. Hometown Newspaper \_\_\_\_\_
  8. Name, class, and relationship of relatives, if any, who have attended VMI: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  9. Name of secondary school from which you will graduate or were graduated \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_  
Year of graduation \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Rank and number in class \_\_\_\_\_  
SAT/ACT scores: highest verbal \_\_\_\_\_ highest math \_\_\_\_\_ composite \_\_\_\_\_  
List your senior year classes \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  10. Name of any colleges attended and dates of attendance: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_
- \*11. Supply a resumé listing major academic and extracurricular achievements, leadership experiences, activities, clubs, organizations, community service, etc.
  - \*12. Short essays: On separate paper respond to the following questions. Please limit your answers to the specified lengths.
    - A. Describe a personal leadership experience that has had an impact on you and your development. (250 words)
    - B. Many observers of our society claim that modern people, immersed in materialism, are “owned by their objects.” Yet many of us have objects that we treasure not just for their material value but for a variety of other reasons. In an essay, describe one object that is important to you. Explain what values it represents, and comment on those values. (500 words)

**\*Resumé and essays must accompany the scholarship application. Return all materials to the Office of Admissions.**

**Questions? Please contact Col. Dennis M. Foster at [fosterdm@vmi.edu](mailto:fosterdm@vmi.edu)**