

THE VABA FOUNDATION

Scholarship Program



Scholarship Application Instructions

***Only for applicants in grades 3 – 12**

***If an applicant is accepted prior to the third grade, he/she will be required to submit these documents upon entering the third grade**

AFTER completing SCHOLARSHIP QUALIFICATION FORMS and receiving notification that you/your family has qualified, **please complete the following pages in order to achieve "ACCEPTED" status from the VABA Scholarship Committee.**

The following documents are included:

1. STUDENT-ATHLETE QUESTIONNAIRE

(and personal statement for grades 7 - 12, optional for grades 3-6)

2. PARENT/GUARDIAN REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRE (x1)

3. NON-FAMILY MEMBER REFERENCE QUESTIONNAIRES (x2)

You may turn in these forms in one of the following ways:

1. Turn into your representative agency (Boys & Girls Club, Social Services, Department of Parks and Recreation, etc.)
2. Email all forms to info@playvaba.org attention "Scholarship Chair"
3. Mail them directly to the address listed below:

***Virginia Basketball Academy
Scholarship Application
PO Box 2438
Charlottesville, VA 22902***

Please allow a minimum two to four weeks for a reply. The sooner the application is received, the sooner the Scholarship Committee will reply with a response. If there are any further questions or concerns, please email info@PlayVABA.org or call 434-242-7729.

REMINDER: All payment balances not covered by VABA Scholarship Program will be due before participation in any specific VABA program.

Additional copies of these documents may also be found on the VABA website, www.PlayVABA.org.

STUDENT-ATHLETE QUESTIONNAIRE & PERSONAL STATEMENT

(to be completed by Student-athlete Applicant)



PLEASE ANSWER IN COMPLETE SENTENCES AND BE AS SPECIFIC AS POSSIBLE IN YOUR ANSWERS. PLEASE READ ALL THE QUESTIONS FIRST BEFORE BEGINNING.

1. Why do you want to participate in this Virginia Basketball Academy teaching program?

2. What do you hope to gain from this experience? What do you want to learn?

3. What are your basketball goals? What other goals to you have?

4. How committed and motivated are you?

5. What qualities do you have that would make you a successful participant in this program?

STUDENT-ATHLETE QUESTIONNAIRE & PERSONAL STATEMENT - continued

(to be completed by Applicant)



6. Please give three words that best describe you as a person.

7. The Virginia Basketball Academy's Core Values are the following: Hard-work, Teamwork, Responsibility, Respect, Discipline & Heart.
What do these words mean to you?

HARD WORK:

TEAMWORK:

RESPONSIBILITY:

RESPECT:

DISCIPLINE:

HEART:

8. Why do you deserve a scholarship to attend this program?

PERSONAL STATEMENT

OPTIONAL for grades 3 – 6

REQUIRED for grades 7 – 12

**Please provide a minimum half-page hand-written essay providing more information and insight for our committee on your worthiness for a scholarship. Include any additional comments that you feel would help our committee learn more about you and why you would be a good recipient of this opportunity.*

PARENT/GUARDIAN QUESTIONNAIRE

(to be completed by Applicant Reference)



APPLICANT NAME: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (relationship): _____

Please rate the applicant (& comment if you would like) on the following areas:

ATTITUDE/ ENTHUSIASUM

Superior Above Average Average Below Average Poor

Comments: _____

WORK ETHIC

Superior Above Average Average Below Average Poor

Comments: _____

LISTENING SKILLS

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DEPENDABILITY/ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

Superior Above Average Average Below Average Poor

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RESPECT FOR AUTHORITY

Superior Above Average Average Below Average Poor

Comments: _____

COOPERATION/PEER RELATIONSHIP/RESPECT FOR PEERS

Superior Above Average Average Below Average Poor

Comments: _____

REACTION TO CONSTRUCTIVE CRITICISM

Superior Above Average Average Below Average Poor

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ATTENDANCE/PUNCTUALITY

Superior Above Average Average Below Average Poor

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PARENT/GUARDIAN QUESTIONNAIRE (p.2)
(to be completed by Applicant Reference – non-family member)



APPLICANT NAME: _____

Please answer some of these short answer questions regarding the applicant:

IDENTIFY THE CANDIDATE'S GREATEST STRENGTHS: _____

LIMITATIONS: _____

PLEASE COMMENT ON THE APPLICANT'S INTERPERSONAL SKILLS: _____

PLEASE COMMENT ON HOW THE APPLICANT MAY BENEFIT FROM THIS EXPERIENCE.

WOULD THE APPLICANT APPRECIATE/VALUE THIS OPPORTUNITY? WHY? WHY NOT?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COOPERATION!

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REFERENCE #1 QUESTIONNAIRE (non-family member)

(to be completed by Applicant Reference – first section to be completed by Applicant)

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(Name of Applicant)

is applying for a scholarship to participate in the Virginia Basketball Academy's

(Name of basketball teaching program)

FROM THIS POINT FORWARD, TO BE COMPLETED BY REFERENCE.

Name of Reference: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

You are listed as a reference. By process, our *Scholarship Committee* may not consider an applicant for a scholarship prior to our having obtained feedback from all persons listed as references. Therefore your participation in this process is very important to this applicant's pursuit of a scholarship and an opportunity to participate in a super-quality basketball experience.

If you have any questions or comments about this process or our foundation in general, please contact 434-242-7729 or visit our website at www.PlayVABA.com. Thank you so much for your participation!

More on the VABA Foundation: Our foundation's mission is to build character and shape lives through the game of basketball. Our vision is to inspire youth to become exemplary citizens. We aim to be a counter-cultural force in our community using the game of basketball to create a motivated captive audience in order to "reach and teach" as many youngsters in our community through our skill and character development curriculum.

How long have you known the candidate?: _____

Please indicate the relationship and the setting to the candidate: _____

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Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

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