

## Graduate School Scholarships Announcement

We are currently accepting applications from alumni/ae and first class cadets, who will be pursuing graduate studies during the 2022-23 academic year. These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of numerous benefactors and are described below.

Please contact COL Cliff West (ECBU Dept.) at [westct@vmi.edu](mailto:westct@vmi.edu) with questions. Applications will be accepted until 21 March 2022. Awards will be announced in May 2022.

### **Alfred Dickinson Barksdale (1911) Law Scholarship**

The application for the Alfred Dickinson Barksdale Law Scholarship should indicate the accredited law school(s) into which the applicant has been accepted. The applicant should state his/her need, if it exists, for financial aid. Financial need is not the determining factor. However, in the case of applicants of equal ability, the one demonstrating financial need will be given preference. The applicant should also state whether s/he intends to practice law upon graduating and include a discussion of personal goals that led them to pursue a legal education. This scholarship may be renewed upon successful completion of each law school year.

### **Major General Joseph G. Lynch (1969) and Patricia Lynch Graduate Scholarship**

The application for the Major General Joseph G. Lynch (1969) and Patricia Lynch Graduate Scholarship should state that the applicant is presently on active duty or is planning to commission in the U.S. Armed Forces and has been accepted by an accredited law school. Preference will be given to applicants who are children of currently serving or retired service members, and the children of service members who died on active duty. The applicant should state their need, if it exists, for financial aid. Financial need is not the determining factor; but, in the case of applicants of equal ability, the one demonstrating financial need will be given preference. Upon satisfactory work at the end of each law school year, the scholarship may be renewed on application.

### **John E. Woodward (1923) Graduate Scholarship**

Any graduate of VMI, including graduating cadets, or any member of the VMI faculty may apply for the John E. Woodward (1923) Graduate Scholarship in order to pursue graduate study. The application should indicate the graduate school(s) into which the applicant has been accepted and the course of study to be pursued. The goals of the applicant should also be given.

### **James C. Wheat, Sr. Memorial Scholarship**

The James C. Wheat, Sr. Memorial Scholarship is awarded in recognition of academic excellence and general merit to an alumnus/a or a graduating cadet who shows a mature interest in and dedication to the American free enterprise system. The scholarship was established by James C. Wheat, Jr. (1941) in memory of his father. The award was established to provide assistance to VMI alumni/ae in obtaining a Master of Business Administration (or substantially similar) degree. Priority will be given to those alumni/ae attending the Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia. Subject to satisfactory performance, scholarships may be renewed for a second year.

### **William T. Wells, Sr. and William T. Wells, Jr. (1973) Graduate Scholarship in Engineering**

The Williams T. Wells, Sr. and William T. Wells, Jr. (1973) Scholarship is intended to provide financial aid to an engineering graduate of VMI who is pursuing a graduate degree in engineering at Virginia Tech.

### **The Peay Fellows Program**

The Peay Fellows Program was been established as part of the General J. H. Binford Peay III (1962) Endowment for Academic Excellence. Also part of this endowment are the Peay Merit Scholarships and Peay Academic Excellence Chairs. The Peay Fellows Program supports graduate studies for qualified alumni/ae and graduating cadets, with the expectation that they desire to teach at the Institute.

The Peay Fellows Program seeks to develop VMI graduates into exceptional college-level faculty, qualified to compete for full-time faculty positions including positions on the VMI faculty. Upon completion of a graduate degree, recipients may have the opportunity to serve as “Instructors in Residence” on the VMI faculty for two years, with full pay and benefits.

A minimum undergraduate GPA of 3.20 is required for all applicants. For graduates who are seeking to enter the field of higher education from military service or professional careers, other indices of superior performance will be considered. In addition to academic competence and evidence of acceptance into a highly rated graduate school, the following attributes are desirable: passion for an academic career and VMI’s mission, plus organizational, leadership and communication skills.