

Graduate School Scholarships Announcement

We are currently accepting applications from alumni/ae and first-class cadets who will be pursuing graduate studies during the 2024-25 academic year. These scholarships are made possible by the generosity of numerous benefactors and are described below. Scholarships traditionally range between \$3,000 and \$17,500.

The application should be completed online at https://vmi.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6EStm7HRLwmZ5LE.

Please contact COL Patrick Rhamey at rhameyjp@vmi.edu with questions or to submit additional application materials. Applications will be accepted until 29 March 2024.

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.

The Bowles Family Scholarship

Established in 1992 by Mr. and Mrs. Bowlman T. Bowles, Jr. in memory of Mrs. Bowles' parents, Margaret Keesee and Robert H. Fleshman, VMI Class of 1932. The purpose of the fund is to provide fellowship awards to graduates of the VMI History or English Departments to attend law or graduate business school. Criteria for the fellowship include academic improvement at VMI, financial need, and a desire to utilize a law or graduate degree in practice. Some preference will be given to cadet privates who actively participated and held leadership positions in extracurricular activities or sports at VMI.

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.

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.

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.

The Peay Fellows Program

The Peay Fellows Program has been established as part of the General J. H. Binford Peay III (1962) Endowment for Academic Excellence, which also includes the Peay Merit Scholarships and Peay Academic Excellence Chairs. The Peay Fellows Program supports graduate studies for qualified alumni/ae and graduating cadets that aspire to a career in academia, including potentially serving as instructors 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 those offered at VMI. Upon completion of a graduate degree, recipients may have the opportunity to serve as “Instructors in Residence” on the VMI faculty for up to 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, preference will be given to those that demonstrate a passion for an academic career and VMI’s mission, as well as organizational, leadership, and communication skills.