

## Ventura Education Support Professionals Association 2018 Scholarship Application Information

For many years the Ventura Education Support Professionals Association has been rewarding members' children with scholarship money. Our mission is to assist with the cost of education as well as reward students for academic excellence. There are a total of four, one thousand dollar scholarships awarded; three based on merit and one based on citizenship and financial need (applicants must apply for one or the other). Each applicant wishing to apply for a VESPA scholarship must meet the following requirements:

### Applicants must,

- Have at least one parent or legal guardian who has reached permanent status and is a dues-paying member in good standing with VESPA
- Be a graduating high school senior by June of the current year.
- Enter a post-secondary school as a full time student by the fall term following the granting of this award. Qualifying institutions include accredited colleges or universities, community colleges, accredited business schools, and vocational or trade schools.
- Present a completed application along with two reference forms (one scholastic and one personal). *A non-related community member that is outside the school setting (and has known the applicant at least 3 years) and is familiar with the applicant's involvement with the community and school activities must complete the personal reference form. A teacher, a counselor, or an administrator must complete the scholastic reference page.*
- Those applying for the scholarship based on merit must have a minimum cumulative mark point average of 3.0 (B) or better including all subjects taken in grades 9, 10, 11, and the first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Those applying for the scholarship based on financial need must have a minimum cumulative mark point average of 2.0 (C) or better including all subjects taken in grades 9, 10, 11, and the first semester of 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Applicants must also submit a **one-page, double-spaced, typed** essay expressing why they would be the best recipient for this scholarship.

The Scholarship Committee reviews all scholarship applications and is the deciding party for all scholarships. **It is emphasized that the applicant must accurately and completely provide all of the information requested; failure to do so will be considered grounds for disqualification.** Please be aware that financial verification may be requested.

To get an application you must;

- Call the VESPA office at 805-644-0795 or
- Contact your Site Rep or
- Visit our website <http://venturaesp.org/>

**All applications must be turned into the VESPA office located at 1727 Mesa Verde Ave., Suite 120B, Ventura, 93003 and are due no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13, 2018.**

**All applicants will receive a confirmation e-mail when their application has been received.**