



## ***Jean & Murray Thomas Memorial Scholarship Award for Student Citizenship***

The Virден Area Foundation's *Jean & Murray Thomas Memorial Scholarship Award for Student Citizenship* recognizes graduating Virден Collegiate Institute (VCI) students for outstanding contributions they have made to their school and community.

The following criteria apply:

1. Volunteer service to the community.
2. Involvement in citizenship or character-building organizations.
3. Good scholastic record.
4. Participation in student programs or activities.
5. Leadership ability to motivate others to actions to benefit the community.

The Foundation will provide up to 2 awards of \$1,000 each.

Awards are available for use in any of the next three ensuing academic years. Awards not claimed within that timeframe will be forfeited.

The scholarship award will be paid directly to the university or college of the recipient's choice upon enrollment. The university or college must be a qualified donee for the purposes of the Income Tax Act.

**The deadline for receipt of completed application submissions is June 1.**



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### **A. Student Application**

Completed Application Form including details of future educational and career plans.

### **B. Citizenship Essay**

An essay (maximum 500 words) from the student that defines what citizenship means to them; how the concept applies to the life of their school and community and describes how the student has tried to live out this concept of good citizenship in school and community. The student is required to outline plans upon graduation from high school.

### **C. Two Sponsoring/Reference Letters:**

1. A letter from an ***official at VCI*** that:

- confirms a reasonable expectation that the student will be graduating in the current school year,
- describes the context in which the sponsoring official has known the student,
- describes how the student's actions demonstrate good citizenship.

2. A letter from ***a representative of a community organization*** that:

- indicates the individual's relationship with the student,
- describes how the student's actions in the community demonstrate good citizenship.

Submit to: [vaf@rfnw.com](mailto:vaf@rfnw.com)



**Jean & Murray Thomas Memorial  
Scholarship Award for Student Citizenship  
Application Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**References letters:**

A. VCI-Based Reference Name and Title: \_\_\_\_\_

B. Community-Based Reference Name and Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

**Future Plans:**

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***Please ensure all the following documents are attached:***

- *Completed application form (including consent)*
- *Citizenship essay*
- *School reference/sponsor letter*
- *Community reference/sponsor letter*



*Privacy Statement and Consent*

The personal information collected by VAF through the award application process is governed by Canada's *Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act (PIPEDA)*. The purpose of this privacy statement and consent is to inform you of how the Virден Area Foundation intends to use your information and to confirm your agreement to its collection and use.

This information will be used only by the Virден Area Foundation. It will be used only for purposes related to administration of this award. It will not be shared with other organizations except if required to verify information provided. The Virден Area Foundation publicizes award winners and any honorable mentions. Publication may include (but is not limited to) notices to the Foundation's membership, stories in news publications and in the Foundation's publications, and on-line features on the Foundation's website. Such publication may include information collected through this application (except for personal addresses and phone numbers) and the supporting material submitted, and the Foundation may quote in full or in part from the supporting letters.

You may refuse or withdraw your consent to the information collection, use, disclosure, and publication as described above. The likely consequence of a withdrawal of consent is that your application will not be considered, except if extenuating circumstances are accepted by the Foundation.

Consent and Certification:

I, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby make application for a Virден Area Foundation Inc. Scholarship Award for Student Citizenship.

I have read and understand the conditions for the payment of the scholarship awarded hereunder.

I certify that the information provided in my application is true and correct.

I consent to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information provided in the application in accordance with the foregoing Privacy Statement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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Date