

VASITE Student Scholarships

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An educational scholarship for advancement through continued transportation or traffic engineering, planning, or intelligent transportation systems engineering studies is made available annually by the Virginia Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (VASITE). This scholarship, awarded in the Spring of each year, is known as the "**Kenneth M. Wilkinson Scholarship**".

This scholarship is offered by VASITE to promote the advancement of the transportation profession through development of educational assistance to student engineers. Scholarship funds may be applied only to tuition and other related expenses, directly administered by the college or university, while continuing formal undergraduate or graduate engineering education at an accredited educational institution in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- The current stipend for the Kenneth M. Wilkinson Scholarship shall not exceed a grand total of \$4,500.00, which will be allocated across a maximum of three (3) awards and a maximum individual award of \$3,000.00. Each year, the dollar value per scholarship award may change dependent on the number of awards.

ELIGIBILITY

- a. A scholarship candidate must be enrolled in an undergraduate, graduate, or Ph.D. program in transportation or traffic engineering, planning, or intelligent transportation systems engineering program of recognized standing.
- b. The scholarship candidate must be a Student Member of VASITE in good standing, or pledge to become a Student Member of the VASITE upon acceptance of the scholarship. The scholarship applicant should demonstrate a strong commitment to the discipline of transportation engineering/planning.

APPLICATION

- a. Applications must be submitted on the VASITE website (<https://vasite.org/resources/student-scholarships/>) prior to the deadlines posted on the website for the given academic year.
- b. Applications must include:
 - A statement by the applicant of the reasons believed to justify the award to him or her, specifically including commitment to the transportation profession, as well as plans for continuing formal education; and
 - A verification statement signed by the applicant's student faculty advisor, other member of the educational institution's faculty where the student is enrolled, or any member of VASITE in good standing.
- c. Applications may include a transcript of grades, but an official transcript is not required.

SELECTION AND AWARD:

Selection of the scholarship recipient(s) shall be based on an appraisal of the applicant's justification for award, educational plans, potential for development within the transportation profession, and leadership capacity.

- a. The VASITE Scholarship Committee will review all applications for the Kenneth M. Wilkinson Scholarship.
- b. The VASITE Scholarship Committee may recommend more than one recipient or may recommend that no award be made in a particular year if no meritorious applications are received.

- c. The total sum for awards available shall not exceed \$4,500. Each year, the dollar value per scholarship award may change dependent on the number of recommended awards that year.
- d. The President of VASITE will notify recipients of their selection by the dates listed on the VASITE website for the given academic year. Award funds will be deposited to the recipient's account with the business office of the educational institution designated by the recipient in his or her application.
- e. The Scholarship Committee will give preference to applicants that are active members of an ITE Student Chapter.

DEADLINES

Each year, the VASITE Scholarship Committee will set deadlines for the following:

- Submission of completed applications (anticipated around April)
- Notifications of awards (anticipated around June)
- Delivery of the scholarship payment (anticipated by August)

When developing the deadlines, the Scholarship Committee will refer to the academic calendars for all universities in the Commonwealth of Virginia that have active ITE student chapters.

The application form must be available at least four weeks prior to the deadline for submissions.

PROGRAM AMENDMENT

This program may be amended from time to time by the VASITE Executive Board, upon recommendation by the Scholarship Committee or a member of the Board.

Summary of Changes

Here is a summary of all approved changes to this document:

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- Updated submission methods
- Removed outdated language about membership
- Allowed applications from non-engineering transportation majors
- Allowed applications for students from universities without active VASITE student chapters
- Gave preference to active membership in VASITE student chapters
- Removed hard deadlines and included process for setting deadlines annually