

Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation

Scholarship Application Packet

<https://vickiebelkfoundation.org/>



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1. What is the Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation Advisory Board?

The Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation Advisory Board is a Board that was created to support the efforts of Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation.

2. How are scholarship awards determined?

Scholarships are awarded based upon a ten (10) point evaluation system:

1. Ability to Follow Directions & submit accurate background information.
2. Involvement in Vickie Belk Scholarship or Oakland Baptist Church Activities
3. Grade Point Average (*GPA*)
4. Honors & Awards
5. Community Service
6. Photograph Submission
7. Letter of Recommendation
8. Transcript
9. Signed Media Release (*Download, complete and upload to application submission*).
10. Essay (*Completed According to Directions in Scholarship Application Packet*)

3. What is the deadline for submitting this application?

The deadline for submitting this application is **on or before April 15, 2018**.

4. When will applicants find out about the scholarship awards?

The Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation Advisory Board will announce awards *at the Annual Scholarship Awards Ceremony in June 2018*.

5. Can students from other school districts apply for this scholarship?

No, this scholarship is designed for the students of the Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation – Oakland Baptist Church, Alexandria, VA.

Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Annual Awards Ceremony—June 2018.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA & CHECKLIST

Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation

All recipients must . . .

1. Follow all directions outlined on the Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation (VBSF) website (<https://vickiebelkfoundation.org/>) and the VBSF Packet and provide **accurate background information**.
2. Indicate **involvement with VBSF**. Applicants must be a graduating senior at the end of the 2017 -2018 school year that demonstrates **ACTIVE PARTICIPATION**¹ as a member of VBSF and Oakland Baptist Church. Be accepted to an Institution of Higher Learning during the 2017- 2018 school year and **communicate college acceptance information**.
3. Have a high school cumulative grade point average (**GPA**) of at least 3.0.
4. List **honors and awards**.
5. Communicate **church and community involvement**.
6. Submit an official high school **transcript**.
7. Submit a **photograph** (head shot).
8. Submit one **letter of recommendation** with the application. *The letter must be on official letterhead and may be from a teacher, employer, a volunteer supervisor, school counselor, principal, or vice principal. A relative may not write the letter.*
9. Sign a **media release form**. *We would like to highlight your progress on our website, newsletter, and other mediums.*
10. Write an **essay**. *The essay should be written according to guidelines: See VBSF Packet for GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING THE ESSAY in the VBSF Packet.*

Suggested topics:

- How can Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation increase involvement of the Youth in Oakland Baptist Church?
- How do you plan to give back to community?
- Why are you deserving of the VBSF Scholarship?
- What are your career goals and why is it important for you to obtain additional education?

Submit completed application packet **on or before April 15, 2018**.

¹ ACTIVE PARTICIPATION -- is defined as someone who attends the majority of the planned activities at TC Williams High School.

MEDIA RELEASE FORM
Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation Advisory Board

CONSENT TO PHOTOGRAPH, FILM, PUT ON WEBSITE OR VIDEOTAPE
STUDENTS FOR NON-PROFIT USE (e.g. educational and informational purposes).

Student Name: _____

I hereby consent to the participation in interviews, the use of quotes, and the taking of photographs, movies or video tapes of the student named above by **Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation**.

I also grant to **Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation** the right to edit, use, and reuse said products for non-profit purposes including use in print, on the internet, and all other forms of media.

I also hereby release **Vickie Belk Scholarship Foundation** and its members from all claims, demands, and liabilities whatsoever in connection with the above.

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if Student is under 18)

Date: _____

Address of Parent/Guardian:

OR Signature of Student (if 18 or over):

Date: _____

Address of Student:

GUIDELINES FOR FORMATTING THE ESSAY

Your essay should be uploaded as a part of the online application on the website (<https://vickiebelkfoundation.org/scholarship-application/>) in **Section IX – The Upload Section**.

Follow the guidelines below as you complete your essay(s):

- **Cover Page:** Begin the paper by centering on the front page of your essay, the title of the paper, your name, and the date.
- **Title:** Your essay should include a title. The title should be centered and should appear under the heading information on the first page and above the first line of your essay. The title should be in the same fonts as the rest of your essay, with no quotation marks, no underlining, no italics, and no bold.
- **Fonts:** Your essay should be word processed in 12-point Times New Roman Fonts
- **Spacing:** Double space the entire essay There should not be extra spaces between paragraphs.
- **Margins:**
 - First Page:*
Leave a two-inch margin (or 13 returns) for the top margin to begin typing the title of the paper.
 - Second & Succeeding Pages:*
Leave a one-inch margin on the top, bottom, left, and right margins.
- **Page Numbers:** The page number should appear centered at the bottom of the page. Exclude the page number on the cover page.
- **Indentation:** The first line of each paragraph should be indented. This indentation should be 1/2 inch or five spaces, but pressing [Tab] once should give you the correct indentation.
- **Alignment:** Align Left. The text of the essay should be lined up evenly at the left margin but not at the right margin. In your word processor, choose "Align Left." Do not choose "Justify."

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applicants are evaluated on a ten (10) point evaluation system.

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