



Virginia Urban Forest Council Student Scholarship Program

Purpose: To enhance the ranks of future urban forestry professionals by providing financial assistance to students studying urban forestry and related curricula at Virginia colleges.

Funding: In 2010, three scholarships totaling \$5,000 will be awarded to selected recipients. The scholarships will be distributed as follows:

- One \$2000 scholarship for a graduate student enrolled at a Virginia four-year college
- One \$1800 scholarship for an undergraduate student enrolled at a Virginia four-year college
- One \$1200 scholarship for an undergraduate students enrolled at a Virginia two-year or community college

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for the Virginia Urban Forest Council Student Scholarship Program, individuals must meet the following requirements:

- Currently enrolled full-time at a participating college as described above
- Majoring in urban forestry or a related discipline (forestry, horticulture, environmental science, biology, landscape architecture, etc.)
- Successfully completed one academic year of courses (except graduate students)
- Possess an overall GPA of 2.5 or greater

Selection Criteria: The scholarships are awarded to applicants who best demonstrate financial need, academic excellence, and a clear commitment to a career in urban forestry. Applications are reviewed by a selection committee appointed by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Urban Forest Council. The following criteria are considered during the selection process:

- Financial need
- Academic achievements
- Extracurricular activities
- Awards and recognitions
- Employment/Internship history
- Faculty recommendation letter

Application Process: Applicants must complete the electronic application form at <http://www.cnr.vt.edu/urbanforestry/scholarships.html>. All applicants must print the faculty recommendation form to be completed and signed by a faculty mentor and mailed to:

VUFC Student Scholarship
Department of Forestry
Virginia Tech
228 Cheatham Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061-0324

Application Deadline: December 4, 2009. The application is complete when both the online application and faculty recommendation form have been received. Scholarship recipients will be notified of their award by January 29, 2010. For additional details, visit <http://www.cnr.vt.edu/urbanforestry/scholarships.html>. Send questions and comments to arborist@vt.edu.