

Vito Perriello Citizenship Award

Putting others first

The program will offer two \$1,000 scholarships for graduating seniors wishing to further their education in medicine or an allied health field at an institution of higher learning, including universities, colleges and trade schools.



Awards will be presented based on the following criteria:

- graduation at the end of the current school year
- participation as an ATSA
- participation in at least one activity offered by the League
- contributions to family, school and community
- promotion of good citizenship and sportsmanship
- two letters of support, one from a school official and one from any other non-family member with knowledge of applicant's contributions to citizenship
- essay (must be typed and should be between 500 and 1000 words) by the student

The Awards

Winners will receive plaques and a \$1,000 scholarship. All scholarship money will be paid directly to the institution of higher learning selected by the winner for the first year of course work. Scholarship winners must be enrolled at the institution by October 1 of the following year to receive the award.

The VHSL

Virginia's public high schools, through their alliance as the Virginia High School League, serve their youth by establishing and maintaining standards for student activities and competitions that promote education, personal growth, sportsmanship, leadership and citizenship.

For the purpose of this award, citizenship is defined as:

- specific behavior or actions which put others first, including exceptional examples of medical interest, such as participating as an Athletic Training Student Aide (ATSA) or showing an interest in continuing education in a medical field
- actions in sportsmanship in athletic or academic activities or exemplary acts in coming to the assistance of those in need; and/or
- contributions to the family, school and community, or to the arts, the environment, education, health or human services through volunteer efforts;
- overcoming the odds, moving beyond significant hardships or family or societal difficulties to enhance the quality of life for others.

The Process

Two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded during the school year, honoring two students who demonstrates outstanding traits of citizenship in his/her high school career. Only students graduating from a VHSL member school will be eligible for these awards.

Each VHSL member school may nominate a student.

Students must have previously participated in one or more VHSL activities which can include serving as an athletic training student aide (ATSA) with a Virginia licensed athletic trainer within that school to be eligible for the award.

All applications must be submitted to the VHSL office by the member school principal. Applications must be postmarked by March 15. No late applications will be accepted.

A statewide committee representing educators and Sports Medicine Advisory Committee representatives will review all nominations and select the winners.

The VHSL believes:

- in providing educational opportunities for students beyond the classroom
- in ensuring fairness and equity through safe competitions
- in paving the way for personal growth
- in offering opportunities for students to develop teamwork and leadership skills
- in promoting sportsmanship, ethics and integrity
- in building better citizens through student activities



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presented by VHSL
Application

Student's Name: _____
 High School: _____
 School Address: _____
 City, Zip Code: _____ School Phone: _____
 Parents' Names: _____
 Home Address: _____
 City, Zip Code: _____ Home Phone: _____

Please indicate the activities in which you participated by a check in the appropriate box.

ATHLETICS

Grade	9	10	11	12
ATSA				
Baseball				
Basketball				
Cheer				
Cross Country				
Field Hockey				
Football				
Golf				
Gymnastics				
Lacrosse				
Soccer				
Softball				
Swimming/Diving				
Tennis				
Track/Field-Indoor				
Track/Field-Outdoor				
Volleyball				
Wrestling				

ACADEMICS

Grade	9	10	11	12
Creative Writing				
Debate				
Drama				
Film Festival				
Forensics				
Magazine				
Newspaper				
Scholastic Bowl				
Yearbook				

STUDENT SERVICES

Grade	9	10	11	12
Leaders Conference				
Sportsmanship Committee				
Sportsmanship Summit				

I verify the eligibility of this student for consideration of the Vito Perriello Citizenship Award presented by the VHSL, based on senior status, graduating in the spring, VHSL activity participation and completion of all requirements listed. I recommend this student based on the character and citizenship the student has shown at this high school and in the community.

Signature of Principal: _____

Date: _____

List any Awards related to citizenship:

On a separate sheet list all relevant family, school or community activities which demonstrate a commitment to citizenship.

Please note length of service and time commitment for each activity listed. Be specific about the service you provided.

Essay

Describe what you have done that meets one or more of the definitions of citizenship. Describe your contributions in specific detail and explain how others have benefited. Essays must be typed and should be between 500 and 1000 words.

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

The postmarked deadline is March 15

