

Virgin Islands Board of Career and Technical Education

Rules Governing The James Petersen, Jr. Scholarship Fund

2024

I. ELIGIBILITY

- A. An applicant should be an occupational student who has completed a sequence of a two three-year program (with a minimum of 6 credits in a specific program) within the United States Virgin Islands.
- B. An applicant must be a permanent resident or a United States Citizen.
- C. An applicant must have an overall scholastic average of 2.75 or greater.
- D. An applicant must show evidence of acceptance to an accredited Institution.
- E. An applicant should be a graduating student going on to college for the first time.
- F. An applicant must pursue a degree in Career & Technical Vocational Occupation or a related field.
- G. An applicant must be a full-time student.

II. APPLICATIONS

- A. All applications for a scholarship under the James Petersen, Jr. Scholarship shall be submitted to the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board with supporting documents (Permanent Resident Card or proof of citizenship and original transcript).
- C. Three recommendation forms should accompany the application. One of the recommendations must be from the school, church, or community member. No recommendation from relatives will be accepted.
- D. The applicant must submit a letter of acceptance from an accredited Institution of higher learning.
- E. The applicant shall request his/her school to have an official copy of the academic transcript forwarded to the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board.
- F. The applicant is required to submit to the Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board a 250-word essay.

Essay Questions written and in video. See below

CTE and Future Career Readiness

Explore the role of CTE in preparing students for future careers. In your video essay, discuss how CTE programs equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in various industries. How do you envision leveraging your CTE education to achieve your long-term career goals?

This essay has two components, first you will have to write an essay as usual, and secondly, for this year, you must support your essay with a VIDEO TO BE SUBMITTED WITH THE ESSAY

your video should be you visibly talking about your essay content in detail. The finalist will be contacted for a live interview via TEAMS to answer questions from the BOARD

III. SCHOLARSHIP

- A. The Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board reserves the right to select an applicant based upon considerations such as: financial need, community need for the particular occupational training pursued; character references; and maturity.
- B. The Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board will discontinue a grant to an applicant who has poor scholastic records, unsatisfactory moral character, or if the applicant does not pursue the approved program in which the grant was given.
- D. The Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board shall determine the amount an applicant shall receive to help defray educational costs based on the amount of money available and the number of eligible applicants.
- E. The Virgin Islands Career and Technical Education Board and the scholarship recipient shall execute a contract for the 2-year duration before the release of funds.

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