

COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: January 13, 2023

TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2023 Granville P. Meade Scholarship

The Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) is announcing the Granville P. Meade Scholarship that provides financial assistance to students who have achieved academically but are financially unable to attend college. The Granville P. Meade fund awards scholarships to eligible Virginia high school seniors to attend one of Virginia's public or private colleges or universities.

Principals of all public and nonpublic high schools are requested to assist in making students aware of this scholarship opportunity. The scholarship award is anticipated to be in the amount of \$2,000 per year for four years, provided the student continues to meet the scholarship requirements.

Applications will be completed, submitted, and reviewed via an <u>online application portal</u>. All students interested in applying must create an account to access the application, request letters of recommendation, and upload academic records.

Division superintendents have accounts assigned to them within the portal under their email address. School division reviewers or review teams already in the system received email notification of their account status on December 19, 2022.

New division superintendents will receive an email from Survey Monkey Apply with the subject line "Invitation to Join Granville P. Meade Application Portal" on January 30, 2023.

If a division superintendent should wish to appoint a designee or team to review applications, they can do so by completing the <u>Granville P. Meade Reviewer Request</u> form. New application reviewers will be added to the system and will receive an email invitation to create their account.

The application and selection timelines are as follows:

- January 30, 2023: Application Window opens. Interested high school seniors can access the online portal and begin the application process.
- March 3, 2023: Application window closes. Deadline for all students to submit their completed application via the online portal. Students will not be able to make changes to their application after this date.
- March 15, 2023: Deadline for student recommendations to be completed and uploaded into the online portal.
- March 22, 2023: Local division superintendents can begin the review process within the online portal.
- April 5, 2023: Deadline for school division superintendents to send their five most qualified applications to the regional selection committee via the online portal. (This deadline is not applicable to private or home school applications).
- May 5, 2023: Deadline for each regional selection committee, Virginia Council for Private Education, and the Home Educators Association to select and submit the five most qualified student applications to the VDOE via the online portal.
- May 19, 2023: Recipients of the scholarship will be notified on or before this date. Students can check the status of their application at any time using the online portal.

For additional information, including an overview of application procedures, tips for applicants, school counselor information sheets, and other useful information, please access the VDOE's <u>Granville P. Meade Scholarship</u> webpage.

For questions about the application process, contact Brittany Everett, Postsecondary Access and Success Specialist, Office of Student Services, by email at <u>Brittany.Everett@doe.virginia.gov</u>, or by telephone at (804) 225-2071.

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