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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #016-22**

DATE: January 21, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **2022 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 who 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. It is anticipated that the scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$2,000 per year for four years, provided the student continues to meet the scholarship requirements.

This year, applications will be completed, submitted, and reviewed via an [online application portal](#). All students interested in applying must create an account to access the application, request letters of recommendation, and upload academic records.

School division reviewers or review teams already in the system from last year received email notification of their account status on December 7, 2021.

New division superintendents will have access to the online portal by the end of this month. On January 24, new division superintendents will receive an email from Survey Monkey Apply with the subject line: *Invitation to Join Granville P. Meade Application Portal*.

If any superintendent should wish to appoint a designee or review team to review applications, they can do so by completing the [Granville P. Meade Reviewer Request Form](#).

New application reviewers will be added to the system within two to three days and will receive an email inviting them to create their account.

The application and selection timeline is as follows:

- **January 24, 2022** - All new division superintendents will receive an email from Survey Monkey Apply inviting them to create an account to access the online portal.
- **February 7, 2022** - Application window opens. Interested high school seniors can access the online portal and begin the application process.
- **March 7, 2022** - 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 20, 2022** - Deadline for student recommendations to be completed and uploaded into the online portal.
- **March 21, 2022** - Local division superintendents can begin the review process within the online portal.
- **April 3, 2022** - 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.)
- **April 24, 2022** - Deadline for each regional selection committee, Virginia Council for Private Education, and the Homeschool Educators' Association to select and submit the five most qualified student applications to the VDOE via the online portal.
- **May 13, 2022** - 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, and school counselor information sheets, please reference the VDOE's [Granville P. Meade Scholarship webpage](#).

For more information

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

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