

VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS' WIVES AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS

Mrs. Ellen Jamerson, State President

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS 2024 Guidelines

1) VAMWMW Scholarship

This scholarship is for persons seeking higher education who have outstanding academic achievements. The recipient shall have church affiliations, having worked in some area of religious education and good moral character. Financial needs or extenuating circumstances will also be considered.

2) The Helen A. Alexander Special Education Scholarship

This scholarship is limited to those students who wish to work in education or in other areas with “*Special Needs*” populations or is a student with special needs who has overcome adversities in life. The applicant seeking this scholarship for higher education should have outstanding achievements. The recipient shall have church affiliations, having worked in some area of religious education and good moral character. Financial needs or extenuating circumstances will also be considered.

Instructions

Applications must be completed in their entirety. Answer all questions as best as you can. Application materials for the **VAMWMW Scholarship** and the **Helen A. Alexander Special Education Scholarship** must be received no later than **Friday, April 5, 2024** and must include the following:

- 1) Sealed transcripts that can be verified by the high school.
- 2) Two letters of recommendation written on the sender’s Letter Head in sealed envelopes. Envelope should be initialed or signed across the sealed back. We verify recommendations with the senders. One should come from the school **and** one from your pastor or pastor’s wife.
- 3) A one-page essay. The essay should include how you have worked in your church and contributed to your community, what you have done to prepare yourself for college, your goals and why the VAMWMW should help you attain your goals. The essay may also include any pertinent information you feel would help the committee know you and your circumstances better. The essay must have a title and your name.
- 4) A wallet size photo
- 5) Your resume

IMPORTANT: Failure to follow these instructions may disqualify your application.

Send application, sealed transcripts, two letters of recommendation, resume and photo in sealed envelopes and the one-page typed essay received no later than **Friday, April 5, 2024**.

***Mail all documents together in one large envelope.** Decisions will be made at the VAMWMW Annual State Convention in April and scholarship winners will be notified in May.

Application Check List (Please review before mailing)

		Check
Transcripts	Received by Friday, April 5th	
1. Sealed Letter of Recommendation (received by mail)	School Recommendation	
2. Sealed Letter of Recommendation (received by mail)	Recommendation from Pastor or Pastor's wife. (Other clergy may be substituted in cases where church is without pastoral leadership).	
Essay (A separate essay must accompany each application).	VAMWMW Scholarship	
	Helen A. Alexander Special Education Scholarship	
Photo	Wallet Size	

VAMWMW Scholarship Instructions for the year 2024

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SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM 2024

Please check the scholarship you are applying for. If you plan to apply for both, please submit separate applications for each and include the required essay specific to the application, transcripts, and references. Each application must be mailed separately and be received by **April 5th**.

Check One or Both **VAMWMW Scholarship** **Helen A. Alexander Special Ed. Scholarship**

- 1. Name _____ Date of Birth _____
- 2. Address _____
- 3. Telephone _____ Sex _____ Male _____ Female _____
- 4. Church Membership _____
- 5. Church Address _____
- 6. Pastor's Name _____ Pastor's Wife Name _____
- 7. Describe your Church Involvement

- 8. High School Name _____ Grade Point Average _____
- 9. Please list where you have applied and whether you have been accepted.

College/University	Location	Accepted/Pending

10. List any scholarship awards and amounts you will receive or have been awarded.

Scholarships, Awards, etc.	Amount

Applicant's Name: _____

11. List any honors you have received as a student. (SUBMIT YOUR RESUME)

12. List any offices and/or activities participated in which might demonstrate your leadership abilities.

13. Personal Data:

Father's Name _____ Occupation _____

Mother's Name _____ Occupation _____

No. of Brothers _____ No. of Sisters _____

Are parents financially able to help with college? Yes _____ No _____

Are there extenuating circumstances which might hinder furthering your education? Please explain.

14. Please share any other information that would be helpful to the committee.

15. Write an essay on your education goals and include the contributions you hope to make to your community. An essay must accompany each application. For the *Helen A. Alexander Special Education Application*, please include an excerpt about either being an individual with special needs or how you plan to serve others who have special needs.

Essays will be evaluated on language, mechanics, coherence, clarity of expression and focus on the topic.

Please include a title and your name at the top of the essay. Essay should be no longer than one typed page.

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