



VirginiaTech

College of Agriculture
and Life Sciences

School of Animal Sciences

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Dear Applicant:

Each year the Virginia Poultry Federation and the School of Animal Sciences at Virginia Tech offer scholarships to assist with the academic careers of students demonstrating an interest in poultry and its related industries. Last year approximately \$10,000 was awarded to current and incoming students with a poultry interest in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

We are looking forward to reviewing the applications of many more promising students to be considered for this year's awards. Scholarships will be awarded by email, and recipients will have the opportunity to be recognized at the Virginia Poultry Federation Youth Convention in Harrisonburg, VA and at the School of Animal Sciences Banquet. Scholarship funds will be available for the 2026-2027 academic year.

We hope you take the time to fill out and submit your application soon. Applications are due **March 2, 2026** and may be sent or delivered to:

VPF Youth Committee c/o Dr. Mike Persia
Virginia Tech
School of Animal Sciences (0306)
175 West Campus Drive
3060 Litton-Reaves Hall
Blacksburg, VA 24061

Should you have any questions regarding the application itself or the award process please contact Dr. Mike Persia (mpersia@vt.edu). Thank you for considering this wonderful opportunity and we look forward to reviewing your application!

Sincerely,

The Virginia Poultry Federation Youth Committee

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An equal opportunity, affirmative action institution

VIRGINIA POULTRY FEDERATION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Applicant must be a student enrolled in or accepted to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Virginia Tech to be eligible. Use a computer, typewriter or print legibly in black ink. Completed application must be returned before **MARCH 2, 2026.**

I. General Information

1. Name _____ E-mail address _____
2. Present Address _____
Phone Number _____ Birth Date _____
3. The college you attend or plan to attend _____
4. As of fall term 2025, what will be your academic rank? ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior
5. Expected date of degree completion _____
6. Expected college major/minor _____
7. Intended occupation after completion of education _____
8. Name of parent or guardian _____
Home Address _____ Phone _____

Parent or guardian occupation _____
Father or Guardian Mother or Guardian
9. Number of brothers and/or sisters in your family still in high school _____ in college _____
10. Education: *Each application must be accompanied by your most recent transcript and a copy of your most recent major (i.e., poultry, biochemistry, etc.) "check-sheet" with an advisor's signature to be eligible.*

High School and College Attended	Dates Attended		Overall GPA	Year of Graduation
	from	to		
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	from	to	_____	_____
_____	from	to	_____	_____

11. Scholarship(s) previously awarded

Scholarship name	Amount of Scholarship	Year(s) Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

12. Employment/Internships (start with most recent)

Employer/Company	Major Responsibility	Period Employed	
		from	to
		from	to
		from	to
		from	to
		from	to
		from	to

What are your other sources of financial support? _____

13. List all previous and current experience related to poultry (projects, clubs, employment, etc.).

II. Individual Accomplishments: (If more space is needed for any of these items, attach additional sheets.)

1. Offices held, leadership positions and committees served on in the organizations:

A. High school organizations:

B. College organizations:

C. Out-of-school organizations:

2. Honors and awards received:

A. High School:

B. College:

C. Other:

3. Participation in extra-curricular activities (list only major activities):

A. High School:

B. College:

4. Civic and community activities:

5. Miscellaneous (any additional data to be considered):

III. Personal letter

A personal letter not longer than two 8 1/2 x 11 inch pages setting forth reasons for the scholarship request and future plans as to the poultry industry must accompany the application.

IV. Reference letters - ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Each applicant must have two (2) letters of reference accompanying their application or forwarded to the Virginia Tech Department of Animal and Poultry Sciences to be considered. See attached sheet.

V. Is your application complete?

	Yes	No
A. Are all three pages completed and enclosed?	<hr/>	<hr/>
B. Is your personal letter enclosed?	<hr/>	<hr/>
C. Is a copy of your most recent transcript enclosed?	<hr/>	<hr/>
D. Have you had two letters of recommendation forwarded to the School of Animal Sciences c/o Dr. Mike Persia?	<hr/>	<hr/>
E. Copy of signed Major Check-off Sheet (for college students)	<hr/>	<hr/>
F. Copy of signed "For High School Students Only" form (for high school students)	<hr/>	<hr/>

All of the information on this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant's Signature

VT ID# if assigned

FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY

Have high school counselor or administrator fill out the following:

- A. Applicant's class rank _____ out of _____.
- B. Please provide a copy of the student's transcript.
- C. Evaluation and confidential remarks on applicant (if more space is required, attach additional sheets).

Signature and Title of Counselor or Administrator

Please forward complete application to the following address no later than **MARCH 2, 2026**:

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Reference #1

Reference Letter for Virginia Poultry Federation Scholarship Applicant

Applicant's Name

Reference 's Name

How acquainted to applicant

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