

James C. Sansberry Academic Scholarships

The James C. Sansberry academic scholarship is a merit scholarship awarded on the basis of academic achievement, individual character, and demonstrated leadership potential. This scholarship is for young men and women from the state of Indiana who wish to pursue their college education in a demanding academic and extracurricular environment.

The Virginia Military Institute was established in 1839 as the nation's first state supported military college. All 1400 students at the college are members of the cadet corps, and participate in a rigorous program of academics and extracurricular pursuits. VMI offers the baccalaureate in 14 majors, 3 in engineering, 5 in sciences, and 6 in liberal arts. There is a detachment of the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) from the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps on the campus and all cadets participate in the ROTC branch of their choice. Although participation in ROTC is mandatory, commissioning is not mandatory; approximately 50% of a graduating class receives a commission in the armed services. The additional 50% enter into a variety of professional careers or continue further academic pursuits at the graduate level.

The James C. Sansberry fund was established at VMI by the late Thelma C. Sansberry in honor of her late husband, a 1916 graduate of the Institute. It is designated specifically for students from the state of Indiana who wish to pursue their education at VMI.

Application Procedures

Students interested in applying must submit a complete application for admission to VMI in addition to the scholarship application found on the reverse of this page. To receive full consideration both applications must be submitted to the VMI Office of Admissions prior to 1 February.

A committee that consists of, but may not be limited to, members of the VMI admissions staff, faculty, coaches, and alumni will review applications for scholarship awards.

Scholarship Terms

Scholarships are awarded in various financial amounts depending on the competitiveness of the candidate's academic and extracurricular qualifications.

Scholarships are renewable each year for four years subject to satisfactory academic and military performance by the cadet. Scholars are expected to maintain high academic and personal standards while striving to attain leadership positions in the Corps of Cadets.

Scholarship Application

To be considered for the Sansberry Scholarship, candidates must submit a complete application for admission, including an official high school and college transcript, SAT or ACT scores, class rank (if determined), and senior courses.

1. Full Name _____
Last First Middle Jr., etc. Nickname

2. Home Address _____
Street City State Zip Code

Telephone Number _____

3. Social Security Number _____ Age _____ Sex _____ Height _____ Weight _____

4. Choice of Major _____ ROTC Choice _____

5. Intercollegiate sports or extra-curricular activities in which you plan to participate _____

6. Are you a U.S. citizen? No — Country of citizenship? _____

Yes — State of legal residence? _____

If Virginia, name county _____ or city _____ of legal domicile.

7. Hometown Newspaper _____

8. Name, class, and relationship of relatives, if any, who have attended VMI:

9. I am applying for *Early Decision*. I am applying for *Regular Decision*.

10. Name of secondary school from which you will graduate or were graduated _____

Year of graduation _____ School Address _____

Estimated GPA _____ Rank and number in class _____

SAT/ACT scores: highest verbal _____ highest math _____ composite _____

List your senior year classes _____

11. Name of any colleges attended and dates of attendance: _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

12. Supply a resume which lists achievements, activities, clubs, organizations, community service etc.

13. Essay: On a separate piece of paper write a brief essay (500 words or fewer) on one of the following topics:

1. *Effective leaders, whatever their origins, beliefs or professions, share certain common virtues and talents. Either identify a successful leader with whom you are familiar (a figure from history, a teacher, your grandfather, etc.) or create an ideal leader and explain why you think he or she has succeeded or might succeed.*
2. *The very least that you can expect of a college education is a basic knowledge of a field of study. But beyond this, what do you expect of a college education?*