

The Governor Phil Hoff Vermont Honor Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIP DESCRIPTION

2026-2027 Academic Year

STUDENT/NOMINEE COPY

VTHONOR

High school students

Any program

Any enrollment

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The Governor Phil Hoff Vermont Honor Scholarship program was created in 1965 by the Vermont state legislature to recognize academic achievement among Vermont's graduating high school seniors. One student is nominated to receive this award from each eligible high school enrolling Vermont resident students. Statewide, approximately 100 students are awarded this scholarship annually. In 1999, the Vermont state legislature increased the amount of this scholarship from \$100 to \$1,000 and added eligibility criteria requiring nominees to demonstrate participation in extracurricular activities and/or community service.

Eligibility:

- Be a Vermont resident;
- Be a graduating high school senior;
- Demonstrate participation in extracurricular activities and/or community service;
- Demonstrate outstanding academic achievement; and
- Plan to attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (PELL grants, federal Direct loans).

Amount: The Governor Phil Hoff Vermont Honor Scholarship is \$1,000 and is not renewable.

Selection: Vermont high schools, border schools enrolling Vermont resident students, and Vermont vocational-technical centers are each invited to submit ONE nominee from their school that meets all of the eligibility criteria above.

Required Documents: Submission of the following on or before midnight, **April 13, 2026** will constitute a "COMPLETE" nomination: *(Note: If you have already submitted a USA for the upcoming year, you do not need to complete a second one.)*

STUDENT/NOMINEE must complete/submit:

- Unified Scholarship Application (USA)
(submit online @ www.vsac.org)

TO COMPLETE THE UNIFIED SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION ONLINE

(If you have already submitted a USA for the current year, please do NOT submit a second one)

- 1) **Log into your "MyVSAC" account at www.vsac.org**
 - a. click on the MyVSAC button in the upper right of the home page
 - i. If you already have a MyVSAC account, enter your email username and password in the box labeled "Login to MyVSAC" and click "Log In"
 - ii. If you do not have a MyVSAC account, click on "Register Now" in the box labeled "New to MyVSAC" and follow the directions to create a MyVSAC account.
- 2) **Complete and submit the Unified Scholarship Application (USA):**
 - a. click on "Work with Scholarships & Forgivable Loans"
 - b. click on "2026-2027 Unified Scholarships Application (USA)"
 - c. answer "yes" to the following question within the application, "Did your high school guidance counselor or VSAC instruct you to complete the USA because you have been nominated for a scholarship?"
 - d. complete all information and click "Submit" at the bottom of the Summary Page to submit the USA.

