



Vermont Veterinary Medical Association Foundation, Inc.

**76 Beech Street
Essex Jct., VT 05452
(802) 878-6888
www.vtvets.org**

March 1, 2024

Dear Vermont Veterinary Student,

Our Foundation welcomes your application for one of our scholarship awards.

We recognize that the time available to you for filling out applications is limited so please be advised of the following about our scholarships:

This is the thirteenth year our foundation has been in existence. The amount of our scholarship awards will depend on the number of applicants and their needs. We recognize the debt load carried by veterinary school graduates is often very high, and it would be our intent to make fewer and larger awards. We would like to make a real difference in the debt of the most promising graduates.

Students entering their final years of school will be given preference for awards if their debt burden is the highest. However, other students are encouraged to apply. The Foundation will consider all career tracks including both small and large animal applicants. All applicants **must** have completed their first year of veterinary school.

We realize that (usually for reasons of in-state tuition) applicants may not currently retain Vermont as their legal address. **However, we do expect that applicants have resided in Vermont for all or most of their years, and intend to return to Vermont to practice. Applicants who have not resided in Vermont for most of their lives shall be disqualified unless the student can demonstrate continuing close ties to Vermont.**

Scholastic achievement is important, but so is your determination and ability to surmount obstacles, including financial difficulties, personal struggles, disabilities, etc., which confront entrants into the veterinary profession. We are looking to reward uniquely talented, motivated students with the will to succeed no matter what situation they are in.

We commend you for your career choice, and hope our Foundation will be able to assist you. **Completed Applications must be submitted by the VVMA website form or by email no later than June 30, 2024. Applicants can also mail your application but make sure it is postmarked no later than June 30. Transcripts must be provided in a sealed envelope and postmarked by June 30, 2024 or provided by a secure electronic means such as Parchment or National Student Clearinghouse. Please make sure you are including the current semester grades with your transcript submission.** Please contact me if you have any questions at linda@vtvets.org.

Sincerely,

Linda Waite-Simpson
Executive Director