



Friends of Virgin Islands National Park
Scholarship Program

Friends of Virgin Islands National Park is sponsoring a scholarship program with the aim of encouraging study, among Virgin Islanders at the university level, in fields related to natural resource management and/or protection.

The scholarship program will offer a scholarship to a Virgin Islander attending, or entering, an accredited university with a (planned) major in a field related to cultural resources (ie. anthropology, archeology, etc.) and/or natural sciences (ie. environmental studies, biology, chemistry, marine biology, oceanography, etc.).

NOTE: Scholarships will not be given to Bio Pre Med or any other majors or minors!!

The scholarship will be in the amount of \$1000 per academic year (disbursed at the rate of \$500 per semester). The scholarship recipient will also be eligible for summer internship/employment with Friends of Virgin Islands National Park on St. John.

To be eligible for the scholarship, students must have:

- **Virgin Island residence and have completed high school in the Virgin Islands (or are currently in last semester of high school senior year).**
- **Attained a “B” (3.0) average during their previous (and most recent) three semesters of high school and/or university (whichever is applicable).**
- **Studying in one of the degree fields listed above.**

Please note that while priority will be given to Virgin Islanders studying at the University of the Virgin Islands, Virgin Islanders studying at any accredited university are eligible to apply.

Applications for the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park Scholarship can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office at UVI, school guidance councilors, or directly from the Friends of Virgin Islands National Park.

Contact Karen Jarvis at the Friends for an application

Applications are due May 15th, 2015

Please return all applications to Friends of VINP, P.O. Box 811, St. John, VI 00831

Fax: (340) 693-9973 Phone: (340) 779-4940 / kjarvis@friendsvinp.org



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Date: _____

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Citizenship: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Telephone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

High School(s) Attended: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

University Attending: _____

Date of University Entry: _____ Intended Major: _____

Please attach the following to this application:

- **Official copy of high school or university transcript.**
- **A brief (approximately 250 word) essay on “Why pursuing the study of cultural or natural resource management is important to me and the future of the Virgin Islands.”**
- **2 written references from (1) a current teacher and (1) from someone in the community who knows you personally and can serve as a character reference.
*See attached reference questionnaire for details.**

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Scholarship Reference Questionnaire – Current Teacher

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Reference occupation: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to contact: _____

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

2. What is your assessment of the student's academic abilities?

3. What is your assessment of the student's maturity and general character as it might be applicable to receiving this scholarship?

4. Any additional comments you'd like to add that may help influence our decision?



Scholarship Reference Questionnaire – Character Reference

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference: _____

Reference occupation: _____

Phone: _____ Best time to contact: _____

1. In what capacity and for how long have you known the applicant?

2. What is your assessment of the student's academic abilities (if applicable)?

3. What is your assessment of the student's maturity and general character as it might be applicable to receiving this scholarship?

4. Any additional comments you'd like to add that may help influence our decision?
