

Initiatives of the Bersoff Funds Application Form

The Initiatives of the Bersoff Funds award was established by Dr. Edward H. Bersoff, a member of the VCU Board of Visitors. The award is made available to any undergraduate or graduate student majoring in any of the departments or programs within the College of Humanities and Sciences. Award criteria for the scholarship are indicated below:

- Student must possess a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher. (Copy of unofficial transcript required.)
- Student must be enrolled in the College of Humanities and Sciences at the time award distribution is made available.
- Winston Churchill wrote “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” To be considered for this award, which recognizes undergraduates who demonstrate academic excellence and financial need, please write a 500-word essay that discusses how that attitude applies to you as a potential recipient of the award. How do you plan to contribute to the campus and your community; to what degree are your academic and professional goals outwardly directed? How do you plan to “make a life?” (The essay must be attached to this application with your name clearly printed at the top of the page.)
- Student must submit two letters of recommendation from College of Humanities and Sciences faculty. (Please ask faculty to cite the title of this scholarship, Initiatives of the Bersoff Funds, in their letters of recommendation.)

Application materials must be submitted to the Office of the Dean in a single package containing original and two copies of each: application form, essay, unofficial transcript and two reference letters by Feb. 1 at 5 p.m.

Applicant information

Name: _____ Student ID No.: V_____ Current GPA: _____
(unofficial transcript required)

Major: _____ Anticipated graduation/semester date: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Permanent address: _____
Street or P.O. Box number

_____ City State ZIP code

If awarded this scholarship, I understand that I will be required to:

- Be enrolled in the College of Humanities and Sciences during the academic period for which the award is made available.
- Maintain the required academic performance set forth in the scholarship guidelines. (Scholarship may be revoked if requirements are not met.)
- Write a letter of thanks to the donor(s) of the scholarship(s) and to attend recognition events when invited, and to participate in other stewardship activities when asked.
- Give the university permission to release information about me for donor stewardship and award purposes.
- Give the university permission to use my photograph or quotes in publications and for stewardship purposes.

Signature _____ Date _____

Submit completed application package to:
 VCU College of Humanities and Sciences
 Office of the Dean
 Scholarship Awards Committee
 828 West Franklin Street
 P.O. Box 842019
 Richmond, Virginia 23284-2019

Have you enclosed the originals and ...

- Two copies of the application form?
- Two copies of the essay?
- Two copies of the transcript?
- Two copies of the reference letters?

Due date is Feb. 1 at 5 p.m. Incomplete applications will not be given consideration. No exceptions will be made.