

### Yvonne Engleson Rodriguez Benner Scholarship Application Form

The Yvonne Engleson Rodriguez Benner Scholarship was established by family and friends to honor Mrs. Benner, who was an active and admired member of VCU's Board of Visitors and an advocate of higher education. She passed away in August 2001. Award criteria for the scholarship are indicated below:

- Student must be a Hispanic student majoring in journalism, government, English, Latin American studies, international studies or related field.
- Student must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and must have completed 30 credit hours in the College of Humanities and Sciences. (Copy of unofficial transcript is required.)
- Student must be enrolled in the College of Humanities and Sciences at the time award distribution is made available.
- Student must submit a double-spaced essay (approximately 500 words) and two letters of recommendation from faculty members. The essay should describe the student's professional aspirations, any challenges the student has overcome in pursuing a degree, participation in campus activities and leadership roles. The essay should justify both need and merit and must be attached to this application with the student's name clearly printed at the top of the page. (Please ask faculty to cite the title of this scholarship, Yvonne Engleson Rodriguez Benner Scholarship, 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.