**VATA STUDENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

**AWARD APPLICATION FORM**

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

The Virginia Athletic Trainers’ Association (VATA) offers a one-time scholarship of up to $500 to a deserving student currently enrolled in their final year at an in-state CAATE-accredited Athletic Training Education Program OR a graduate assistant certified athletic trainer who is in their final year of an in-state post-graduate program, in order to attend one of the following professional development opportunities: The National Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, The Mid-Atlantic Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia, or The Virginia Athletic Trainers’ Association Annual Meeting and Clinical Symposia. This award will reimburse the recipient up to the amount of $500 for their expenses incurred for the attendance of one of the afore-mentioned professional development opportunities. The scholarship monies will be sent directly to the scholarship recipient upon their providing proof of attendance and receipts of expenses. It is the expectation of the VATA that the winner make a concerted effort to attend the Awards Luncheon at the VATA Annual Meeting and Symposium that follows the receipt of their scholarship so that they may be recognized. Extenuating circumstances may absolve this requirement.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

The VATA Student Scholarship Program seeks to recognize students who demonstrate excellence in their academic performance in the study of the allied health profession of Athletic Training. In granting the scholarship, the VATA will consider the following:

1. Scholarship ability

2. Leadership ability

1. Responsible citizenship/Community Service
2. Dedication/Interest in Athletic Training

**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for the VATA scholarship, a candidate must:

1. Verify matriculation as a member of the current graduating class of an in-state CAATE-accredited Athletic Training Education Program OR verify status as graduate assistant certified athletic trainer enrolled in a graduate program within the Commonwealth of Virginia who is in their final year of that program.
2. Be a current member in good standing of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association.
3. Complete entire application, including demographic information, the name and contact information for your Institutional Representative (Program Director, Clinical Education Coordinator, or Department Chair), and Sponsoring Certified Athletic Trainer (S-ATC). The S-ATC is a BOC certified athletic trainer, who is an NATA member in good standing, and who can attest to the applicant’s skills, abilities and scholarly activities as they relate to the applicant. S/he has agreed to write you a letter of support for your application. Please also include an official college/university transcript of all coursework completed.
4. Two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from your S-ATC).
5. If selected as the scholarship recipient, you must provide proof of attendance at the current year qualifying professional development opportunity upon your return.
6. If selected as the scholarship recipient, you must provide receipts of expenses related to the current year qualifying professional development opportunity upon your return.
7. This completed application must be postmarked by the deadline to the following:

Ellen M. Hicks ATC, Chairman

VATA Scholarship Committee

Bridgewater College

402 East College Street, Box 80

Bridgewater, VA 22812-1599

[ehicks@bridgewater.edu](mailto:ehicks@bridgewater.edu)

**The Scholarship application must be submitted in its entirety. No letters, transcripts, etc. will be accepted if sent separately.**

**Applicant’s Information:**  
Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NATA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
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Undergraduate Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Institution (if applicaple): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

College GPA: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ GPA within Major:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
 **Institutional Representative Information:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NATA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Sponsoring Certified Athletic Trainer Information:**  
  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ NATA Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Institution: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Please type your responses to the following 5 questions**

**Educational/Clinical Experience:**

1. List of experiences as an Athletic Training Student/Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer. Provide a list of the clinical athletic training hours/clinical experiences you have completed in your academic program.

2. List your athletic training experiences outside of CAATE required assignments (e.g., recreational events, marathons, state/city games, and/or Special Olympics). All applicants will have experienced curricular assignments in their respective academic programs. We are interested in how you have used your skills as a first responder or Athletic Training Student/Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer in community service roles.

**Additional Activities:**3. Activities/Clubs/Association Membership related to Academic Program/Athletic Training. Provide a list of your memberships or involvement in service to the athletic training profession. This includes but is not limited to District and State committees and College/University athletic training student groups. Indicate your role (e.g. member, President, Vice President, etc.).

4. Activities/Clubs/Community or Civic Service (not related to athletic training). Provide a list of involvement in your local, regional, or state service activities. This includes but is not limited to fraternities, sororities, honor societies, church/civic groups, or College/University groups. Indicate your role (e.g. member, President, Vice President, etc.).

**Personal Essay:**  
5. Please compose a personal essay of no more than 500 words. In your essay please describe your definition of professionalism, the importance professional development activities play in the shaping of newly certified athletic trainers, and how you see yourself becoming involved in such activities in the future. You may also use this essay to help the members of the VATA Scholarship Committee learn more about you and your dedication/interest in an Athletic Training career and your goals for the future.

**Please read and sign below in the space indicated.**

I certify that all statements and information contained within this application and all its attachments are true and are not in any way embellished that I may gain from deception.

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Signature of Applicant Date