**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

Each year through the College/University Student Scholarship Program, the Virginia Athletic Trainers’ Association (VATA) offers a one-time scholarship in the amount of $1,000 to a deserving college/university student who will be entering their final year of an Accredited Athletic Training Education Program within the Commonwealth of Virginia. The scholarship is designed to recognize an outstanding college/university student and is based primarily upon individual merit. The scholarship monies will be sent directly to the candidate's student account at his/her college/university. 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.

**CRITERION FOR SELECTION**

The VATA College/University Student Scholarship Program seeks to recognize a student who demonstrates excellent potential for a career in the allied health profession of Athletic Training. In granting the scholarship, the VATA will consider the following:

1. Scholarship ability

2. Leadership ability

3. Responsible citizenship/community service

4. Dedication/Interest in Athletic Training

**CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY**

All applicants **MUST** meet the four requirements below:

1. Be enrolled in a CAATE Accredited Athletic Training Education Program in the Commonwealth of

Virginia as a student who will be entering their final year of ATEP.

2. Be a current member in good standing of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association.

3. Have performed with distinction in his/her: Academic program and institution; Athletic training

duties/assignments; Academic coursework; Community service.

4. 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.

5. Two letters of recommendation (one of which must be from your S-ATC).

6. 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

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

**Applicant’s Information:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

NATA Membership Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 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. Total clinical athletic training hours and list of experiences as an Athletic Training Student. 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 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. 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. In this regard, you might describe an influential person in your life, how you became interested in Athletic Training, or what strengths you have that would enhance your success as an Athletic Trainer. Also, please describe 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