

VSSF and Virginia Cottey College Scholarship Fund (VCCSF) Frequently Asked Questions

1- What is VSSF and what is the minimum amount of a scholarship?

Virginia State Scholarship Fund; scholarship minimum is \$1500.

2- What are the five Named Scholarships whose funds are included in the VSSF and administered through the P.E.O. Foundation?

The Jeannette McDonald Scholarship is awarded to the woman with the highest GPA, of those selected for a scholarship from the VSSF. At least \$2500.

The Mary Pinkerton Scholarship is awarded to the second highest GPA. At least \$2000.

The Janice H. Bruner Scholarship is awarded to the third highest GPA. At least \$2000.

The Robert E. & Jean M. Stout Scholarship is awarded to a woman to attend an accredited health or medical program. At least \$2000.

The Lottie E. Driver Scholarship is awarded to a woman studying in the field of education. At least \$2500.

3- Does the VSSF provide scholarships for Virginia residents attending schools out-of-state?

No, scholarships are awarded only to students domiciled in Virginia to attend an accredited Virginia school of higher education.

4- Are scholarships available for women to attend Cottey College?

Yes, a separate fund, the VCCSF (Virginia Cottey College Scholarship Fund), provides maximum scholarships of \$2500.

5- How are our scholarships funded?

a) Contributions from Virginia P.E.O. chapters and individuals. All of the VSSF contributions received are dispersed annually.

b) Annual income from the five Named Scholarship Funds is dispersed annually.

c) VCCSF funds are dispersed annually if there is an eligible student.

6- Can high school seniors be awarded a VSSF or VCCSF scholarship?

a) Up to 30% of the VSSF scholarships may be awarded to high school seniors.

b) With the exception of the Stout Scholarship, the Named Scholarships cannot be awarded to high school seniors.

c) The VCCSF scholarships may be awarded to high school seniors.

7- How are the recipients selected?

The Scholarship Committee selects recipients based on the applicant's GPA, with a minimum of a 3.0 based on a 4.0 scale, financial need, well-rounded activities, solid life and career goals, and three strong current character references. P.E.O.'s or relatives of a P.E.O. are given preference if all other factors are established equally.

8- Can a student receive a VSSF or VCCSF scholarship more than once?

Yes, she is eligible for one renewal if she continues to meet the eligibility requirements.

9- When are applications due?

All VSSF and all renewal VCCSF applications must be postmarked by March 15th of each year.

Initial VCCSF applications must be postmarked within 30 days following the decision to attend Cottey College.

10- What is the Designated Scholar Program?

P.E.O. Chapters who contribute at least \$500 to the VSSF and/or a Named Scholarship Fund will have the privilege of having a Designated Scholar selected from the scholarship recipients. The Designated Chapter will be sent her name and contact information and have the pleasure of communicating with her throughout the year. For more details log onto the VSC website (www.vapeo.org), go to the VSSF page, and then to Designated Scholar Program FAQ's.

11- How can our chapter find qualified applicants?

Spread the word about our scholarships to your relatives, friends, and neighbors. Visit your local high school or college. Make an appointment with the guidance counselor or career center specialist, and leave copies of the VSSF brochure and scholarship application. Leave your name and phone number and offer further assistance if needed.