



## SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

### OVERVIEW

While many students dream of obtaining a college degree, life sometimes gets in the way—particularly for those dealing with personal responsibilities at home or in their communities. The “Live Your Dream” Scholarship Award, an initiative provided by alumna, Dr. Genevieve M. Knight, Ph.D. (Class of 1961), recognizes students who have overcome significant obstacles to pursue an education in Mathematics, the Sciences and Education. The scholars serve as positive role models and change the trajectories for their families, friends and their communities.

We recognize the difficulty one may experience to succeed in college. The chapter provides its award recipients with the support and assistance needed to succeed. The chapter’s goal is to ensure that more students have the opportunity to earn a college degree.

The Washington DC Metro Area Alumni Chapter awards this scholarship to area students that have been accepted to the University or, are currently enrolled at FVSU. Fort Valley State University is one of Georgia’s three public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and the state’s only 1890 land-grant institution.

### CRITERIA

To be eligible to apply for the “Live Your Dream” Scholarship Award, students must meet the below listed criteria:

- ★ Residency of the District of Columbia, Maryland or Virginia
- ★ Pursue degrees in Mathematics, the Sciences and Education
- ★ Applicants must be graduate of an accredited high school, and accepted as a student at FVSU
- ★ Incoming & current full time student with minimum 3.0 Grade Point Average (GPA)
- ★ Students currently enrolled at Fort Valley State University who are not native to the Washington DC Metro area may also apply

Students who demonstrate their desire and ability to overcome barriers and to achieve their goals. Application will be evaluated on their:

- ★ Determination to succeed
- ★ Future goals and plans to achieve their goals
- ★ Ability to communicate the barriers they have overcome or currently face
- ★ Self motivation in completing challenging coursework

### HOW TO APPLY

Completing the application is the first step to receiving the scholarship award. Once submitted, all applications will be assessed, and a group of students will be selected.

#### Important Dates

January 15 — Application Opens

June 30 — Application Deadline

Applicants will be notified in July 15

Additional Documents should include the following:

- ★ Copy of completed application (including application letter), if applicable (incoming Freshman)
- ★ Essay (One page in length)
- ★ Proof of college acceptance or current enrollment status
- ★ Minimum of two letters of recommendation (i.e., educator, community advocate)
- ★ Official transcripts

The Fort Valley State University  
National Alumni Association



Washington DC Metro  
Area Alumni Chapter

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application form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME NUMBER: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ MOBILE NUMBER: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

GENDER: \_\_\_\_\_ BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**QUALIFYING CRITERIA** (*Mandatory*)

CLASSIFICATION: \_\_\_\_\_ CUMULATIVE G.P.A.: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR: \_\_\_\_\_ MINOR (*If applicable.*): \_\_\_\_\_

ESSAY (describe your perspective on your dedication to FVSU):

How your personal background, overcoming challenges, and your degree from FVSU can assist you in achieving your goals.

Please submit application and essay to the following address:

Washington DC Metro Area Alumni Chapter of Fort Valley State University  
National Alumni Association, Inc.  
Post Office Box 5961  
Springfield, VA 22150-5961

Or via electronic submission to the chapter email address: [fvsualumnichapter@gmail.com](mailto:fvsualumnichapter@gmail.com)

Application and supporting documents must be received by June 30, 2023. Please, refer back to the "How to Apply" on the award information page to ensure all pertinent requirements are included in the application package.