VLCT Municipal Service Scholarship

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The VLCT Municipal Service Scholarship was established by VLCT in 2023 to encourage Vermonters to serve in a city, town, or village government.

To qualify, **applicants must meet the eligibility requirements and apply in January–February, 2027**. VLCT intends to award at least one single-year scholarship of $2,000 each year. A committee comprised of a subset of VLCT board members selects the recipient.

To apply, visit the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation(opens in a new tab). The full description below is also available in the VSAC portal.

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The Vermont League of Cities and Towns established this scholarship to encourage Vermonters to serve in a city, town, or village government.

Eligibility:

- Must be an employee of a Vermont city, town, or village (including part-time and seasonal who have served within 12 months of application), or an elected official or appointed official of a Vermont city, town, or village; or dependent child age 26 or younger of any of the above. Vermont city, town, and village appointed officials are defined as any individual appointed to a municipal role by the legislative body of a municipality, such as planning commission members.
- Have an interest in working or volunteering in a city, town, or village government. (Applicants must address this in their general essay.)
- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate academic achievement (through transcript)

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- Demonstrated engagement in a city, town. or village (if not currently serving in an elected or appointed position, the resumé, essay, and recommendation letter should reflect municipal interest)
- Attend an accredited school approved for federal Title IV funding (Pell grants, federal Direct loans), within Vermont.

Required documents: Unified Scholarship Application, FAFSA, essay #1 (general essay – include why you want to serve in city, town. or village government), transcript, one recommendation letter #1 (non-relative; must be from a city, town. or village official – either elected, appointed, or employed), resumé, and transcript.

Amount: $2,000

Selection: Financial need, recommendation letter, essay, and academic achievement

Due Date/Timeframe: Due by Mid-February each year. See VSAC's suggested timeline for scholarship applications.

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