

# **VLCT Municipal Service Scholarship**



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 these three requirements:

- Be a Vermont municipal employee, a Vermont municipal official (elected or appointed), or a dependent child age 26 or younger of a Vermont municipal employee or official
- Intend to work in municipal government
- Plan to attend an accredited school in Vermont

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](#). The full description below is also available in the VSAC portal.

**Municipal Service Scholarship** (sponsored by the Vermont League of Cities and Towns)

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 a Vermont municipal employee (including part-time or seasonal who have served within 12 months of application), or a Vermont municipal elected official, or a Vermont municipal appointed official, or a dependent child age 26 or younger of any of the above. Vermont municipal appointed officials are defined as any individual appointed to a municipal role by the legislative body of a municipality, including planning commission members.
- Commit to working in a municipal government (must speak to this in your essay)



- Demonstrate financial need
- Demonstrate education/work ethic
- 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 a municipal government), one recommendation letter #1 (non-relative; must be from a municipal official), and [résumé](#)

**Amount:** One \$2,000 scholarship

**Selection:** Financial need, recommendation letter, and essay

**Due Date/Timeframe:** Due by February 12, 2025. (Mid-February each year). See [VSAC's suggested timeline](#) for scholarship applications.

