



Virginia Press Women Foundation

Agnes Cooke Scholarship applications due February 28, 2017

Virginia Professional Communicators and the Virginia Press Women Foundation are proud to offer a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving Virginia college student interested in pursuing a career in communications.

The Agnes Cooke Scholarship competition is open to any Virginia college student or to any Virginia resident attending an out-of-state college. Scholarship applicants must be planning a career in journalism, photojournalism, public relations or another related communications field. Applicants do not have to be enrolled in a journalism or public relations degree program to qualify, but strong evidence of a commitment to the field of communications is essential.

The scholarship competition is open to female and male undergraduate and graduate students. Members of Virginia Professional Communicators receive additional consideration.

Applications for the 2017 awards are due Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Entries must be postmarked by that date. The scholarship money will be available for the fall semester.

The 2017 application form is available to download at the bottom of this page in two formats, MS Word and PDF. In the envelope with their completed scholarship form, applicants must submit the following:

- Three (3) samples of your work
- A resume
- A letter of recommendation

Please send completed applications to:

Melodie Martin
8203 Bronwood Road
Richmond, VA 23229

If you have any questions, email melonmart@yahoo.com

About Virginia Professional Communicators and the Agnes Cooke Scholarship:

Virginia Professional Communicators was founded in 1958 as Virginia Press Women and is an affiliate of the National Federation of Press Women. The annual scholarship is named in honor of Agnes Cooke of Kinsale, Va., who was a charter member of the organization and served as president from 1964 to 1966. She was well known in the Northern Neck for the columns she wrote for 25 years chronicling the everyday events in her community. The VPW Foundation, which administers the scholarship, was created in 1992.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible gift to our scholarship fund, please send a check payable to the VPW Foundation to:

Louise Seals
VPWF Treasurer
1819 Floyd Ave.
Richmond, Va. 23220

We are a 501(c)3 organization. Learn more about us at vpwfoundation.org.



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2017 Agnes Cooke Scholarship Application **Deadline to apply: Tuesday, February 28, 2017**

For Virginia students planning careers in communications. Scholarship amount: \$1,000, Please type or print. Additional sheets may be attached if necessary.

Name _____ Age _____

Permanent address _____

Email Address _____

Home phone number _____ Cell phone number _____

College or university _____

Year in school for the 2017-2018 academic year _____

Major _____ Minor _____

Degree sought _____

Are you a member of Virginia Professional Communicators? _____

What are your career goals? _____

Why have you chosen journalism or a related field as your career? _____

Previous experience in the field (volunteer or paid): _____

Awards, recognition and grade point average: _____

Why do you feel you need financial assistance? (This is a key factor in selecting recipients and the information will be kept confidential): _____

How will you spend the scholarship money? _____

How did you learn about the Agnes Cooke VPWF Scholarship? _____

Where did you obtain the Agnes Cooke VPWF Scholarship application? _____

The scholarship competition is open to female and male students and to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a career in journalism, photojournalism, public relations or another related communications field. You must be enrolled in an accredited college or university to apply. Full-time and part-time students are eligible, and financial need will play an important role in the selection of recipients.

To be considered for the scholarship, the envelope containing your entry must include all of the following:

- **Three (3) samples of your work**
- **A resume**
- **A letter of recommendation**

The scholarship will be awarded during the spring semester, and the winner will be honored during the Virginia Professional Communicators' conference.

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