September 2011

To: Financial Aid Officers

From: Joy Whitenack, Scholarship Committee Chair
Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (VCTM)

Re: VCTM 2012-2013 Scholarship Program

In March 2012 the VCTM will award one or two $2,000 scholarships to prospective mathematics teachers. Candidates must be Virginia residents who are full time students at a Virginia College or University, graduating in Fall 2012 or Spring 2013 or Summer 2013 and enrolled in a degree-seeking program with a concentration in mathematics or a major in mathematics and planning to teach mathematics in a Virginia school. All applicants who plan to teach at elementary, middle school, high school, and college levels are eligible.

The success of this scholarship program depends on support and publicity from college and university personnel. We solicit your support and encouragement in urging qualified students to apply. Enclosed I have included materials describing the application process:

- A flyer for posting on department bulletin boards and in classrooms or common areas
- A description of the scholarship program
- A copy of an application form
- A copy of a faculty recommendation form (applicants need two faculty recommendations)
- A copy of the applicant information sheet

You are encouraged to duplicate materials as needed and distribute them to interested students. Presidents of appropriate student organizations (Student Education Associations, Honor Societies, interest groups, financial aid counselors, etc.) and other appropriate staff personnel also should be given copies of the flyer. Note that materials are also available at the VCTM Web-site at www.vctm.org.

Students who apply will be asked to submit recommendations from two faculty members as part of the application process. These recommendations will help ensure recognition for candidates of merit. Applications are due January 1, 2012; transcripts, including Fall 2011 grades, are due January 15, 2012.

A press release will be prepared for use in local papers named by the scholarship recipient(s).

Thank you in advance for helping VCTM publicize this scholarship opportunity among your students. Please contact me if you have questions:

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VIRGINIA COUNCIL OF TEACHERS OF MATHEMATICS
2012 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics (VCTM) encourages those persons interested in becoming teachers of mathematics by offering up to two (2) scholarships of $2,000 annually. VCTM’s objective in establishing this program is to unite the efforts of its members who seek to improve the teaching of mathematics. This year, the VCTM Board of Directors has again authorized that two scholarships may be awarded if qualified applicants are judged deserving by the current members of the Scholarship Committee.

DESCRIPTION

Students applying for this year's scholarships must be full-time students attending a four-year Virginia College or University, Virginia residents, currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program with a concentration in mathematics or major in mathematics and plan to graduate in Fall 2012, Spring 2013 or Summer 2013, and plan to teach mathematics in a Virginia school. All applicants planning to teach at elementary, middle school, high school, and college levels are eligible. Completed application materials must be returned postmarked no later than January 1, 2012. Applicants must also submit an official transcript showing grades through the Fall 2011 term, postmarked no later than January 15, 2012.

The scholarship winner(s) will be announced at VCTM’s 33rd Annual Conference March 9-10, 2012 at the Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, Virginia. All applicants will be notified in writing of the Committee’s decision.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Selection will be based on the applicant's potential for a successful career teaching mathematics, as indicated by scholastic records, recommendations of two faculty members, and the applicant’s narrative statement. All applications will be reviewed and will be selected by VCTM’s Scholarship Committee, with approval of VCTM’s Executive Board.

RECENT Awardees

India (Brooke) Haun, Virginia Tech and Johnathon Upperman, The College of William and Mary (2011)
Heather Sturgis, Christopher Newport University and Abby Thompson, Radford University (2010)
Jennifer Jones Trail, Averett University and Hannah Jo Joyce, Virginia Tech (2009)
Nicole Huret, Virginia Tech and Rebecca Victoria Perrigan, The College of William and Mary (2008)
Kevin Bryan Jones, Radford University (2007)
Kathryn (Katie) Massey, Virginia Tech and Samantha Soukup, Longwood University (2006)
Amy Tribble, James Madison University and Christy Lowery, Averett University (2003)
Melissa E. Andersen, Mary Washington College (2002)
Kristy Banton, Virginia Commonwealth University (2001)
Katherine M. Sutphin, Mary Washington College (2000)
Dana N. Daniels, Longwood College and Tiana M. Taylor, Averett College (1999)
Jonathan Covel, James Madison University (1998)

APPLICATION INFORMATION

All required forms can be downloaded from the website: www.vctm.org or you may request application and recommendation forms from your Mathematics or Education Department Chair or by writing to:

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2012 VCTM Scholarship Application for Prospective Teachers of Mathematics

PLEASE PRINT

Name__________________________________________________    Birth date (optional)________________

Gender (optional):     M       F

Virginia College Now Attending:____________________________________________________________________

Other Colleges Attended (Including Community Colleges)____________________________________________________________________

Major(s):  _____________________________________            Minor(s):  ___________________________________

Expected Degree:_______________________________________  Concentration *______________________

This is a (Circle):           FOUR YEAR PROGRAM                   or   FIVE YEAR PROGRAM

*If you are in a special program, please describe on separate paper and attach.

Expected Date of Graduation:   (Circle)      FALL 2012        or     SPRING 2013     or    SUMMER 2013

Are you a Virginia resident? ______ YES ______NO      Do you plan to teach mathematics in Virginia?     _____YES          _____NO

Level of mathematics you plan to teach (Circle all that apply): ELEMENTARY       MIDDLE        HIGH SCHOOL        COLLEGE

Current Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Permanent Home Address:  ____________________________________________________________________

Current Telephone: ____________________________Permanent (Home) Telephone: ___________________________

eMail address that you regularly check: ______________________________________________________________

High School from which you graduated:  _______________________________________________________________

Location (city and state):  _____________________________________________________________________

High school honors; mathematics and education-related activities:

________________________________________________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________________________________

I certify that the above information is correct.

Signature:  ___________________________________________________________Date:___________________________________

Please attach a one-page statement indicating why you wish to be a mathematics teacher.  In your essay, please include a description of a field experience, class experience, volunteer experience, or life experience that has influenced your decision to become a teacher of mathematics. Prepare your statement on 8-1/2" by 11" paper, double-spaced, using type no smaller than 12 characters per inch (10 point). Finally, sign your statement at the bottom of the statement page.

POSTMARK DEADLINE FOR THIS APPLICATION IS JANUARY 1, 2012.

Mail all application materials to:

Joy Whitenack, VCTM Scholarship Committee
Virginia Commonwealth University
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Dear Faculty Member:

The student named below is applying for a 2012 VCTM Scholarship for prospective teachers of mathematics. The student is planning to graduate in Fall 2012, Spring 2013 or Summer 2013. Please complete this recommendation form for the student. The selection of up to two awards of $2,000 scholarships will be based upon the applicant's potential for a successful career as a teacher of mathematics as indicated by scholarship records (official transcripts), the applicant’s personal statement, and two faculty recommendations.

Name of Applicant: ____________________________________________________________

How long have you known the applicant? _______________________________________

Have you known the applicant as your:

_____ Student  _____ Advisee  _____ Acquaintance

Please rate the applicant in the following categories:

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Please attach a separate page describing the applicant's potential for becoming an outstanding teacher of mathematics. Items addressed may include observed teaching ability; relevant volunteer work such as tutoring; academic strengths; personality traits that would enhance teaching; etc.

Your Name: __________________________ Position: __________________________

Address: ________________________________

Telephone: __________________ Signature: ____________________________

Mail this form postmarked no later than January 1, 2012 to:

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Dear Applicant:

The Virginia Council of Teachers of Mathematics Scholarship Committee is pleased that you are applying for one of possibly two $2,000 scholarships. You are eligible to apply if you are now a full-time student at a four-year Virginia College or University, a resident of Virginia, graduating in Fall 2012, Spring 2013 or Summer 2013, are currently enrolled in a degree-seeking program with a concentration in mathematics or a major in mathematics, and you are planning to teach mathematics in a Virginia school or college at any level.

Only candidates who submit materials by the required deadlines will be considered for the scholarship. Your completed application must include each of these

**ITEM(S):**
- This Applicant Information Sheet (1), Application (2), and accompanying personal statement (3)  
  **POSTMARKED**  
  **NO LATER THAN:**  
  **1-1-2012**

- Two faculty recommendations, at least one of which must be from a mathematics or mathematics education professor. (See form to use.)  
  **POSTMARKED**  
  **NO LATER THAN:**  
  **1-1-2012**

- Please list the professors’ full names:  
  (1)__________________________________ (2 )_________________________________

- All appropriate official college transcripts, (including any Community College(s)), and including your Fall 2011 term (semester or quarter) grades, mailed by your registrar(s) directly to the Committee Chair (address below)  
  **POSTMARKED**  
  **NO LATER THAN:**  
  **1-15-2012**

A press release will be provided to local newspapers selected by the scholarship recipient. Please list the name and address of two newspapers you would like us to notify if you are the recipient.

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The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all application materials are received by the Scholarship Committee postmarked by the dates given above. Mail materials to:

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