

HELEN G. WARD SCHOLARSHIP Criteria

The School Nutrition Association of Virginia offers educational scholarships each year through the Helen G. Ward Scholarship Fund. The scholarship funds may be awarded to one or more qualified applicants who meet the following criteria:

- Has been a member of SNA-VA for two consecutive years.
- Is currently employed in school food service.
- Plans to continue to work in school food service in Virginia at least one year after having used scholarship funds.

Previous recipients of this award are eligible to apply again.

What is a recipient's obligation?

Recipients of scholarship funds must agree to do the following:

- Successfully complete approved course or courses.
- Retain a position in the Virginia School Food and Nutrition department for one year following the use of scholarship funds awarded.

If the recipient of the scholarship is unable to fulfill these obligations, all scholarship funds must be returned.

What courses must one take to be eligible?

Undergraduate or graduate courses taken can be in nutrition, food service management or a related area leading to a degree in an approved food service curriculum. Also, noncredit courses may be taken to improve knowledge and skills in the areas of nutrition and school food service.

Where do courses have to be taken to be eligible?

Courses may be taken from an accredited college, university or community college in Virginia or in another state. Online courses such as courses through "Child Nutrition U" are appropriate.

Many members have taken advantage of this scholarship to advance their careers in the school nutrition industry.

The winning recipient(s) will be recognized at the Annual State Conference.

If you are interested in furthering your education, submit your application to the Scholarship Chair by February 1.



School Nutrition Association of Virginia (SNA-VA) Helen G. Ward Scholarship Application

Deadline for Application - February 1

Name _____ Membership # _____ Year: _____

Home Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Year of Membership in SNA-VA _____ Present Job Title _____

What course was taken or will be taken? _____

Proof of course completion or proof of current or future enrollment (confirmed course schedule, proof of payment, etc.) must accompany the application.

Length of Course _____ Cost of Course \$ _____

Name of Institution _____

Will you continue to work for school nutrition in Virginia until at least March of next year?

Yes _____ No _____

Information for your immediate supervisor who is familiar with your present field of work:

Name _____ School District _____

Work Address _____

Work Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

In order to be considered for a scholarship based on SNA-VA bylaws, you **must** include a detailed, written reason for applying and the purpose of pursuing education in the field of school food and nutrition and proof of enrollment in described class.

Application will not be considered without this information attached.

**Please submit this form and all included information to the
Scholarship Chair by February 1.**