



BARBARA MCCARTHY SCHOLARSHIP 2024-2025 Information

Virginia AER awards scholarships annually to undergraduate or graduate students with exemplary academic achievements and a strong commitment to serve people with visual impairments. This scholarship is named in honor of Barbara McCarthy for her dedication, passion, commitment, and leadership within the field of education for persons with visual impairment. The annual scholarship award is \$1500 along with an AER Student membership and state conference registration (TBD).

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a resident of Virginia enrolled in a professional preparation program in the field of vision or a non-resident of Virginia enrolled in a Virginia preparation program.
- Must be an undergraduate or graduate student with the intent to pursue licensure in the Vision field.

Deadline: Submit the following documents, electronically or hard copies by **January 6, 2024:**

1. Resume
2. Two (2) letters of recommendation from professionals
3. A copy of a current non-official transcript(s)
4. Completed Virginia AER student scholarship application including a written statement describing your interest in the vision field.
5. Optional: AER membership number and expiration date

Application for the Virginia AER Barbara McCarthy Scholarship

1. Name of Applicant:
2. Current Mailing Address:
Telephone:
e-mail:
3. Name and Address of Someone who will always know where and how to reach you now and after graduation:
Relationship to You:
Telephone:
e-mail:
4. Academic Program:
Name of college/university and academic program:

Who is the person (with title) in charge of your Program in Visual Impairment?

Contact information for that person?

Address:

Telephone:

e-mail:

5. About Your Progress:

Your current year or status:

Are you a full or part time student?

When do you plan to graduate?

What are your current credit hours?

What is your current major?

What is your grade point average to date?

Who is your advisor?

Advisor's contact information:

Telephone:

e-mail:

6. Have you applied for this scholarship before? Yes/ No
(You may resubmit an earlier application with updates as needed)

7. Briefly state why you are applying for this scholarship.

8.. Describe your interest in the vision field, your career goals, related experiences, and your plan to participate in/ contribute to the lives of people with vision impairments for the coming years. The essay should be no more than 750 words.

Thank you for your interest in the scholarship. If selected to receive the \$1500 scholarship, you will be honored as part of a Virginia AER (aervirginia.org) event, TBD. You will be notified about your application by the end of February.

Submit the completed application with packet by **January 6,2025**

Email/Mail to:

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or

Meg Walker, 2024-2025 VA-AER Scholarship Selection

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