



## **Pamplin Undergraduate Programs**

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## **New Horizons Scholarship for Incoming Freshmen**

### General Information

The New Horizons Scholarship was established to enrich the multicultural experiences within the Pamplin College of Business. The goal is to attract more students with a diverse background, so that Pamplin students can continue to develop a better understanding and learn of the importance of diversity in higher education and in the workplace. The enhancement of our student population will give them an opportunity to create a diverse and inclusive community, and ideally simulate a diverse work environment.

### Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the New Horizons Scholarship, students must submit a FAFSA form and Scholarship application by **January 22<sup>nd</sup>**. The student must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Acceptance into the Pamplin College of Business
- Member of an underrepresented or under-served population or Pell Grant eligible
- Minimum high school weighted GPA of 3.0

### Application Process

The New Horizons Scholarship application can be accessed through the Virginia Tech Hokie SPA. Applicants will provide identifying and demographic information (i.e. Virginia Tech ID, name, etc.), will submit a list of part-time work and/or extracurricular activities, and will respond to an essay question. The student must display the following on his/her application essay:

- Commitment to Educational Diversity
- Academic Achievement
- Extracurricular Activities
- Pursuit towards a career in their field of Business

#### Essay Question:

At Pamplin, we believe the college and community benefit from having diverse students who bring unique perspectives to the learning environment. How have some of your own experiences helped to make you the person you are today? How will these experiences help you bring the benefits of diversity to the Pamplin College of Business?

Educational Diversity is a state of mind or philosophical approach characterized by openness to the inclusion of people and ideas from dissimilar backgrounds. These differences could include geographic origin, language, socioeconomic status, natural origin, gender, ethnicity, disability, age, family educational background, veteran status, religion, sexual orientation, and political philosophy.

## Awarding Process

The Pamplin College of Business will review applications and select recipients for the New Horizons Scholarship. Scholarships will be awarded to incoming freshmen - in-state and out-of-state students. They will be valued at \$20,000 each (\$5,000 per year or \$2,500 per semester). The Scholarship is renewable on a semester basis for the first eight semesters (fall and spring) if the participating students meet all requirements for renewal.

## Expectations of Recipients

### Academic Performance

- Recipients must remain enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit hours) and have their primary major within the Pamplin College of Business.
- Recipients must be classified by the university as an Undergraduate student.
- Recipients must maintain a high GPA
- Recipients must be making good academic progress towards primary degree and in compliance with Policy 91.
- Recipients must participate in our Pamplin Undergraduate Mentoring Program (PUMP) for the first two semesters.
- Recipients must participate in our New Horizons Scholar Success Conference before the academic year begins.

### Commitment to Educational Diversity

- Recipients must attend and participate in Pamplin Inclusion & Diversity Events, including, but not limited to:
  - Fall Dinners (Awards Ceremony)
  - Spring Dinners
  - Pamplin Diversity Conference/Diversity Case Competition
  - Pamplin New Horizons Scholar Meetings
  - Pamplin New Horizons Scholar Reception

### Career Advancement

- Recipients must pursue post-graduate opportunities by actively participating in Pamplin Career Services programs and opportunities including, but not limited to:
  - The Fall and Spring Business Horizons Career Fairs
  - Workshops and Information Sessions

### Community Outreach

- Recipients must assist Pamplin in attracting more students and participate in various recruitment efforts

Students are expected to comply with the University Honor Code and the University Student Conduct Code, and failure to do so may result in Scholarship termination. Suspension from both the University and College may also result in Scholarship termination.

Participants must also meet with the Director of Recruitment twice a semester to update him/her on each event/program/engagement activity in which they participate.

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