



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

TO: Division Superintendents/Transportation Contacts

FROM: Linwood Horne, Scholarship Chairman

SUBJECT: Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation Scholarship

The Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation (VAPT) established a scholarship in honor of the late Clyde W. Morris in 1995. Mr. Morris died in the performance of his duties as supervisor of transportation for Louisa County Public Schools.

The first \$1000 scholarship was awarded in June 1996. The ninth Clyde W. Morris Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$1000, will be awarded in June of 2006. **To be eligible, the student must be a Virginia public school senior who has a parent or grandparent employed in the public school pupil transportation field in the Commonwealth of Virginia.** A fact sheet is enclosed which provides additional information along with other guidelines, eligibility requirements and an application.

Please note that eligibility for the scholarship requires a local elimination process. The **single** local winner's application must be submitted to VAPT no later than April 30, 2006.

On behalf of VAPT and as scholarship chairman, please encourage students in your schools to participate in this scholarship opportunity. Questions or concerns should be directed to me at (804)365-6520.



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

CLYDE W. MORRIS MEMORIAL

SCHOLARSHIP

On March 29, 1994, Clyde W. Morris, who was supervisor of pupil transportation for the Louisa County Public Schools, made the ultimate sacrifice in the performance of his duties to ensure that the safety of all students riding school buses to and from Louisa County Public Schools was not compromised. During the early morning hours following severe storms and heavy rains, Mr. Morris was checking the conditions of the county's roadways to determine if school buses could traverse the roads safely with students on board. Mr. Morris became trapped and drowned in his attempt to escape rising flood waters.

In recognition of his extreme dedication to the ideals of student safety, the Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation (VAPT) established the Clyde W. Morris Memorial Scholarship in 1995-96 as a tribute to all pupil transportation personnel in the Commonwealth of Virginia, whose ultimate goal is to provide for the safe transportation of all children. In June of each year, a one-thousand dollar (\$1000) scholarship will be awarded to a Virginia public school senior who is a child or grandchild of any public school pupil transportation employee in the Commonwealth and who is continuing their education beyond the secondary level.



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INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE CLYDE W. MORRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

1. The recipient of the \$1000 scholarship will be a Virginia public school senior who has a parent or grandparent employed in a public school pupil transportation field in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Selection of applicants will be based on the following criteria:
 - * **Scholarship** - The student shall have a cumulative grade point average (grades 9-11) of 3.0 minimum.
 - * **Leadership** - The student shall have demonstrated outstanding leadership skills and abilities in co-curricular activities and community service activities.
 - * **Citizenship** - The student shall have demonstrated exemplary citizenship qualities that include not only maturity, loyalty, responsibility, integrity, and trustworthiness, but also a concern for the well-being of all citizens.
 - * **Service** - The student shall have rendered unselfish service and assistance to others, to the school, and to the community.
 - * **Essay** - The student shall have explained in a typewritten essay of not more than 500 words why he/she applied for the scholarship and if named the recipient how the scholarship would be used.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND PLANS FOR AWARDING THE SCHOLARSHIP

1. In the second semester of their senior year, students who meet the general criteria will complete an application in which information supporting excellence in the five areas above will be noted. The application must be typed and contain all information requested. (Incomplete applications will not

be considered.) Applications are available from each local transportation office. When completed, all applications should be submitted to the local Scholarship selection committee chairperson (or the local Supervisor/Director of Transportation).

Note: A Microsoft word copy of this application can be downloaded from the following website:

<http://www.vapt.org>

2. Additionally, each applicant shall be required to submit a type-written essay (not more than 500 words) which explains why the student has applied and how the student would use the scholarship if named the recipient. The essay must be submitted at the time of application. Applicants are encouraged to proofread their essays for spelling, grammar, and syntax.
3. **A selection committee established at each locality shall select from all local applicants a finalist whose application must be submitted to the Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation (VAPT) selection committee no later than April 30. Only one application from each locality will be judged.** Applications shall not be submitted to VAPT by student applicants.
4. The VAPT selection committee will be responsible for selecting the state's final applicant.
5. The finalist will be notified by the local school Division Superintendent no later than June 1.
6. Official presentation of the scholarship will be awarded at the Annual Pupil Transportation Conference banquet held during the later part of June each year. Applicants do not have to be present to win.



**VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION FOR PUPIL TRANSPORTATION
CLYDE W. MORRIS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION**

APPLICATION MUST BE TYPED (USE N/A IF NOT APPLICABLE)

SECTION I (PERSONAL DATA)

A.

1. Name of Applicant _____
Last First Middle

2. Home Address _____

3. Date of Birth _____

4. Social Security Number _____

Telephone Number _____

5. Name of Parent/Grandparent _____
Employed in Public School Transportation by:

Address (Number and Street) _____

City _____ State and Zip _____

SECTION II (EDUCATIONAL DATA)

B.

1. School now attending _____
Class Rank _____ in class of _____

CEEB/SAT Test _____ GPA _____
Score Number

2. College (s)/Vocational/Technical to which you seek admission
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

3. State your present status regarding acceptance at colleges/schools listed above.
a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

SECTION III (Activities, Awards)

C.

1. List all co-curricular activities in which you have participated, including honors and awards:

2. List athletics in which you have participated:

3. List community services or projects in which you have participated:

(If additional space is needed for the above items, please attach a separate sheet.)

4. Why do you desire to continue your education?

SECTION IV (WORK EXPERIENCE)

D.

1. List any part-time or full-time work experience(s):

2. List any special interests or hobbies:

SECTION V (ESSAY)

E.

Please describe in a typed 500 words or less essay why you have applied for the scholarship and how you would use the scholarship if named the recipient. (You must submit the essay as an attachment to your application).

**Please check the application for completeness before signing below.
Applications must be post marked no later than April 30, 2006.**

Date of Application

Signature of Applicant

Signature of Parent/Grandparent

FOR LOCAL SCHOLARSHIP SELECTION COMMITTEE USE ONLY

Signature: _____
Local Selection Committee Chairperson

PRINT NAME: _____

Telephone : _____ School Division: _____

RETURN ONLY ONE APPLICATION SELECTED BY YOUR SCHOOL DIVISION TO:

**Linwood Horne, Scholarship Chairperson
Virginia Association for Pupil Transportation
Hanover County Public Schools
11375 N. Lakeridge Parkway
Ashland, VA 23005**