The Pamplin Scholars Program consists of two scholarships: the Pamplin Leadership Award and the Pamplin Scholar Award. The Pamplin Leadership Award is open to any senior from among Virginia’s public high schools. No more than 40 qualified students will be awarded each year. The Pamplin Leadership Award is a $5,000 one-year academic, merit-based scholarship. A student awarded the Pamplin Leadership Award is automatically eligible to apply for the Pamplin Scholar Award during her/his first year at Virginia Tech. Only winners of the Pamplin Leadership Award may apply for the Pamplin Scholar Award, which provides full Virginia Tech tuition and fees until graduation provided winners maintain good academic standing in University Honors.

**Pamplin Leadership Award Guidelines**

- Student must be a senior enrolled in a Virginia public high school.
- Student must have at least a 3.8 cumulative GPA and be ranked in the top ten percent of her/his class.
- This scholarship has no connection to the Pamplin College of Business and is open to any student regardless of major.
- This application can be submitted to a high school counselor before knowing status of admission. However, only a student who accepts Virginia Tech’s offer of admission can receive the award.
- To receive this award, a student must be willing to join University Honors and work toward a University Honors diploma. More information about University Honors can be found on the website: http://www.univhonors.vt.edu/. This requirement applies only to students who are offered this award. We do not consider a student’s University Honors status when deciding who to award.
- Announcement of winners and students with honorable mention will be mailed by the first week in April.

**Students, please:**

- Complete Sections I, II, III, and IV of this application
- Read carefully, sign, and date Section V before submitting this application to your counselor
- Visit http://www.univhonors.vt.edu/ to learn more about University Honors. You will be required to participate if selected as a winner.

**Counselors, please:**

- Complete Section VI of your top nominee’s application
- Postmark the application by the last business day in January
- Do not include this application cover page

**Document Flow**

1) Student receives application from the University Honors website or her/his counselor and begins the application process
2) Student turns in completed application to her/his counselor
3) From the submitted applications, the high school scholarship committee selects which student will be the high school’s nominee
4) Counselor sends the nominee’s application to the Pamplin Scholars Program Coordinator

**Pamplin Scholars Program Coordinator**

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Pamplin Leadership Award Application

Each qualified applicant should complete the entire application with supporting documents and recommendation letter, obtain required signatures, and have the high school counselor postmark the application package by the last business day in January. Please type or print legibly in blue or black ink. Incomplete or illegible applications may jeopardize your chance of winning the Pamplin Leadership Award.

Section I: Applicant Information

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Intended College at Virginia Tech Intended Major

Section II: High School Information

High school name Your Counselor’s full name

Counselor’s phone # Counselor’s e-mail address

Section III: Short Response and Essay

On one separate sheet of paper, include your name and list up to five of your most significant and interesting service, leadership, or learning experiences. Indicate how long you were or have been involved in each. On the same piece of paper, select two of these experiences and write a short 5–10 sentence paragraph for each. Describe what you did, what you learned from the experience, and why you learned from the experience. This document must be single-spaced and typed.

Additionally, on another separate sheet of paper, compose an essay describing an experience in which you were faced with a decision to be made on behalf of a group. Be very specific, including who, what, when, where, how, and why. What was the outcome? Would you have done something differently? This essay must be double-spaced, typed, in 12-pt. Times New Roman font, and must not exceed one page.
Section IV: Letter of Recommendation

Please include no more than one letter of recommendation from someone who knows you well (not a relative or friend) and can address your experience, qualities of leadership, and academic promise. Please make sure that your name and high school name are included. The letter must be sealed and signed on the flap to show that you have not seen it. It should accompany this application.

Section V: Student Certification

The information I have provided on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I:

- understand that information known about me by Virginia Tech Admissions and/or the Registration and Records Offices may be used to evaluate my eligibility for a scholarship, and I authorize those offices to release information to appropriate scholarship committees.
- authorize release of my application to third parties for purposes of scholarship consideration and release of biographical information for use in publicity related to the scholarship program.
- agree that I will notify University Honors should information that I included on my application change (intended major, residence, contact information, etc.).
- recognize and understand the requirement to join University Honors and work toward a University Honors diploma should I be selected as a Pamplin Leader.

Student Signature

Date

Section VI: Counselors Only

Note: Please send only your top nominee from among those students who submit an application to you. For our purposes, you need to complete this section for the top nominee’s application only.

Nominee Information

Qualified nominees must have at least a 3.8 GPA and be in the top ten percent of her/his class. If your high school does not rank, your signature below certifies that your nominee meets both requirements. Otherwise, please provide class rank.

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Student’s Cumulative GPA Class rank

Counselor/Scholarship Coordinator Signature

Date

Please postmark the top nominee’s application package by the last business day in January.

Mail to:
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University Honors MC 0427
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Blacksburg, VA 24061