

Virgin Islands Association, DC **Imani Marley-Husbands Humanities Scholarship Fund**



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About the Virgin Islands Association, DC (VIA-DC)

The Virgin Islands Association (VIA) of the DC Metropolitan area was founded in 1980 as a non-profit association committed to our community, academic excellence and our cultural traditions. VIA-DC is an active community network, supporting the enhancement of cultural diversity and providing professional development and mentoring to our college bound students.

To fulfill our mission of academic excellence and extend our support to Virgin Islands students, VIA-DC is pleased to announce the 2017 Imani Marley-Husbands Scholarship Fund.

About Imani Marley-Husbands



Imani Marley-Husbands, a member of the Virgin Islands Association, DC since 2012, graduating from the University of the Virgin Islands with a BA in English in 1996. She is a charter member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated's Rho Omicron chapter founded on the St. Thomas Campus. Imani retired from local government in the state of Georgia, DeKalb County department of Purchasing & Contracting in 2015 and currently works as a Sr. Contract Specialist for the Federal Aviation Administration in Atlanta, GA.

The IMH Humanities Scholarship was established in 2015 to support students who are majoring in disciplines within the Humanities, especially English and/or Communications. While an English Major at the University of the Virgin Islands, Mrs. Husbands found it hard to find funding in the way of grants or

scholarships for the Humanities. She vowed upon graduation to fund her own scholarship for students that shared her interest in education.

Scholarship Description

The Virgin Islands Association Imani Marley-Husbands Scholarship is designed to assist current college students enrolled at the University of the Virgin Islands, with an award amount of \$250, per calendar year.

Completed applications must be submitted online, no later than May 1, 2017!

Eligibility Requirements

- Be enrolled full-time at the University of the Virgin Islands
- Have at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Be pursuing a degree in English, Communications, Mass Media, Linguistics or Library Science. (English Education i.e. Teacher is not included in this criteria)
- Complete an application and follow the scholarship guidelines as set forth by the Virgin Islands Association of the District of Columbia.

**If no student is found to be eligible for this award in the specified calendar year, it shall roll over to the next academic year; until a candidate is deemed eligible. This scholarship will not be granted to a student outside of the specified course of study as specified in bullet three. No one student shall receive more than the allotted \$250.00 per calendar year.

Required Documents

- Completed application must be accessed online at: <http://www.viadc.org/>. The following application additions must be provided through viascholarships2017@gmail.com :
- Most recent **official** transcript issued from your college. Copies or Web printouts are not accepted.
- Two letters of recommendation (teacher, advisor, employer/supervisor, counselor or other individual who can speak to your character, learning proficiency, values and goals) submitted in a sealed envelope with recommenders initials signed across the seal. Recommendations from family members are not permitted.
- One page (sized 8 ½ x 11, single space, one side only) typed essay highlighting academic and career goals and addressing the topic of how your education (supported by this scholarship) will influence the Virgin Islands.
- Proof of continuing enrollment at the University of the Virgin Islands

Scholarship Timeline and Due Dates

Application Available	<i>March 2017</i>	Award Notifications	<i>June 2017</i>
Application Deadline	<i>May 2017</i>	Verification of Enrollment	<i>Fall 2017</i>
Application Processing	<i>May 2017</i>	Award Distribution	<i>Fall 2017</i>
Selections	<i>May 2017</i>	<u>Incomplete or late applications will not be reviewed.</u>	

Scholarship Tips for Applicants

1. Carefully review the scholarship requirements and complete all application instructions.
2. Ask a colleague to proofread your documents prior to submission.
3. Arrange to have your high school transcript and two confidential letters of recommendation forwarded to the Scholarship Selection Committee at viascholarships2017@gmail.com.
4. Compose your essay on a separate page. Include work experience, leadership experience, community activities, honors and awards, academic goals and career goals (as applicable) as you respond to **why** it is important for you to receive this scholarship. Submit to viascholarships2017@gmail.com, Include your name in subject line.
5. Include a copy of your acceptance letter to a college or university for the 2017-2018 academic year.
6. Certify (by signature) that all information provided on the application is true to the best of your knowledge.

Scholarship Tips for Recommendation Letter Writers

1. Your letter of recommendation must be submitted by email, no later than May 1, 2017.
2. Verify and speak to your relationship to the applicant for whom you are writing the letter of recommendation
3. Submit your letter from your email account
4. In the Subject Line of your email, please reference the name of the student for whom you are supporting.
5. Address your submission to the VIA Scholarship Selection Committee at the following email: viascholarships2017@gmail.com

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Applicant Information		
Full Name:		Date:
<i>Last</i>	<i>First</i>	<i>M.I.</i>
Address:		
<i>Street Address</i>		<i>Apartment/Unit #</i>
<i>City</i>		<i>State</i> <i>ZIP Code</i>
Phone: ()		E-mail Address:
Name of High School:		Address: GPA:
School Contact (Principal, Counselor, Teacher-include Name, Title, Phone, Email):		
Is an SAT Score required for admission to your program? If yes, provide the score.	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Score:	
Is an ACT Score required for admission to your program? If yes, provide the score.	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> Score:	
Anticipated College/School:	Name:	Address:
Anticipated Major or Course of Study:		
Financing Your Education		
What do you anticipate the annual cost of your education to be? \$ _____		
Will you be receiving financial aid? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
If yes, check the type(s) of aid: <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship <input type="checkbox"/> Loans <input type="checkbox"/> Work study		
References		
<i>List two references (Letters from each of these references must be submitted with the application in a sealed envelope. Each reference writer must sign across the seal of the envelope to ensure confidentiality of the contents).</i>		
Name/Title:		Relationship:
Organization:		Phone: ()
Address:		
Email:		
Name/Title:		Relationship:
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Address:		
Email:		

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Use the Space Below to List Accomplishments of which you are most proud (to include clubs, community service, church, work or other related activities and experience). Optional: You may attach a résumé.

Activity:		
Description/Responsibilities:		
Dates:	From	To:
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Privacy Declaration

Information requested in this application form and the related documents will be used solely for the purpose of assessing your application for a Virgin Islands Association (VIA) Robert Finch Memorial Scholarship. Personal information contained in this application will only be made available to members of the Scholarship Selection Committee and the members of the Virgin Islands Association Board of Directors.

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that false or misleading information in my application will result in my disqualification from this scholarship competition. I understand that if selected to receive this scholarship, the actual award of funds is contingent on proof that I am enrolled in a degree or vocational program.

Signature:

Date:

Additional scholarship information for current students available ([link](#))

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