

# VASBA Award

The Virginia AeroSpace Business Association (VASBA) is offering **one** \$2,000 merit-based award each year to students majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering at VMI.

This is a highly competitive award that recognize a student who academically excels, has demonstrated financial need by having at least one student loan, and has substantive extracurricular activities. Applications are due on 14 Sep of each year, and if selected you will be notified by 1 Oct.

## Eligibility

- A current 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 1<sup>st</sup> classman
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the start of the fall semester
- Virginia resident
- Have at least one educational loan\*  
(you may apply even if you have not taken an educational loan, but you will be considered only if no one else has demonstrated stronger financial need)

## Applications

Apply with a Word document to COL Squire by 14 Sep whose filename is your first and last name, and include in it the following:

- A statement of eligibility that states your
  - cumulative GPA at the start of the semester
  - legal domicile is currently Virginia
  - you have taken out at least one student loan
- A short essay (1 page or less) describing your
  - academic activities and departmental service
  - extracurricular activities
  - community service
- A photo (uniformed or not). Please send this as a separate .jpg file, not embedded in the Word document.

Your application gives consent for VASBA to post your name and photo on their website as a scholarship recipient, if selected. If you qualify, this is easy money. If there are ten applicants you have a 10% chance of being selected, and it takes you 30 minutes to apply for \$2k, then that is an average hourly wage of  $10\% \times \$2,000 / 0.5 \text{ hours}$ , or \$400/hr. It is hard to find a campus job that pays similarly.

Make sure you follow the instructions carefully. Surprisingly, only about 50% of the applicants do; by following the instructions you have immediately doubled your likelihood of being selected.