

Government of the British Virgin Islands
Ministry of Education and Culture
The Honourable Myron V. Walwyn, Minister

Virgin Islands Emerging Fellow Award

APPLICATION/PROPOSAL



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BACKGROUND

The Virgin Islands Emerging Fellow Award is a grant administered by The Ministry of Education and Culture on an annual basis to young people, ages 10 – 20, who show exceptional promise in sports, the arts and/or academics. The Ministry recognizes the extraordinary promise among the young people of the Virgin Islands, therefore the grant was created in April 2012 to prepare young Virgin Islanders for success by providing them with opportunities to enhance their skills and develop their craft through training, exposure and mentorship. The award also provides the Virgin Islands community with a structured avenue for parents and interested members of our Territory to seek public funding to support the aspirations of our young people. The ultimate goal of the award is to prepare the future leaders of our beautiful islands to lead with purpose, vision and a spirit of excellence.

At the request of the Minister of Education & Culture, funds were placed in the budget to support this programme. The Minister anticipates securing additional funds to increase the availability of the award to more youngsters. From these funds, two young persons from each category will be given the financial support up to but not exceeding eight thousand dollars (\$8,000.00) to attend and participate in substantive training and enrichment experiences during the summer vacation.

SELECTION PROCESS

The committee will issue a “Call for Applications” to students and graduates aged 10 -20 to submit applications during the period of November 16th 2015 to March 25th 2016. The Applications should be submitted to the Ministry of Education & Culture with the title *Emerging Fellow Awards*, and to the attention of Desk Officer, Lorna Stevens, email llstevens@gov.vg. The committee will review submissions between March 30th 2016 through April 1st 2016 and announce the recipients no later than April 8th 2016. Applications will be rated on the criteria listed below.

Academic/Scholarship Criteria

- **Evidence of Academic Achievement**
Candidates must show evidence of high academic achievements in the chosen field. Transcript must show evidence of high overall academic achievement. Evidence of high-level performance must be supported with documentation (e.g. merit scholarships, academic prizes, extracurricular activities). Applicants must have a B average or above. Applicants must submit a disciplinary report from their present school administration.
- **Quality of Proposed Activity/Program**
Proposed program/activity must prepare the candidate for his/her planned field of study. The program must be recognized or ranked highly in its field.

- **Contributions**
The applicant must have engaged in public demonstration of the particular skill and display evidence of a strong desire to contribute to the Community of the Virgin Islands.
- **Quality and Breadth of Recommendations**
Two recommendations must be submitted for each applicant. One recommendation must be from your instructor or coach. The second recommendation must be from a reputable member of society who has known the applicant for at least two years. Recommendations should provide specific and well-documented details about the applicant's character and personality. .

Athletic Criteria

- **Evidence of Extraordinary Athletic Ability**
The applicant must have demonstrated excellence in his/her sport discipline. Applicants must have a B average or above. Applicants must submit a disciplinary report from their present school administration.
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Performing / Creative/ Visual Arts Criteria

- **Evidence of Commitment to Arts**
The applicant must have displayed exceptional talent and commitment to the Arts. Applicants must have a B average or above. Applicants must submit a disciplinary report from their present school administration.
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Virgin Islands Emerging Fellows Award

APPLICATION

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Contact _____ or _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email address: _____

Emerging Fellow Award Area (*circle one*): Arts Education Sports

Name of Proposed Program/Project: _____

Total Cost of Program: _____

(Please include all cost relating to student travel, accommodation, fees, etc. for duration of the programme.)

Education: *Please list your educational history.*

Institution	Dates Attended	Certification Awarded	Grade Point Average	Awards

List your contributions to the territory based on your particular interest:

Supplemental Attachments:

- 1. Please attach a short statement (≤ 2 pages, double spaced), which must include:**
 - In a short bio of 250 – 300 words summarize your interests, future goals, aspirations and explain how you envision the award will assist in achieving your goal.
 - Proposed use for Emerging Fellow Award funds including total cost for all activities.
 - Evidence of your prior achievement in the area in which you are applying for The Emerging Fellow Award.
 - Also include how your participation will benefit the territory overall.
- 2. Two letters of recommendation.** Please provide two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from someone within the discipline for which you are requesting the fellowship. Letters must include contact information, title and number of years acquainted.
- 3. Overview of Proposed Program/Project:** Must include contact information for the programme's coordinator as well as background information on the programme or event for which you would like to use the award.
- 4. Responsibility:** It is the responsibility of the parent in collaboration with the teacher, coach or instructor in the area of interest to research the legitimacy of the programme, apply and confirm all fees including flight information before submitting the application.

Applicant's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Date