



Volkswagen Distinguished Scholars Program

Eligibility:

- You must be a U.S. Citizen over the age of 18.
- Currently enrolled at one of the following schools as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student:
 - Fisk University
 - Tennessee State University
 - Tennessee Technological University
 - University of Memphis
 - University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
 - University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- Pursuing a degree in engineering, physics, chemistry, math, or related field and have an interest in the automotive industry and have a minimum 3.5 GPA (4.0 scale) in spring 2012.

Required items:

- Completed Application Form sent directly from the applicant to ORAU
- Statement of Career Goals (included in application)
- Statement of Research Interests (included in application)
- Resume to include previous work experience
- Two academic references sent directly from the reference to ORAU
- Transcript(s) from all postsecondary institution(s) attended sent directly from the institution(s) to ORAU via postal mail

Deadlines:

- **February 12**
Application Materials must be postmarked by this date.
Two Reference Forms must be postmarked by this date.
Official Transcripts must be postmarked by this date.
- **Mid-April**
Selection Announcements
- **June 1**
Target Start Date

Note: A postmark deadline means that the item must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service by the date listed. There is no need to send items via overnight or special delivery.

Send all postal materials to:

Volkswagen Distinguished Scholars Program
Oak Ridge Associated Universities
PO Box 117, MS-6173
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0117

This application requests personally identifiable information (PII). We strongly recommend you use postal mail to submit your application package. However, we will accept applications sent via fax or e-mail.

PART 1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Name:** _____
(First) (Middle) (Last) (suffix)

2. **Citizenship:**

- U.S.
 Non-U.S. Citizen [If you are not a U.S. citizen, do not apply.]

3. **Contact Information:**

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

[The contact information above will be used to communicate with you during application processing and review.]

Permanent Address:

Address Line 1: _____

Address Line 2: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

4. **Are you currently enrolled in an educational institution in an undergraduate or graduate degree program?** Yes No

If yes:

Institution's Name: _____

City and State: _____

5. **What is your current college status?**

Undergraduate Student

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate Student

Master's

Doctoral

6. List all technical schools, community colleges, and universities/colleges you currently attend or have attended. Begin with the most current institution. You should submit transcripts from each institution listed below. Transcripts should include fall semester grades, if enrolled.

Institution Name, City, State/Country	Dates Attended (mm/yyyy, if currently attending, list current month and year.)		Major Field of Study	Degree Received/Expected (AS, BS, etc.)	Degree Date Received/Expected (mm/yyyy)	Cumulative GPA (4.00 Scale)
	From	To				

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7. List work experience and/or volunteer activities.

Type of Organization	Dates (mm/yyyy, if currently active, list current month and year.)		Description of Duties Performed (limit of 150 characters for each activity)
	From	To	

8. List research experiences, beginning with the most recent. Include high school research experiences.

Position	Dates (mm/yyyy, if currently involved, list current month and year.)		Description of Research (limit of 150 characters for each experience)
	From	To	

PART 2. FIELD OF STUDY

9. What is your broad field of study?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Mathematics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical Sciences (Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, etc...) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earth, Atmospheric, and Ocean Sciences | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | |

10. What is your specific area of study?

PART 3. RESEARCH INTERESTS

11. Describe your current research interests. Be specific and provide examples about the type of research you would like to conduct, both next year and later on. (1 page maximum, 10-point font size or larger)

PART 4. STATEMENT OF PROFESSIONAL GOALS

12. What are your current professional goals beyond your current degree? Describe what your ideal career would look like one and five years after graduation. What role, if any, will a VW internship play in your career plans? (One page maximum, single space format, 10-point font size or larger.)

A large empty rectangular box with a thin black border, intended for the applicant to write their response to question 12.

PART 5. REFERENCES

13. List two people familiar with your academic preparation and your technical abilities. Please provide each of these individuals with the attached reference form and ask them to submit a reference on your behalf by the published postmark deadline. Relatives should not be asked to submit references.

Name	Title and Organization:
1.	
2.	

14. Please indicate how you learned about the Volkswagen Distinguished Scholars Program. (check all that apply)

- Word of Mouth
- E-mail Announcement
- Internet Search
- Link on a Web Site
- Conference/Presentation
- Printed Material
- Other _____
- Don't Remember

PART 6. CERTIFICATION OF ACCURACY AND PHOTO RELEASE

I understand that all information in parts 1 through 6 of the application, my resume, and letters of recommendation will be provided to the staff involved in the selection process.

To promote, evaluate, or otherwise describe the efforts of ORAU and VW programs and activities, I give permission to ORAU and VW and its agents to use in connection with any publication (including but not limited to brochures, Web sites, booklets, reports, press releases, and exhibits) the photograph(s) video or audio productions, or any other files portraying my image or likeness in association with ORAU and VW in which I appear.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge all information contained in this application is accurate. I understand that any falsification will render me ineligible for participation and, if found after participation has begun, may require me to reimburse any funds received.

Signature: _____

Date: (mm/dd/yy) _____ / _____ / _____

PART 7. APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

Applicant demographic data are important in assessing the effectiveness of our efforts to solicit applications from a diverse population. Your submission of this information will assist us in this regard. We appreciate your cooperation. If you decline to provide this information, it will in no way affect consideration of your application.

15. **Gender:** Female Male

16. **Date of Birth:** (mm/dd/yy) _____ / _____ / _____

17. **Race/Ethnicity:**

- () **Caucasian** (Having origins in any one of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or the middle East)
- () **African American** (Having origins in any Black racial groups of Africa)
- () **Hispanic** (Of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central/South American or other Spanish culture of origin, regardless of race)
- () **American Indian** (Having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and maintaining cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition)
- () **Asian or Pacific Islander** (Having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands – for example, Indian, China, Japan, Korea, Philippine Islands, and Samoa)

18. **Disabled:**

- No
- Yes, physical/mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (*for example, blindness, deafness, or mobility impairment.*)

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References must be postmarked by February 12.

Applicant:			
	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
How long and in what association have you known the applicant? (limit of 240 characters)			

Compared to other students of comparable age and experience you have known in the last five years, how would you rate the applicant with respect to the following **PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS**?

	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Exceptional	No Basis for Judgment
Motivation and persistence toward a productive career						
Growth during total period observed						
Imagination and originality of thought						
Emotional maturity and stability						
Ability to work with others						
Independence and self-reliance						
Leadership potential						
Students ability to work in a multicultural environment						

Compared to other students of comparable age and experience you have known in the last five years, how would you rate the applicant with respect to the following **SCIENTIFIC CAPABILITIES**?

	Below Average	Average	Good	Very Good	Exceptional	No Basis for Judgment
Mastery of fundamental knowledge in field						
Skill/originality of research project design						
Laboratory skill and technique						
Productivity in research						
Ability to communicate (written/oral)						

Add any descriptive comments that will assist in providing a complete picture of the applicant's abilities. Include specifics about this applicant that will demonstrate why this applicant will be persistent and productive doing research.

Comments: (limit to 2000 characters or 1 page)

Signature:	Date:
Typed/Printed Name:	Title:
Department:	Institution/Organization:
Telephone:	E-Mail: