

The VLee Gives Foundation Scholarship Program 2023

The VLee Gives Foundation Scholarship Program will award multiple one-year scholarships in the amount of \$1000.00 to Shelby County high school seniors, one Hampton High School senior, and a full-time, undergraduate college student who demonstrates academic promise.

These scholarships are awarded in honor of Vincent Bernard Lee, who was a firm believer in supporting and giving back to his community, this scholarship seeks to provide students with a means to continue their education at an institute of higher learning.

Vincent Lee, President and CEO of ServiceMaster Facilities Maintenance Company, succumbed to pancreatic cancer in 2018. Prior to his illness, he was an active member of New Direction Christian Church and a dynamic member of the Memphis Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., where community service was always at the forefront. Vincent was a man of humble beginnings who grew to lead the largest janitorial franchise in the history of ServiceMaster Clean. His involvement in giving back to Memphis and surrounding communities was impeccable.

Vincent's children, with the help of his siblings, would like to leave a legacy of assisting young students in attending a college or university of their choice and encouraging them to be involved in and give back to their communities.

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Rules and Requirements

1. All materials become the property of The VLee Gives Foundation Scholarship Committee. No information or pictures submitted with any application for consideration will be returned.
2. Multiple one-year scholarships in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to Shelby County High School seniors, along with one Hampton High School senior, with at least a 2.5 GPA and 15 ACT/790 SAT.
3. One single-year scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 will be awarded to a full time, undergraduate college student who has completed 12+ hours during the present term and has at least a 2.5 semester and cumulative grade point average.
4. The applicant will complete the scholarship application.
5. Along with the application, the applicant must write and submit a 325-to-500-word essay on one of the following topics:

A. Describe your involvement in the community or your community service experience. How has this experience influenced your plans to attend college? (High School)

B. As a future leader, what level of importance do you place on community involvement? How will you include this in your plans? Cite specific examples. (College)

The essay must be typewritten in 12pt.font, double-spaced, and should not exceed two pages.

Applicants should include the selected topic at the top of their essay but should not include their name on or within the essay.

6. Applications must include a professional looking photograph of the applicant.
7. Applications must include an official letter of acceptance from an accredited college or university.

8. Applications must be accompanied by two letters of reference from either a teacher, counselor, or community member.

9. Applicants must request an official transcript with ACT or SAT scores to be **emailed** to: **vbleescholarship@gmail.com**.

10. College applicants will complete the application, including the essay, photograph, an official transcript, as well as an official letter from the college/university registrar that confirms your full-time status as a student.

11. Email all forms listed above in one PDF file to Dr. Bridget C. Lee, at vbleescholarship@gmail.com by **Monday, April 24, 2023**.

Scholarship finalists will be contacted via email regarding the interview schedule no later than **Saturday, April 29, 2023**. Finalists must schedule an interview via Sign-up Genius by **Wednesday, May 3, 2023**.

12. Interviews will be held virtually on **Saturday, May 6, 2023**.

13. The Vincent B. Lee Scholarship awards program will be held **Saturday, May 20, 2023**.

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Checklist

Please make sure each item below is completed and included in the application.

- Scholarship application
- Essay
- Official transcripts **emailed** from your school with ACT or SAT scores (by **Monday April, 24, 2023**)
- Two reference letters
- Copy of official acceptance letter from a college or university
- College applicants must include the application, essay, photograph, an official transcript, and an official letter from the college/university registrar that confirms your full-time status as a student

All items should be **emailed** in as a PDF to Dr. Bridget C. Lee at: vbleescholarship@gmail.com by **Monday, April 24, 2023** (Transcripts must be emailed from the school or clearinghouse)

By signing below, I certify that all documents listed above are included in the scholarship application package (transcripts emailed from your school). I understand that incomplete scholarship application packages will not be processed for awards. If selected for an interview, I understand that interviews will be granted to applicants who select an available interview time on or before **Wednesday May 3, 2023**. If awarded a scholarship, I understand that I must be enrolled in college and provided proof of acceptance.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

**Please complete the link to the VLee Gives
Application below.**

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2SUYZaEszCyCL23v5ApA9y8UaJFvicR0mwleI11HupEQAEg/viewform>