



## 2013 GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM (GERS) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The Government Employees' Retirement System (GERS) is currently accepting scholarship applications from territorial high school students who are dependents of contributing members of GERS. Scholarships will provide tuition support for four years, to students enrolled full-time in a program leading to the award of a bachelor's degree at an accredited college or university. Up to three scholarships will be awarded.

The GERS Scholarships may be used at any accredited college or university.

GERS Scholarships being offered to 2013 high school graduates will be in the amount of \$2,250 per semester (\$4,500 per year).

The GERS Scholarship is administered by the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands.

### **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT:**

- GERS Complex, Veterans Drive, St. Thomas or on the website: **www.usvigiers.com**
- GERS Complex, Estate Orange Grove, Christiansted, St. Croix
- CFVI website: **www.cfvi.net** or our Facebook page (Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands)
- Or by calling the Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands at 774-6031.

### **SCHEDULE OF SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS:**

- 1) Completed applications and all accompanying documentation must be **postmarked or hand-delivered no later than March 29, 2013** to:

**Chairperson, GERS Scholarship Committee  
Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands  
P.O. Box 11790  
St. Thomas, USVI 00801**

*OR*

**Chairperson, GERS Scholarship Committee  
Community Foundation of the Virgin Islands  
5600 Royal Dane Mall, Suite 19  
St. Thomas, USVI 00802**

- 2) The scholarships will be awarded by the Board of Directors of the Government Employees' Retirement System.

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**QUALIFICATIONS:**

To qualify for a Government Employees' Retirement System (GERS) Scholarship, a student must:

- have a parent, step-parent or legal guardian who is a participating member of GERS;
- be accepted into an accredited four-year institution with a program leading to a bachelor's degree;
- have the equivalent of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average from a USVI secondary school;
- demonstrate financial need.

**APPLICATION PROCEDURES:**

This completed application must be accompanied by **ALL** the following supporting documentation:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Most recent official high school transcript (copy of current semester grades should be submitted as soon as available)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Birth or baptismal certificate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Recent passport type photograph (signing this form consents to use the photo if the student is awarded a scholarship)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Certified 2012 tax return(s) if available (a copy) or Certified 2011 tax return(s) for parents/guardians and/or student (as applicable)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Financial aid award letter from college (if not available at deadline, submit as soon as received)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Student Aid Report (SAR) received after filing your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). \* Be sure to include the page with the **Expected Family Contribution (EFC)**.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two (2) letters of reference (one must be an academic reference)
- \_\_\_\_\_ An essay of about 500 words written by the applicant discussing his/her passions or aspirations in life.

**PROOF OF FINANCIAL NEED:**

The financial statement including income, expenses, debts, and other financial data necessary for proof of the student's financial eligibility for scholarship aid, must be completed by parents, step-parents or legal guardians as appropriate.

***FINANCIAL INFORMATION WILL BE KEPT STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL***

**COMPLETED APPLICATIONS WITH ALL SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION MUST BE  
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**PART I** - To be completed by student (Please print all information)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

First

Middle

Last

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender (Male/Female): \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Years resided in the Virgin Islands: \_\_\_\_\_

Married? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Children? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ If yes, how many? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

College Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school where you are currently enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

School counselor who helped you apply for this scholarship: \_\_\_\_\_

S.A.T. Score (attach a copy) Math: \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Reading: \_\_\_\_\_ Writing: \_\_\_\_\_

Your AP scores from Exams taken \_\_\_\_\_

Your current rank in class is \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ total number of students.

What is your proposed or current field of study: \_\_\_\_\_

What colleges or vocational schools have you applied to? Please list in order of preference with #1 being your first preference.

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|----------|--------------|----------------|--------|
| 1. _____ | Accepted ___ | Don't know ___ | No ___ |
| 2. _____ | Accepted ___ | Don't know ___ | No ___ |
| 3. _____ | Accepted ___ | Don't know ___ | No ___ |
| 4. _____ | Accepted ___ | Don't know ___ | No ___ |
| 5. _____ | Accepted ___ | Don't know ___ | No ___ |
| 6. _____ | Accepted ___ | Don't know ___ | No ___ |

**RELEASE: I hereby authorize the high school, colleges or universities above to release to CFVI Scholarship Committee copies of my most recent transcripts and financial aid packages.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

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**Proposed Budget of Applicant for 2013/2014 Academic Year (*must be completed*)**

**A. STUDENT'S AVAILABLE FUNDS:**

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Annual family contribution _____  | 5. Total Student loans _____      |
| 2. Student earnings, summer _____    | 6. Scholarships/grants etc. _____ |
| 3. Student earnings, school yr _____ | 7. Other _____                    |
| 4. Student savings _____             | (Explain) _____                   |
| <b>TOTAL A (Sum of 1-7)</b> _____    | _____                             |

**B. EXPECTED EXPENSES:**

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Tuition (annual) _____         | 4. Fees & Dues _____   |
| 2. Room & Board _____             | 5. Travel _____        |
| 3. Books & Supplies _____         | 6. Other expense _____ |
| <b>TOTAL B (Sum of 1-6)</b> _____ | (Explain) _____        |
|                                   | _____                  |

**FUNDING NEEDED: (subtract Total B from Total A): \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

List financial aid/grants/scholarships you have received or for which you have applied

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|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |
| 2. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |
| 3. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |
| 4. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |

List loans received or for which you have applied

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|----------|----------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |
| 2. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |
| 3. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |
| 4. _____ | \$ _____ | applied _____ | received _____ |

List funds Available from any other Source not listed above

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|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | \$ _____ | per year |
| 2. _____ | \$ _____ | per year |
| 3. _____ | \$ _____ | per year |

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Will you work this summer? Yes/No Where \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much do you expect to earn? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enter on page 4)

If you will not be working this summer, what will you do?

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Will you work during the school year? Yes / No Where \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, how much do you expect to earn? \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (enter on page 4)

List previous places of employment \_\_\_\_\_

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List all extracurricular activities, including community service:

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Discuss the one activity that means the most to you.

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**Please submit an essay of about 500 words discussing your passions or aspirations in life.**

If granted an award, I understand that should I receive sufficient other assistance or if my financial status improves significantly, I have a moral obligation to advise the Scholarship Committee so that that grant may be used to assist some other deserving and needy student.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Applicant **must** sign in order to qualify)

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**PART II** - To be completed by parents or guardians (Please print all information).

Name of student for whom application is made: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/step-parent/guardian who is a member of GERS: \_\_\_\_\_

Does student receive Social Security Benefits? Yes / No \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year

How long is the applicant eligible for the above benefits? \_\_\_\_\_ Years or \_\_\_\_\_ months

**Father or Male Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ Years Resided in the Virgin Islands \_\_\_\_\_

Total earnings of father or male guardian for 2012 (before taxes) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated earnings for 2013 before taxes: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mother or Female Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_ Years Resided in the Virgin Islands \_\_\_\_\_

Total earnings of mother or female guardian for 2012 (before taxes) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated earnings for 2013 before taxes: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent children of parents (or of applicant, if applicant is financially independent):

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Tuition/fees</u>	<u>Parent's Share</u>
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Home: Own \_\_\_\_\_ Rent \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mortgage balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Car (1): Own \_\_\_\_\_ Lease \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Car (2): Own \_\_\_\_\_ Lease \_\_\_\_\_ Monthly payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Outstanding Loans:	Monthly payments	# Months remaining to pay
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Other Debts, Credit Cards, or Education Loans - please itemize.

To Whom Owed: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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To Whom Owed: \_\_\_\_\_ Balance: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Present market value home (if own): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Present market value of all other real estate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Present market value of any other investments (Stocks, bonds, etc.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Annual Rental Income \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Accounts:

Checking: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Savings: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Bank: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Dollar amount you can contribute to student's support: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Please use the space below to provide additional information or explanation helpful in determining need for financial aid:

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**Signature of parents and/or guardians (or applicant if financially independent):**

Name: _____	Name: _____
Signature: _____	Signature: _____
Date: _____	Date: _____

REMINDER: This form, along with all supporting documents, must accompany the student's completed application. All must be mailed or hand-delivered to:

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