



# DVMA/MERCK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

## 2020-2021 Academic Year

The Delaware Veterinary Medical Association (DVMA) is proud to offer a scholarship for veterinary students. Sponsored by Merck Animal Health, this \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded to a veterinary student in their second, third or fourth year of veterinary school. DVMA has established this scholarship for veterinary medical students from Delaware to assure the continuation of expert animal care and the scientific advancement of veterinary medicine.

### CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

1. Student must be a Delaware resident as defined by at least one of the following criteria:
  - (a) Graduate of a Delaware high school,
  - (b) Resident of Delaware for at least three years, and/or
  - (c) Permanent mailing address in Delaware.
2. Student must have a grade point average of at least 2.5 to apply.
3. Scholarship is open to veterinary students having completed their first, second, or third year of veterinary school.
4. Previous recipients may apply; however, first preference will be given to new recipients.

*Please complete the following:*

### PERSONAL DATA

Name	
Present Address	
Permanent Address	
Current Telephone	
Permanent Telephone	
E-mail Address	
State of Residency	
Veterinary School and Student ID Number	
Name of High School/Date of Graduation	
List dates of residence in Delaware	

### COLLEGE EDUCATION (may be continued on an additional sheet or CV)

Name of School	
City, State	
Degree received/GPA/Major/Date	
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City, State	
Degree received/GPA/Major/Date	

### AWARDS (may be continued on an additional sheet or CV)

Name of Award/Sponsor/Date awarded	
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Name of Award/Sponsor/Date awarded	

**PROFESSIONAL AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (may be continued on an additional sheet or CV)**

Include organizations, offices held, honors received and major accomplishments.


**WORK HISTORY (may be continued on an additional sheet or CV)**

Include a brief description of employment that you feel improves your chances of success as a veterinarian.

Job/Dates/Location/Description	
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**REQUIRED LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Letters of reference should be from two or three professional persons. One must be from a veterinarian. A reference letter from a DVMA member is suggested, but not required.

Name	
Title	
Address/Phone	

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How did you hear about the DVMA/Merck Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a previous recipient of the DVMA/Merck Scholarship?       Yes       No

Are you a previous applicant for the DVMA/Merck Scholarship?       Yes       No

Are you currently a student member of the DVMA?       Yes       No

*\*Student membership in the DVMA (no cost) will be required of the scholarship recipient.*

Are you a current recipient of a contract seat in your veterinary class through the Delaware Institute of Veterinary Medical Education (DIVME)?       Yes       No

## LETTER OF INTEREST

Please include a personal statement (limit 3 double-spaced pages, size 12 font) explaining your special interests in veterinary medicine; an example of a success and a challenge you have faced thus far in your veterinary career; and future plans, including any plans you may have to return to the State of Delaware to practice veterinary medicine.

## VETERINARY SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT

Please provide an official transcript from your school of veterinary medicine.

*"I certify that the information provided is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that this information is confidential and will be used only by the Delaware Veterinary Medical Association Scholarship Committee for the purpose of selecting a recipient."*

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Signature

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Date

## DEADLINE TO APPLY:

Application, transcripts, letters of reference, and personal statement must be postmarked on or before **April 1, 2021**. Email all documents in one pdf file to Christine Gacono, CMP, Executive Director at: [christine@devma.org](mailto:christine@devma.org) or submit by mail to: Dr. Jenni Smagala, Lums Pond Animal Hospital, 3052 Wrangle Hill Road, Bear, DE 19701.

Recipient selection by the scholarship committee is anticipated to be completed by April 30, 2021 and the winner will be announced by May 1, 2021. The winner is invited and encouraged to attend the DVMA Spring Conference in Wilmington, Delaware, on Tuesday, May 25, 2021 to be recognized during the lunch program.

Contact for questions about the scholarship: Christine Gacono, CMP, [christine@devma.org](mailto:christine@devma.org).