



Virginia Motorcoach Association Estes-Counselman Scholarship Program

Scoring

All applications will be sent, sealed, to a staff member who will redact all identifying information on the application, from questions 2 – 10 plus signature. Transcripts will also be redacted from personally identifying data. The staff member will then return the redacted applications, identified by an application number only, to the judges for scoring.

Judges are selected by the board of directors, namely as the scholarship committee members and the executive director team.

Scoring will be based on a point system as follows:

One point will be awarded per each 1/10th of GPA scored above 3.0. Where applicable, applicants should submit GPA using a weighted scale. **Applicant must indicate whether GPA score is weighted or unweighted.** Failure to indicate a weighted GPA score will result in presumption of an unweighted score. GPA scores with scores in the 1/100ths may be rounded to the nearest 1/10th. (Example: 3.42 GPA would be rounded down to 3.40, while 3.46 GPA may be rounded up to 3.5. The point value would be valued at five points for the 3.4 score, or six points for the 3.5 score.) Students should present their actual GPA, and the committee will round the scores appropriately.

	Unweighted	Points	Weighted	Points
A+	4.3	14	5.3	24
A	4.2	13	5.2	23
A	4.1	12	5.1	22
A	4.0	11	5.0	21
A-	3.9	10	4.9	20
A-	3.8	9	4.8	19
A-	3.7	8	4.7	18
B+	3.6	7	4.6	17
B+	3.5	6	4.5	16
B+	3.4	5	4.4	15
B+	3.3	4	4.3	14
B	3.2	3	4.2	13
B	3.1	2	4.1	12
B	3.0	1	4.0	11
B-	2.9	0	3.9	10
B-	2.8	0	3.8	9
B-	2.7	0	3.7	8
C+	2.6	0	3.6	7
C+	2.5	0	3.5	6
C+	2.4	0	3.4	5
C+	2.3	0	3.3	4
C	2.2	0	3.2	3
C	2.1	0	3.1	2
C	2.0	0	3.0	1
C-	1.7	0	2.7	0
D+	1.3	0	2.3	0
D	1.0	0	2.0	0
F	0	0	0	0

The adjacent scale demonstrates the point value of student's scores

(Source: Crimson Education GPA Calculator – <https://www.crimsoneducation.org/us/blog/test-prep/unweighted-vs-weighted-gpa/>)

One point per applicant will be awarded for each qualifying extracurricular and community activity provided, per year, indicated by “Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior,” participated during applicant’s high school or higher education school (as applicable) attendance period. Qualifying activities will be determined by judges based on actual separate activities.

Essay questions are subjective to the reader. Therefore, each essay question (degree plan and why, goals and objectives, and career plans) will be graded on a scale of 1 to 5 (1 being least, 5 being most) by each judge based on their opinion on the thoughtfulness and comprehensiveness of each response. A maximum of 2,500 characters will be permitted per essay question.