

Veterinary Technician National Examination Scholarship Award Criteria

What is the AAVSB VTNE Exam Scholarship Award?

We are an association of veterinary medicine regulatory boards whose membership includes licensing bodies in 62 jurisdictions, including all the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and nine Canadian provinces. The American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) is committed to advancing opportunities for veterinary technicians recognizing the important educational role of the AVMA-CVTEA and CVMA accredited veterinary technology/nursing programs. The AAVSB VTNE Exam Scholarship Award is available to one graduating student recognized by the veterinary technology/nursing program faculty who foster, cultivate, and preserve a culture of leadership, diversity, equity and inclusion, and treat everyone with respect and dignity.

Who Can Apply?

This award is given to a Veterinary Technician/Nursing student from an AVMA-CVTEA or CVMA accredited veterinary technology/nursing program who is expected to graduate no later than June of the calendar year in which the award is being given. This award is presented to an individual who represents outstanding leadership skills, academic achievement, inclusivity, diversity, and an upstanding commitment to the veterinary profession.

The award recipient is selected based on their commitment to leadership and to the veterinary profession. The AAVSB celebrates leadership skills as it refers to the behaviors that foster an environment where people feel welcomed, celebrated, and respected in the veterinary profession to best serve the animals and public in communities of varied backgrounds, community involvement and/or volunteerism, and how the recipient has demonstrated cultural humility and cultural competence as a veterinary professional.

Application Requirements Checklist

- *One (1) page letter.
- Review current transcript that verifies 3.0 GPA criteria, providing *final official transcript to the AAVSB once available.
- *Academic letter of good standing including statement verifying expected graduation date by June 1 on school letterhead completed by the Program

Director or Registrar of the AVMA-CVTEA or CVMA accredited veterinary technology/nursing program.

- Application including one (1) page letter, transcripts, and academic letter of good standing is due on December 1 of the calendar year to each institution's program award selection committee. ***(In the inaugural year of the scholarship award in 2022, the application is due on April 15 to each institution's selection committee.)***

Letter Outline

The applicant should submit a one-page letter on why they are deserving of the award. The letter should include a brief introductory paragraph about yourself including self-identification of demographic information in meeting the selection criteria, one to three concise paragraphs addressing the selection criteria, and a brief concluding paragraph to summarize your letter.

The following topics should be addressed in the letter:

- Significance in starting your veterinary technician career and the impact your leadership skills bring to the profession.
- Community involvement and/or volunteerism and the impact of those served.
- Exemplified leadership of student-centered inclusion initiatives.
- Demonstrated importance of cultural humility and cultural competence as a veterinary professional.
- Demonstrated importance of academic achievement in the veterinary technician program.
- Demonstrated importance of communication, passion, and commitment to the veterinary profession.

Award Selection Committee

- Veterinary Technology/Nursing program VTNE Scholarship Award Selection Committee to be comprised of the Program Director, one (1) veterinary technology/nursing faculty member, and one (1) college/university faculty member.
- Committee will utilize the AAVSB VTNE Exam Scholarship Selection Criteria Rubric to review applicants and determine their program's award recipient.
- Program Director to email final award recipient's *documents (including Rubric) with their personal email address (not a school email address) to the AAVSB at vettech@aavsb.org by January 15 of the calendar year. ***(In the inaugural year of the***

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- The AAVSB will announce the 2022 award recipients in a press release in mid-May, emailing the exam voucher to each recipient. After the inaugural year, the award recipients will be announced in early February. (Voucher can be used one time when submitting the VTNE online application.)