

# Barbara Roby Scholarship

In 1989, Shirley B. Roby and her mother, Irene S. Roby, established the Barbara A. Roby Scholarship in memory of their sister and daughter, respectively. Barbara Roby, who was physically disabled, graduated from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1974 with a Bachelor in Science degree in social welfare. In 1975, Barbara Roby received a Master of Science degree in rehabilitation counseling from VCU's School of Community and Public Affairs. At the time of her death, Barbara was a rehabilitation counselor for Virginia's Department of Rehabilitative Counseling. Shirley Roby described her sister as someone who "was dedicated to helping the disabled" and saw this scholarship as a "very meaningful way" for that dedication to continue. The first Roby Scholarship was awarded in 1991.

## Eligibility

Qualified candidates should meet the following requirements:

- Be an undergraduate student with a disability.
- Be registered with the Disability Support Services office on the Monroe Park Campus or Medical Campus.
- Demonstrate financial need as determined by the VCU Office of Financial Aid.
- Have at least a 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
- Be a Virginia resident.
- Be in a degree-seeking program and have been at VCU for at least one semester and have at least 2 semesters remaining in the program of study.
- Demonstrate leadership or service to the community.

## Scholarship Award

The scholarship awarded will be up to \$2,000.

## Applying for the Scholarship

Students are required to submit a brief letter addressing their interest in, and eligibility for, this scholarship. Two letters of recommendation from a VCU faculty, administrator or staff member must accompany all applications. These letters must be submitted in signed/sealed envelopes accompanying the application or may be faxed or electronically submitted by the letter writer separately.

## Administration of the Scholarship

The Barbara Roby Scholarship will be administered through the Division of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services. A selection committee will make scholarship award decisions.

## Application Deadline

Materials must be submitted by April 09, 2009.

## Return Materials to:

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