

The VRA Foundation and Continuing Education Scholarships
2016 Honoring Kristi Lockhart

The Virginia Rehabilitation Education Foundation scholarship is a benefit of membership for those belonging to VRA. In addition to the traditional educational scholarship awarded annually to a VRA member or VRA family member, the VRA Foundation has established another category for scholarships; The Continuing Education Scholarship. These scholarships will allow members to apply for grants for continuing education opportunities. Each year, the VRA Foundation will designate the Continuing Education Scholarship to be given in honor or memory of rehabilitation professional.

For 2016, this inaugural year of continuing education scholarships, the Foundation Board has selected to honor the memory of Kristi Lockhart and the important impact Kristi had on the VR and ESO community in Virginia relative to transition aged youth. While continuing education in Transition topics will be a preference, all are encouraged to apply for topics in their area of interest/concentration.

Who: All VRA members are eligible to apply.

What: The VRA Foundation will offer three \$100 continuing education scholarships per year.

When: Deadline for applying for this year's Continuing Education scholarships is September 1st.

Where: Members who receive the scholarships will determine the continuing education opportunity they will pursue. The funds can be used for continuing education activities such as conferences, online continuing education courses, seminars, etc.

How: In submitting a request, the member will articulate what the funds will be used for (content of the activity, format of the activity (online course, travel related to a conference, registration for a conference, in person seminar, etc.). They will indicate how the CE will be of benefit to their professional development. After the activity they will provide a brief summary (no more than 2 paragraphs) detailing their experience, whether they would recommend the activity to another, and how they will use the knowledge they have gained professionally to benefit the VRA community.