

# The Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA)

## *James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship*



### **Who was James G. Browder, Jr.?**

“Jamie” graduated with a Bachelor’s in Civil Engineering from Virginia Military Institute in 1966 and became a trainee with the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation. At the time, the most ambitious engineering project in U.S. history, the interstate highway system, was in full swing.

Jamie served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the late 1960s and returned to Virginia and the Highway Department in 1969, the year he enlisted in the Army Reserve. Jamie served as 80th Division Commander from 1997 until 2001.

Mr. Browder served as Chief Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) from 1996 until he retired in 2000, where he was involved in the planning of the replacement West Point bridges.

In the spirit of the scholarship’s namesake, the annual award is made to students who exemplify the highest levels of dedication and commitment to excellence through their scholastic work and community achievements.

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This scholarship program is sponsored by the Engineering Consultant membership of the VTCA. The scholarship provides support to freshman, sophomore or junior young men and women pursuing an undergraduate degree in Civil, Structural, or Environmental Engineering or Construction Management in an accredited four-year institution.

James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 120  
Richmond, Virginia 23236-3692  
Phone: 804-330-3312 / Fax: 804-330-3850  
e-mail: [kayla@vtca.org](mailto:kayla@vtca.org)  
web: [www.vtca.org](http://www.vtca.org)

Deadline: May 7, 2020

Please complete all sections of the application and return to: James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, 620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 120, Richmond, VA 23236-3692. A personal letter outlining your qualifications and demonstrating an interest in the transportation industries must accompany this form. We must also receive your transcripts and reference form from an academic member of your school. All materials **must be received by May 7, 2020**. Questions contact Kayla Singleton at 804-330-3312.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street City State Zip

College Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable) Number and Street City State Zip

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ School Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_  
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E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you related to someone, or are you an employee of VDOT or a VTCA Member Firm (Please circle one, and enter VDOT Division / Firm Name and the Name of the Employee):

- Yes
  - Employee (Self) at \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of VDOT Division or Member Firm
  - I am a spouse to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Employee Name of VDOT Division or Member Firm
  - I am a dependent to \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Employee Name of VDOT Division or Member Firm
- No

Please complete the following:

<small>College or University &amp; City</small>	<small>Degree Program</small>	<small>GPA</small>	<small>Expected Graduation Date</small>

List all secondary schools attended (Name & City): \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Briefly list your high school and/or college extracurricular activities:

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What activities have you been involved in during your high school and/or college years that you believe have made you a better citizen of your school and community?

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What has interested you in a career in the transportation design and construction industry? Where applicable, explain how your previous work experience may relate to a construction industry career. Please use additional sheet if necessary.

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**Employment Information**

Please provide a brief summation of your employment history, beginning with your most recent or present job. If the position was a part-time one, indicate how many hours you worked each week. If necessary, use additional sheets.

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year Month/Year

Company name and type of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year Month/Year

Company name and type of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Employment** (Continued)

From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year Month/Year

Company name and type of business: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor's name and position: \_\_\_\_\_

Your duties: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Additional comments:** Please provide any additional information that will help the selection committee to properly evaluate your application.

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I hereby certify that the information here is true and accurate. I understand that the VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, if awarded to me, will be paid directly to the accredited higher education institution in compliance with the requirements of this scholarship. I give my permission for the information contained herein to be used in the evaluation of my application. I also understand that the references received by VTCA in support of my application will be held in confidence.

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**To be considered complete, your application must be accompanied by the following:**

- Personal letter outlining your qualifications and demonstrating an interest in the transportation industries
- Current college transcripts
- Reference form completed by a member of your academic community

# ***VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship***

## ***PROGRAM GUIDELINES***

The VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is funded and supported by the Engineering Consultant membership of the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance. Funding sources include but are not limited to direct contributions from VTCA members as well as funding from the Annual VTCA Consultant Forum.

### **Objective:**

To provide financial assistance to qualified and deserving students attending institutions of higher learning specializing in engineering/technical curriculum related to the transportation industry. Eligible students will be a freshman, sophomore or junior enrolled in a four-year engineering or related technical program as a full-time undergraduate at an accredited university. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated desire to pursue a career within the transportation design and building industry. Evaluation of the applicants will take into consideration whether the applicant is a dependent of an employee of a VTCA member or the Virginia Department of Transportation.

### **Funding:**

The scholarship is funded through voluntary contributions of the engineering membership of the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance. The amount of the scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year will be up to \$2000 each.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a four-year engineering program at an accredited college or university and must be in one of the following programs:
  - ◆ Civil Engineering
  - ◆ Structural Engineering
  - ◆ Environmental Engineering
  - ◆ Construction Management
2. This program is for undergraduates only. Applicants must be a freshman, sophomore or junior. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
3. A recipient of a scholarship in one year may apply the following year.

## **Application Process:**

### **Candidates must submit:**

1. A personal letter outlining qualifications and demonstrating an interest in the transportation construction industries.
2. A VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship application form.
2. Current college transcripts.
3. Reference form completed by a member of the applicant's academic community.

Entries must be received by May 7, 2020 for the 2020-2021 scholarship.

## **Evaluation and Selection:**

The VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Awards Committee will evaluate the applications and select the successful candidate. The criteria for selection include academic performance, employment experience, extracurricular and leadership activities and a demonstrated interest in the transportation industries. Applicants may be required to meet personally with members of the selection committee. Selections will be announced in June. In the event no qualified students apply, the committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship.

## **For Further Information:**

For an application package or for more information visit our web site at [www.vtca.org](http://www.vtca.org) and click on Resources or contact Kayla Singleton at VTCA, 804-330-3312, fax 804-330-3850, e-mail [kayla@vtca.org](mailto:kayla@vtca.org).

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## REFERENCE FORM

(To be completed by a member of the applicant's academic community)

Person to complete form: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Kayla Singleton  
James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship  
620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 120  
Richmond, VA 23236-3692  
804-330-3312, 804-330-3850 fax

Your name has been given as a reference by the applicant named below, who has applied for a scholarship from the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA). Your evaluation is important to us in considering this application, and we ask that you comment fully. All comments will be used only for evaluation purposes and will be kept confidential. The applicant and his or her parent/guardian have consented to the confidentiality of your evaluation, as evidenced by their signatures on the reverse.

Please complete this form and mail it to VTCA **so that we will receive it by May 7, 2020.** The applicant is considered responsible for submission of all required forms by this date.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                  First                                  Middle                                  Last

How long have you known the applicant? \_\_\_\_\_

In what capacities? \_\_\_\_\_

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(over, please)

Please rate each characteristic listed, using a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being Superior and 0 being Poor.

	Poor	Below Average			Average			Above Average			Superior
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cooperation											
Courtesy											
Completeness of Assignments											
Extracurricular Activities											
Initiative											
Leadership											
Maturity											
Integrity											

Please provide a brief narrative description of your knowledge of the applicant's abilities, character and need/desire for a scholarship.

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Signature

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Title

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Department

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Date

*Thank you for your assistance.*

I hereby establish a confidential reference file with the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance in connection with my scholarship application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date