



*"Where Ag Meets Academics"*

## Kris Belford-Ferguson & Vicki Porter Scholarship Application

The Kris Belford-Ferguson & Vicki Porter Scholarship is an annual scholarship for a student who displays academic achievement, a commitment to serving others, vision and goals for their future, a tenacious spirit, strong work ethic and outstanding leadership qualities.

### About Kris Belford-Ferguson & Vicki Porter:

Kris Belford-Ferguson was the founding President of the VTEC Scholarship Foundation and the driving force that helped create the Denim & Diamonds fundraiser that allows our foundation to provide scholarships to graduating VTEC seniors pursuing a post-secondary education.

Vicki Porter was the founding principal of VTEC and brought to life her vision of a school where students "learn by doing" and are afforded a head start in their college and career journey. In memory of Kris and in honor of Vicki, this scholarship seeks to recognize one student that demonstrates the character qualities that they both exemplified.



### About the Scholarship:

- This award is supplemental to the standard VTEC Scholarships.
- High school seniors entering college and attending accredited U.S. colleges or universities are eligible to apply.
- All funds will be paid directly to the educational institution.

### Academic Achievement

Applicants should, upon graduation:

- Have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
- Have a minimum of 12 units completed at College of the Sequoias.
- Demonstrate exceptional speaking and writing skills.

### Citizenship, Character and Serious-Mindedness

Strong applicants would:

- Demonstrate a desire to make a meaningful contribution to society, both present & future.
- Demonstrate leadership characteristics and/or assumed leadership positions.
- Pursue goals and aspirations with integrity, resolution, self-discipline, tenacity and judgment.
- Have demonstrated their love of VTEC in service to the school, effectively making VTEC a better place.

### Additional Requirements:

- A copy of a completed standard **VTEC Scholarship Application** Form should accompany this Application.
- Two letters of recommendation – one from a VTEC instructor and the other from someone unrelated to the applicant who can attest to applicant's character and fortitude.
- Official high school grade transcript **and** COS transcript.

### Application Procedures and deadline:

Applications and attachments must be complete and received no later than **April 15<sup>th</sup>** by 4:00 p.m in the VTEC office. Applications must be typed or neatly written and in a folder.

**Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.**

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full/Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Be sure to complete this application in its entirety.  
You may add additional sheets of paper as necessary \*\***

**1. What do you believe is the strongest attribute a person can have, and why? What attributes do you possess that you feel would enhance your career?**

**2. Please describe your degree of commitment to pursuing and completing a college education:**

**3. Explain your goals and plans for lifelong success, both personally and professionally.**

**4. What character traits do you possess that have helped you to either improve your circumstances, overcome personal adversity or improve your situation?**

**5. Describe the leadership skills you possess and how you have used them:**

**6. What person or group do you see as a role model for social change, and how has he/she/they influenced you? How might YOU someday make a contribution to society?**

**7. What ways have you served VTEC to make it a better place?**

All information provided will be held in the strictest confidence and will be used only by school and/or VTEC foundation scholarship committee members to determine eligibility for scholarships.

If you have any questions, please contact the VTEC school office.  
Best wishes in all of your future endeavors!