



2015 VAAO ELGIN “PISTOL” MCMILLIAN SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE CAREERS IN PROPERTY ASSESSMENT AND APPRAISAL

Assessment involves the discovery, listing, and appraising of property for ad valorem taxation purposes. The assessor places an equitable assessed value on each parcel of real estate in a jurisdiction by estimating the property's market value. Assessment requires specialized appraisal knowledge, experience, and the ability to exercise sound judgment. A career in property assessment offers the opportunity of working with people and providing a significant public service.

Established in 1949, the Virginia Association of Assessing Officers (VAAO) is a professional organization of assessors and appraisers from state and local governments throughout the Commonwealth. The organization's mission is to improve assessment standards, disseminate information on assessment practices, and provide continuing education to its members.

VAAO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

An important part of the VAAO's yearly activities is the Scholarship Program, designed to assist young men and women, particularly those of college age, entering the assessment field.

VAAO scholarship recipients will attend the Virginia Department of Taxation's School for Advanced Assessors to be held at **University of Mary Washington, Stafford Campus, Fredericksburg, Virginia, June 8-12, 2015**. Scholarships will be awarded to cover all tuition fees, course materials, housing and meal allowances, up to \$1,000. Travel expenses will be the responsibility of the recipients.

Scholarship recipients will be eligible for IAAO Course 101: Fundamentals of Real Property Appraisal. Course 101 is an introduction to valuation principles and to the approaches of real estate. Completion of this course is the first requirement toward obtaining a professional assessment designation. Attending the school also allows the scholarship recipient to become acquainted with the assessment profession and to establish contacts with assessors in Virginia's state and local governments.

QUALIFICATIONS

Applicants for the VAAO Scholarship must meet three basic requirements: (1) be a resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia; (2) be a college graduate, accepted candidate for college or equivalent; and (3) be interested in the assessment profession. An adequate background in mathematics is helpful and desirable.

In addition, a member of the VAAO must sponsor each applicant. Contact with a VAAO member may be made by calling either the nearest city or county real estate assessors' office or **Kevin Prine** at (757) 382-6081.

APPLICATIONS

Mail applications to: **Kevin Prine, Education Chair, City of Chesapeake, 306 Cedar Road, 4th Floor, Chesapeake, VA 23322**. You may fax applications to: (757) 382-6844, attention Kevin Prine.

Applications must be received by **April 1, 2015**. The VAAO Scholarship Committee will select the recipients; all recipients will be notified of the committee's decision by **April 15, 2015**.



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EMPLOYMENT RECORD

(includes full- and part-time employment beginning with most recent)

	Name of Employer Employer Address	Position Held	Reason for Leaving	Dates
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____
	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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4.	_____	_____	_____	_____
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Have you held (or applied for) a part-time or summer position in an assessor's office? If "yes", give dates and office (not a prerequisite for application).

Briefly state below your reasons for wishing to attend the Advanced Assessor's School, including any experience you may have had in this field.

Applicant's Signature

Date

VAAO Sponsor's Signature

Date

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Committee comment and recommendation:
