

# **Institutions of Higher Education (IHE) Individual Membership Scholarship**

**Awarded by VIRGINIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION'S IHE CAUCUS**

Institutions of Higher Education across the Commonwealth have worked collectively for many years sharing information, supporting exercises, offering training opportunities and help with resources during emergency situations. Being a unique area of practice within the public safety community several individuals sought to formalize a special affiliation within the VEMA membership representing the issues, goals and objectives of Virginia's higher education emergency management practitioners. Their success was realized in 2012 when the Association recognized the VEMA Institutions of Higher Education Caucus.

This year, further recognizing the importance of the IHE caucus in promoting emergency management on college campuses across the Commonwealth, the VEMA Executive Board has funded the VEMA IHE Individual Membership Scholarship. Representation of your campus within the IHE Caucus and full voting privileges on Caucus matters are extended to scholarship winners (with respect to our one campus – one vote policy).

This scholarship is intended to fund two Virginia IHE emergency management practitioners a one-year VEMA Individual Membership.

This is not a cash award. Scholarship funds will be internally transferred within VEMA accounts.

**Completed applications must be received by the IHE Caucus Secretary no later than close of business on August 31, 2017.**

**Please Email completed applications to:**

Justin Miller, Caucus Secretary at: [JJMiller@nvcc.edu](mailto:JJMiller@nvcc.edu)

**Applicants shall submit the following materials to be considered:**

- A completed **Scholarship Application Form**.
- Brief essay/letter (no more than 500 words) describing your efforts to advance emergency preparedness on your campus. The essay should outline your challenges (funding, and other resources), what you have been able to accomplish since being given this responsibility, and how this membership will help you realize your future goals regarding emergency management.
- Optional: related certificates and awards witnessing your commitment to professional development and achievement in emergency management.