



Dear Prospective Vail Mountain School Student:

Thank you for your interest in Vail Mountain School and the Taft Conlin Scholarship. VMS is an academically challenging K-12, independent school that prepares students both in and out of the classroom. 100% of VMS graduates are accepted to four year colleges or universities.

The scholarship honors Taft Conlin, a member of the VMS community who died in 2012. This scholarship is intended to keep his legacy alive by offering opportunities for deserving, high achieving students, with a commitment to their community, to attend Vail Mountain School. This distinguished, merit-based award provides full tuition until graduation and is open to students entering grade 9 in the Fall of 2023.

Students wishing to be considered for the Taft Conlin Scholarship must submit the following items:

- Completed application for the Scholarship (attached), due January 15, 2023
- Parent recommendations
- Teacher recommendations
- Principal recommendation
- Most recent report card or progress report
- Current school records (including standardized test scores and previous 3 years' grades)
- Students are asked to complete a visit day and interview with the Director of Upper School. (contact the admission office to schedule) prior to January 15th
- Complete the online [financial assistance application](#).

Completed forms are due January 15, 2023 to the address below. Forms may be submitted by mail, email, or fax. Please direct all questions to Jeremy Thelen, Director of Admission, Middle and Upper School.

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Director of Admission, Middle and Upper School
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Vail Mountain School
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APPLICATION FOR THE TAFT CONLIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant's Full Name: _____

Birth Date: _____ Current Grade: _____ Applicant for Grade (fall 2023): _____

Current School: _____

Years Attended: _____

Applicant's Home Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Email: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian 1:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ Employer: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian 2:

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone: _____ Employer: _____

Email: _____

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

List any academic awards or recognitions and the dates you received them:

List any activities that demonstrate community involvement and/or leadership and their dates:

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Essay 1 (required):

Write a brief essay describing why education is important to you, and what role education will play in your future. (Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed two pages.)

Essay 2 (required - select one of the following two options):

Option 1: Describe a time in your life when you overcame an obstacle, a particularly difficult challenge or demonstrated a high level of perseverance. (Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed two pages.)

Option 2: Select a person who has had a great influence on your life, and discuss how and why. (Essay must be typewritten, double-spaced, and should not exceed two pages.)