The Wallerstein Scholarship was established in 1973 at the University of Virginia by a gift from Ruth C. and Morton L. Wallerstein to foster interest in and/or research in Virginia local government. The Virginia Municipal League, the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service and the UVA Internship Placement Program (IPP) administer the Wallerstein Scholarship collaboratively.

Overview
The Wallerstein Scholarship provides financial and academic support for students attending the University of Virginia to intern in Virginia local government. Six $2,500 scholarships are awarded annually for the Summer Session.

Applicants must apply to the UVA Internship Placement Program, secure an approved internship in Virginia local government, successfully complete internship requirements and academic credit, and submit the following Wallerstein application requirements to ipp@virginia.edu by April 22.

Scholarship Award
Six (6) $2,500 scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility
1. Virginia resident
2. Current 2nd or 3rd year undergraduate student at the University of Virginia
3. A minimum overall GPA of 3.25
4. Enroll for at least one semester after the end of the internship
5. Secure an approved internship in a department or agency of a city, town, or county government or other local government or regional entity in Virginia, e.g., planning district commissions (PDCs) or authorities
6. Enrollment in the Internship Placement Program (IPP) semester internship reflection course (UNST 3510)
7. Satisfy all requirements of the Wallerstein Scholarship

Requirements
1. Consistent with IPP requirements, complete IPP Orientation & Professional Skills Workshop and intern for eight weeks during UVA’s Summer Session (June 10-Aug2)
2. Enroll/complete the Internship Placement Program fall semester internship course (UNST 3510)
3. Author a feature article on a topic related to the impact of local government for review with IPP internship supervisors and the Wallerstein Selection Committee. Details of this paper requirement will be provided to award winners.
4. Permission for the Cooper Center to use the recipient's likeness and quotes.
5. Provide a high-resolution photo to be used in press releases.
6. Participate in a phone interview or email exchange with the Cooper Center's communications representative.
7. Participate in a video-taped exit interview with the Cooper Center's website developer/content creator.

Application Deadline
April 22, 2019

Selection Criteria
The Wallerstein scholars will be evaluated and selected on academic record, public service, work record, relevance of the internship, and expressed interest in local government.

Notification
Selections for the Wallerstein Scholarship will be announced in May prior to the start of IPP Summer Session.
Terms and Conditions
Wallerstein-IPP Scholarship recipients must complete the entire internship and accompanying 1 credit internship reflection course. Failure to complete the internship will be considered a material breach of the program requirements subjecting the student to forfeiture or repayment of the scholarship funds. Exceptions to the forfeiture/repayment requirement will be granted only in extreme and unusual circumstances as determined by the sole discretion of the Wallerstein Selection Committee.

Application Procedures, Deadlines, and Special Instructions

Step 1: Determine your eligibility.

Step 2: Identify and apply for Virginia local government internships that are Wallerstein eligible and IPP approved.

A Wallerstein eligible internship is an internship in a department or agency of a town, city, or county government, other local government or regional entity in Virginia, e.g., planning district commission (PDC) or regional authority.

Local government internships in Central Virginia found in Handshake <Jobs> <IPP> are Wallerstein eligible sites.

Note: Virginia local government internships can also be self-sourced. Go directly to Virginia city and county local government websites. Proceed as directed to apply. IPP must approve all internships not currently affiliated with the IPP Internship Placement Program. You must seek IPP approval of a self-sourced internship prior to the application deadline. Contact ipp@virginia.edu.

Internships with state and federal government or non-profit organizations are NOT Wallerstein eligible sites.

Step 3: Complete the Wallerstein Scholarship application.

Internship Options
From among the IPP internships available, the following are Wallerstein-IPP eligible. Please check all that apply to you.

[ ] Summer Internship Placement Program in Charlottesville (8-week Summer Session)
[ ] Summer and Fall Internship Placement Program (8-week Summer Session & Fall Semester)

Application responses.
Your responses should specifically address your interest in Virginia local government and your post-graduation plans related to government and/or public service.

Step 4: Submit the following application materials by April 22 as PDF attachments to ipp@virginia.edu.

1. A current resume
2. A current transcript (unofficial)
3. A letter of recommendation that specifically addresses your interest and commitment to public service in local government
4. A description of the Virginia local government internship that you have been offered or anticipate being confirmed by IPP
5. Documentation of the internship offer, e.g., IPP placement notification, offer letter or email from department or agency