Buzz’s Bunch Scholarship 2021-2022 for SSD-connected Students

$500 scholarship, awarded annually, to at least 1 undergraduate student. This is a one-time award. The Selection Committee will be comprised of three (3) SSD staff members. The Awardee will be honored (with their permission) at the annual Student Affairs Scholarship Banquet in March and recognized at the annual SSD Excellence in Access & Inclusion Awards in April.

Description
Brent “Buzz” Williams, Virginia Tech Basketball Coach 2014-2019, established this scholarship for an undergraduate in any field of study who is connected with Services for Students with Disabilities. Coach Williams is known as a strong leader on and off the court, respected for his good character, and admired for his commitment to his team and the extensive preparations he always makes in support of them. This endowed scholarship strengthens the longstanding pledge Coach Williams made to assist students with disabilities so they may reach their full potential.

The applicant
- Must be recognized as a student with a disability by Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD).
- Has completed at least one full semester (Fall or Spring) while connected to SSD prior to the application deadline.

The ideal candidate
- Embodies the character strengths of leadership, integrity, and commitment to improving our world,
- Is in good academic standing with the University and the respective Academic Department (overall GPA and in-major GPA meet required standards).

Requirements
Please submit a written essay (500-750 words) or a presentation in any media (about 10 minutes in length), describing a specific experience or situation that demonstrates your leadership, integrity and commitment to improving our world (big or small, personal or societal). You are encouraged to refer to the Virginia Tech Aspirations for Student Learning. Submissions should be sent from your VT email account to the SSD Scholarship Committee at ssd@vt.edu. Contact SSD by email with any questions or concerns.

Applications will be accepted November 15 to January 31 of each academic year. All students connected with SSD will receive informational notifications via the weekly SSD email to connected students, and social media (FB, Twitter, Instagram) before and during the open application time frame. The SSD Director will notify the Awardee by email.

Once the award is granted, the recipient must be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credit hours) during the following Fall or Spring semester to receive the award.