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### WAPA Held Scholarship Information Session for St. Croix High School Students



*Students engage with Tracie Wells, WAPA Assistant Director of Human Resources during the Alva C. McFarlane Scholarship information session at St. Croix Educational Complex.*

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (February 7, 2025) – The Virgin Islands Water & Power Authority (“WAPA” or the “Authority”) held information sessions yesterday at St. Croix Central High School and the St. Croix Educational Complex to inform students about the Alva C. McFarlane Scholarship. The sessions provided students with essential details on how they can apply for the scholarship and pursue careers in engineering and STEM fields.

Students were informed about the scholarship's eligibility criteria, application process, and benefits. WAPA representatives also shared insights on career paths within the Authority and the role of STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) professionals in advancing sustainable solutions.

The Alva C. McFarlane Scholarship offers substantial financial aid to students pursuing careers in these critical areas:

- **Bachelor’s Degrees:** Up to \$80,000 in funding
- **Associate’s/Technical Degrees:** Up to \$30,000 in funding

WAPA encourages all eligible students to apply before the **February 28, 2025**, deadline. Applications can be submitted online via the [online portal](#). For additional information, students and/or guardians may contact Tracie Wells, WAPA Assistant Director of Human Resources, at [tracie.wells@viwapa.vi](mailto:tracie.wells@viwapa.vi).

To expand awareness of the Alva C. McFarlane Scholarship, WAPA will continue engaging with high school seniors across the territory. The Authority encourages the community to share this opportunity widely, ensuring more students can benefit from this valuable initiative.

*The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority Communication's department is committed to reaching, informing, and connecting with the youngest members of the community to the eldest, through meaningful, transparent and effective communication.*

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**About WAPA:** The Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority is an autonomous agency of the Virgin Islands Government which produces and distributes electricity and drinking water to residential and commercial customers in the territory. WAPA was created by the Fifth Legislature of the Virgin Islands in 1964 through Act No. 1248. Today, WAPA generates electrical power at production plants on St. Thomas and St. Croix and distributes electrical service through smart grids to customers on St. Thomas, St. Croix, St. John, Hassel Island, and Water Island. Potable water is distributed to almost 13,000 customers through water lines and standpipes. WAPA also has the responsibility of installing and maintaining streetlights.

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