2021-22 Application for Participation in the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program

— IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS —

Established in 2007, the Two-Year College Transfer Grant Program (CTG) provides an incentive for students to first complete an associate degree at a Virginia public two-year college before transferring to a participating Virginia four-year college or university as a means to reduce the overall cost towards completing a bachelor’s degree.

In addition to paying lower tuition charges for their freshman and sophomore years while attending a two-year college, qualifying students may also receive a CTG award once they transfer to the participating four-year institution.

To be eligible, the student must (subject to Code of Virginia §§23.1-623-727 and 8VAC 40-150):

- Be a first-time entering freshman (at any institution) no earlier than fall 2007.
- Be an undergraduate in-state student (Virginia domicile).
- Meet selective service requirements.
- Have received an associate degree at a Virginia two-year public institution.
- Have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 on a scale of 4.0 for the associate degree.
- Enroll into a Virginia four-year public college or university or a Virginia four-year private nonprofit college or university by the fall or spring immediately following completion of an associate degree (see list of participating institutions at the bottom of the next page).
- Enroll full-time into a degree program that is not for religious training or theological education.
- Have applied for financial aid by completing the federal Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the four-year institution’s published deadline.
- Have financial need, defined as a federally calculated Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of 12,000 or less.

**Awards:**

**Important:**

- Any CTG award may be reduced subject to funding availability and the anticipated number of eligible students. A CTG award might be unavailable if a student’s eligibility is confirmed after funds have been exhausted. Any CTG award may be reduced if there is an over award (total financial assistance cannot be greater than the student’s Cost of Attendance). Note that the CTG awards can affect eligibility for other need-based aid.

**Base Award and STEM-N Bonus Award:**

- Maximum annual base award is $1,000 ($500 for the fall term and $500 for the spring term).
- Maximum STEM-N bonus award of $1,000 ($500 for the fall term and $500 for the spring term) to students enrolled into a degree program within science, teaching, engineering, mathematics, or nursing (see programs at the bottom of this page).
- Each is limited to a maximum of three years combined for the initial and renewal awards.

**Incentive Award:**

- An additional $1,000 ($500 for the fall term and $500 for the spring term) to students enrolled into selected institutions: Norfolk State University, Old Dominion University, Radford University, the University of Virginia – College at Wise, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Virginia State University.
- Must advance to the next class level: limited to one year of award at Junior level and one year at Senior level for a total of one year of support per class level and a maximum total of two years of support.

**Renewal Criteria:**

- Enroll full-time into a participating institution.
- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the four-year institution.
- Continued demonstration of financial need (EFC of 12,000 or less and filing FAFSA by institution deadline).
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Failure to maintain the GPA and financial need requirements results in loss of future eligibility for the program.

**Process:**

- Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA (www.fafsa.ed.gov) by the four-year institution’s published deadline.
- Complete the attached application and submit to the financial aid office of your participating Virginia four-year institution.
- Submit a final academic transcript to the four-year institution as soon as the associate degree is posted.

**Note:** An email that the student may have received from the two-year college or VCCS system office is not a confirmation of eligibility nor does it indicate that the student has met all of the two-year college eligibility criteria. The email serves only to inform potentially eligible students about the program.

**The four-year institution will verify eligibility utilizing the student’s final academic transcript and institutional data as of the institution’s census date for fall and spring financial aid. In some instances, final eligibility will not be established until after the four-year institution’s semester is in session. Funding for awards will be made directly to the four-year institution and applied to the student’s account.

**Programs eligible for the additional $1,000 STEM-N bonus award:**

- All programs falling under the CIP codes listed below are eligible; these codes are from the 2010 CIP (Classification of Instructional Program) as published by the National Center for Educational Statistics: [http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55](http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/Default.aspx?y=55).

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01. Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, & Related Sciences
03. Natural resources & conservation
04. Architecture & related services
11. Computer & information science & support services
12. Health professions & related programs
13. Teacher Education, Specific Subject Areas
13.10 Special Education & Teaching
13.12 Teacher Education, Specific Levels & Methods
14. Engineering
15. Engineering & Technologies/Technicians
16. Accounting & Computer Science
19.05 Foods, Nutrition, & Related Services
26. Biological & Biomedical Sciences
27. Mathematics & statistics
29. Military technologies
30. Biological & Physical Sciences
30.01 Biological & Physical Sciences
30.06 Systems Science & Theory
30.08 Mathematics & Computer Science
30.10 Biopsychology
30.15 Science, Technology & Society
30.16 Accounting & Computer Science
30.18 Natural Sciences
30.24 Neuroscience
30.25 Cognitive Science
30.27 Human Biology
30.32 Marine Sciences
30.33 Systems Science & Theory
30.34 Computational Science
30.36 Systems Science & Theory
30.38 Physical Sciences
41. Science Technologies/Technicians
51. Health Professions & Related Programs
52.12 Management Info Systems & Services
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In addition, any student officially accepted into an approved Teacher Preparation Program is eligible for the CTG bonus award.
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(Please type or print in black ink)

IMPORTANT: Application Submission Information

• Forward the completed application to the financial aid office of your Virginia four-year college or university. If applying to multiple institutions, submit a separate application to each.
• Include with this application, or forward as soon as it is available, a copy of your final academic transcript showing completion of your associate degree and final grade point average.

SECTION A: Student Information

Name: ___________________________ Date of Birth: ______/_____/_______
Last Four Digits of Social Security Number: xxx-xx-______ E-mail: _____________________
Permanent Address: _______________________________________________________________
Street City State Zip Code
4-Year College/University _____________________________ 4-Year Clg. Student I.D. ________
Do you plan to enroll into a degree program eligible for the STEM-N bonus award? : □ Yes □ No
If “Yes,” indicate program CIP code from list on previous page: __________

SECTION B: Associate Degree Information

Virginia Two-Year College Attended: __________________________________________________
Semester of Initial Enrollment at the Two-Year College: □ Fall □ Spring □ Summer 20____
(check first semester of enrollment and indicate year, do not include dual enrollment while in high school)
Semester Completed Associate Degree: □ Fall □ Spring □ Summer 20____ Final GPA _____
(check semester degree was completed and indicate year of completion) (Grade Point Average)

SECTION C: Certification and Signature(s)

I certify that all of the information I provided in this application is true and accurate. I understand that if I provide fraudulent information, I may be subject to repayment of the Grant and/or dismissal from my institution. I agree to furnish the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and the college or university with additional supporting documentation related to my application, if I am requested to do so.

_________________________________________ ______/______/_______
Signature of Applicant Date
_________________________________________ ______/______/_______
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian or Spouse Date
(required only if student is under the age of 18)

Eligible Virginia Public Two-Year Colleges
Richard Bland College Virginia’s 23 public community colleges

Participating Virginia Four-Year Colleges and Universities
Christopher Newport University of Virginia Averett University
George Mason University Bluefield College
James Madison University Bridgewater College
Longwood University Christendom College
Norfolk State University Eastern Mennonite University
Old Dominion University Emory & Henry College
Radford University Ferrum College
University of Mary Randolph College
Washington Virginia Tech
University of Virginia George Washington University (Va. Campus only)
Averett University Hampden Sydney College
Bluefield College Hampton University
Bridgewater College Hollins University
Christendom College Liberty University
Eastern Mennonite University Mary Baldwin University
Emory & Henry College Marymount University
Ferrum College Randolph College
George Washington University Randolph Macon College
(The Campus only) Regent University
Hampden Sydney College Roanoke College
Hampton University Shenandoah University
Hollins University Southern Virginia University
Liberty University Sweet Briar College
Mary Baldwin University University of Lynchburg
Marymount University University of Richmond
Randolph College Virginia Union University
Randolph Macon College Virginia Wesleyan College
Regent University Washington & Lee University