2016-17 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, students who qualify 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 §§23-38.10:9-13 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 full-time into a Virginia four-year public college or university or a Virginia four-year private nonprofit college or university by the fall or spring following completion of associate degree (see list of participating institutions at the bottom of the next page).
- Enroll 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.

Award Amount (subject to available funding):
- Maximum annual standard award is $1,000 ($500 for the fall term and $500 for the spring term).
- Additional $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 detail at the bottom of this page).
- Reduced only if there is an over award (total financial assistance cannot be greater than the student’s Cost of Attendance). Note that the CTG award can affect eligibility for other need-based aid.
- Actual award amounts may be reduced by the Council subject to funding availability and the number of eligible students.

Renewal Criteria and Limitations:
- Limited to two years (four semesters) – for a maximum of three years combined for the initial and renewal awards.
- Maintaining 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).
- Must maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Incentive Award (subject to available funding):
- 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.
- This annual award may be renewed based upon maintaining eligibility for the CTG base award as well as advancing 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.

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 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 additional $1,000 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.

01. Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, & Related Sciences 15. Engineering & technologies/technicians 30.18 Natural Sciences
03. Natural resources & conservation 19.05 Foods, Nutrition, & Related Services 30.24 Neuroscience
11. Computer & information science & support services 29. Military technologies 30.27 Human Biology
13.01 Special Education & Teaching 30.01 Biological & Physical Sciences 30.32 Marine Sciences
13.12 Teacher Education, Specific Levels & Methods 30.06 Systems Science & Theory 30.30 Computational Science
13.13 Teacher Education, Specific Subject Areas. 30.08 Mathematics & Computer Science 40. Physical Sciences
13.14 Teaching English or French as a Second or Foreign 30.10 Biopsychology 41. Science Technologies/Technicians
Language 30.15 Science, Technology & Society 51. Health Professions & Related Programs
14. Engineering 30.16 Accounting & Computer Science 52.12 Management Info Systems & Services

- In addition, any student 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 page 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. _________

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

Participating Virginia Four-Year Colleges and Universities

- Christopher Newport University
- College of William and Mary
- George Mason University
- James Madison University
- Longwood University
- Norfolk State University
- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Virginia
- University of Virginia’s College at Wise
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech
- Averett University
- Bridgewater College
- Christendom College
- Eastern Mennonite University
- Emory & Henry College
- Ferrum College
- George Washington University (Va. Campus only)
- Hampden Sydney College
- Hampton University
- Hollins University
- Jefferson College of Health Sciences
- Liberty University
- Lynchburg College
- Mary Baldwin College
- Marymount University
- Randolph College
- Randolph Macon College
- Regent University
- Roanoke College
- Shenandoah University
- Southern Virginia University
- Sweet Briar College
- University of Richmond
- Virginia Union University
- Virginia Wesleyan College
- Washington & Lee University