



From (1) finding the best fit, (2) to meeting application deadlines, (3) to figuring out how to pay for it all, the college process can be daunting and intimidating. We are offering a series of informational and hands-on events to help Virginia students and families through the three steps to GO to college – Prepare, Apply and Pay.



PREPARE

College Nights in Virginia | October 11 - November 17, 2016

ECMC (Education Credit Management Corporation) has sponsored College Nights in Virginia every year since 2007. Participating locations across the Commonwealth provide students and families opportunities to learn about planning and paying for college. A variety of post-secondary topics are covered, including: 1) why college is important; 2) choosing the right college; 3) paying for college; and 4) scholarship searches and scams. Events are open to the public. For more information and a list of locations, visit collegenights.org.



APPLY

Virginia College Application Week | November 14 - 18, 2016

College Application Week is part of a national initiative designed to increase the number of first-generation and low-income students pursuing a college degree or other higher education credential. Participating students are encouraged to submit at least one college application during the Week. In Virginia, the Secretary of Education's office, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV), ECMC, and the Council of Independent Colleges in Virginia (CICV) have joined with counselors and volunteers, at select high schools across the state, to coordinate a Week that provides hands-on college application assistance and resources, including college application fee waivers and informational webinars.



PAY

Super FAFSA Project Virginia | October 2016 - February 2017

Super FAFSA Project Virginia is an annual statewide initiative designed to increase completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) throughout the Commonwealth. ECMC and SCHEV partner with select Virginia high schools to host events at which high school seniors and their families receive hands-on assistance completing the FAFSA. Additionally, families and counselors receive valuable information through webinars and downloadable materials.