

2024-25 TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

TUITION EQUITY PROVISION

This document contains important information for students meeting the requirements found under the Code of Virginia §23.1-506.10 and wishing to be considered for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) program administered by the institutions and the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV). It also provides details on the eligibility requirements, application deadlines, and criteria for award distributions. Please read this document carefully.

AWARD INFORMATION

The Commonwealth of Virginia provides VTAG as a non-need-based grant for Virginia residents attending a participating Virginia private college or university. While the maximum award is authorized each biennium, **the amount is not guaranteed and can vary annually**. The amount of each academic year's award is determined by the available funding and the total number of eligible applicants. If funding is insufficient to fully award all students, it is possible that the spring award will be adjusted, and some students will receive no award. The college financial aid office will have the most current information about the expected maximum award. See below for the categories and prioritization of awards.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be considered for VTAG, students must meet one of two base level requirements: 1) meet the Commonwealth's domicile requirement or 2) meet the conditions found under §23.1-506.10. Students meeting the domicile requirements should complete the VTAG application for domiciled students. **All requirements are not specified in this application.** The basic eligibility requirements are:

- Complete at least two years of high school (9th-12th grade) in Virginia. Any combination of two years of enrollment at a Virginia public or private high schools is acceptable.
- Complete high school education in Virginia – whether by graduation or completion of general equivalency exam – on or after July 1, 2008.
- File Virginia state income taxes for the two years immediately prior to registration or enrollment.
- Enrolled as a full-time student at an eligible institution in an eligible degree program.
[For specifics on "fulltime" or "eligible degree program," please contact your institution's financial aid office.]
- A completed VTAG application submitted to your institution's financial aid office.

APPLICATION DEADLINES AND AWARD DISTRIBUTION CRITERIA

Conditions for reduction of the award amount and eligibility are described in program regulations. If funds are not sufficient to make full VTAG awards to all eligible students, a priority system is used to determine the size of the awards. Students in the first categories must receive full funding before subsequent categories can be considered; however, categories 1 and 2 are combined and will receive the same award amount.

Priority System:

- **Category 1:** Returning students who received a VTAG award in the previous fiscal year. This category includes transfer students who received a VTAG award in the previous fiscal year at another institution.
- **Category 2:** New and re-admit students who are eligible for fall or fall and spring term awards and who apply for the VTAG program by **July 31, 2024**. This category also includes returning and transfer students determined to be eligible in the previous fiscal year, but not awarded.
- **Category 3:** New and re-admit students who are eligible for fall or fall and spring term awards and who apply for the VTAG program between and including **August 1 and September 14, 2024**.
- **Category 4:** All students eligible for spring term awards only (except those who received the award in the previous fiscal year), and who apply by **December 1, 2024**.

After verification of spring term VTAG enrollments, SCHEV will determine the final award amounts for category 1 and 2 applicants. If necessary, the spring amount will be adjusted. Awards, if any, for category 3 and 4 applicants cannot be determined until mid-spring.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Total support cannot exceed two years for an associate program, no more than four years for undergraduate programs, and no more than three years for all post-undergraduate programs except for medicine and pharmacy, which allow a maximum of four years. Recipients of the awards have the responsibility to notify, in writing, the institutions they attend of any name or permanent address changes.

The institutions and SCHEV do not discriminate based on race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability when making award decisions or reviewing appeals; any information requested for these items is for statistical purposes only.

***** If you have further questions regarding VTAG, please contact your institution's financial aid office. *****

COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES APPROVED FOR PARTICIPATION

Appalachian College of Pharmacy	Edward Via Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine	Hampden-Sydney College	Randolph College	Sweet Briar College
Averett University	Emory & Henry College	Hampton University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Lynchburg
Bluefield College	Ferrum College	Hollins University	Regent University	University of Richmond
Bridgewater College	George Washington University (VA campus only)	Liberty University	Roanoke College	Virginia Union University
Christendom College		Mary Baldwin University	Shenandoah University	Virginia Wesleyan University
Divine Mercy University		Marymount University	Southern Virginia University	Washington & Lee University
Eastern Mennonite University				

Graduate Students: As of July 1, 2009, only students enrolled in graduate programs in the health professions – as certified by a 51 series CIP code – are eligible to receive VTAG.



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Priority Application Deadline: **July 31, 2024**

Print and submit the completed VTAG application to your institution's financial aid office.

FOR TUITION EQUITY PROGRAM APPLICANTS

Please type or print in ink. Be sure to read all directions carefully. THE PROCESSING OF YOUR APPLICATION WILL BE DELAYED UNLESS ALL PAGES ARE COMPLETED, AND THE APPLICATION IS SIGNED AND DATED.

Student Demographic Information

Full Name:

Date of Application:

Home Address:

Home Phone #:

Cell Phone #

Email Address

Date of Birth:

Initial Semester you are applying for VTAG:

Visa Status *Estado de la visa*

Are you in the US on a valid VISA (e.g. student visa, etc)?

Yes - **If yes, please include a copy of valid immigration documents** (front and back)

No

Selective Service Registration

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires that VTAG recipients be in compliance with federal Selective Service registration requirements. Please note that all males aged 18 or over, including DACA and undocumented students, must register for Selective Service. See <https://www.sss.gov/register/who-needs-to-register/> for details.

I certify that I am in compliance with federal Selective Service registration requirements:

Yes

No

Education - List all high schools attended in Virginia

School	Address	Dates Attended
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Date of high school graduation:

Provide copy of high school transcript and evidence of completion of high school.

What is the basis of your application?

To be considered "independent," you must meet one of the following conditions:

- 1) aged 24 or over as of the first day of the term,
- 2) be active-duty in the military or a veteran;
- 3) be a ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18;
- 4) have legal dependents other than a spouse;
- 5) be a post-baccalaureate degree student; or
- 6) both parents are deceased and there are no adoptive parent or legal guardian.

If you do not meet at least one of these conditions, you are considered a dependent student and should supply information for your supporting parent or guardian.

Independent Student Status

Parent Status

Legal Guardian Status

Parent/Legal Guardian Demographic Information

Full Name:

Home Address:

Home Phone #:

Cell Phone #

Email address

Date of Birth:

Relationship with Student Supporting Spouse Parent providing primary support Legal Guardian (court order)

State Income Taxes: File by parent / legal guardian / independent student

Have you filed Virginia state income taxes for each of the past two years: 2022 and 2023?

Yes – **Attach copies of applicable tax forms**

No – Provide explanation on separate document

Exempt – Provide explanation for why you believe you are exempt

If most current year taxes have not yet been filed, provide copy as soon as available.

If applying as an independent student – attach documentation demonstrating financial self-sufficiency.

Checklist:

Include the following documents:

- Copy of visa, if applicable
- Copy of high school transcript showing dates of enrollment and high school completion
- Verification of completion of the General Equivalency Document (GED), if applicable.
- Copy of state taxes for two years
- Explanation of why you feel you should be considered as an Independent student or use the tax form of anyone other than your biological or adoptive parent

Certification and Signatures

I certify that I am not an international student on a valid F, H3, J, or M visa. I certify that the information I have provided is true. I agree to furnish the college or university with supporting documentation related to this application, if requested to do so. I authorize the college to act as my fiscal agent for receipt of state funds; to act as SCHEV's agent for the administration of this program, and to release requested financial aid and admission information to SCHEV and other VTAG participating institutions expressly for purposes of administration of this program. I agree to notify the college or university (immediately) of any name or permanent address changes. I agree to allow SCHEV to have access to my Department of Motor Vehicle and Department of Taxation records.

Signature of Applicant

Date