2020-21 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.

01. Agriculture, Agriculture Operations, & Related Sciences	19.05 Foods, Nutrition, & Related Services	30.18 Natural Sciences
03. Natural resources & conservation	26. Biological & Biomedical Sciences	30.24 Neuroscience
04. Architecture & related services	27. Mathematics & statistics	30.25 Cognitive Science
11. Computer & information science & support services	29. Military technologies	30.27 Human Biology
13.10 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 Teach English or French as a Second/Foreign Lng	30.10 Biopsychology	41. Science Technologies/Technicians
14. Engineering	30.15 Science, Technology & Society	51. Health Professions & Related Programs
15. Engineering & Technologies/Technicians	30.16 Accounting & Computer Science	52.12 Management Info Systems & Services

- 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, <u>submit a separate application to each</u>.**
- **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: _____/_____/_____

<u>Last Four Digits</u> 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 <u>Initial Enrollment</u> 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 <u>Completed</u> 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*

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

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<u>Eligible Virginia Public Two-Year Colleges</u>

Richard Bland College   Virginia's 23 public community colleges

<u>Participating Virginia Four-Year Colleges and Universities</u>

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