2015-16 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 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 detailed 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 <u>may be reduced</u> by the Council subject to funding availability and the number of eligible students.

Renewal Criteria and Limitations:
- Limited to two years (six semesters) – for a maximum of three years combined for the initial and renewal awards.
- Continued eligibility based on cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the four-year institution.
- Continued 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 meeting the above renewal criteria 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: The email that the student may have received from the two-year college is not a confirmation of eligibility and does not 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	19.05	Foods, Nutrition, & Related Services	30.18	Natural Sciences
03.	Natural resources & conservation	26.	Biological and 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	Teaching English or French as a Second or Foreign Language	30.10	Biopsychology	41.	Science Technologies/Technicians
		30.15	Science, Technology & Society	51.	Health Professions & Related Programs
14.	Engineering	30.16	Accounting & Computer Science	52.12	Management Info Systems & Services
15.	Engineering & technologies/technicians				

- 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, <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 Student I.D. _____

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