

2020-21 TUITION ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION

— IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS —

This document contains important information for all students participating in 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.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

VTAG is a non need-based grant for Virginia residents attending a participating Virginia private college or university. Funds for this grant have been appropriated by the state legislature since 1973. While the maximum award is authorized each biennium, the amount is not guaranteed and can vary annually. The exact 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 late applicants 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

Students must meet all the eligibility requirements set forth by the General Assembly, Sections 23.1-628 through 635 of the Code of Virginia and in the VTAG regulations, 8 VAC 40-71. All requirements are not specified in this application. The basic eligibility requirements are:

- Domiciled resident of Virginia for at least one year prior to receiving VTAG or dependent of certain military personnel.
[A student who is in Virginia primarily to attend college is not considered to be a domiciled resident.]
- Enrolled as a full-time student at an eligible institution in an eligible degree program.
[For specifics on "full-time" or "eligible degree program," please contact your institution's financial aid office.]
- A completed VTAG application submitted to your institution's financial aid office.
- **Beginning fall 2020, new and former students enrolled in an online education or distance learning program are not eligible to receive a VTAG award. However, students enrolled in online education or distance learning programs during 2019-20 academic year shall remain eligible to receive awards pursuant to current eligibility criteria.**

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, 2020**. 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, 2020**.
- **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, 2020**.

After the March verification of actual spring term 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 and no more than four years for eligible undergraduate programs and post-undergraduate programs in medicine and pharmacy. 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 on the basis of 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		Hampton University	Randolph-Macon College	University of Lynchburg
Bluefield College	Emory & Henry College	Hollins University	Regent University	University of Richmond
Bridgewater College	Ferrum College	Liberty University	Roanoke College	Virginia Union University
Christendom College	George Washington University (VA campus only)	Mary Baldwin University	Shenandoah University	Virginia Wesleyan College
Eastern Mennonite University		Marymount University	Southern Virginia University	Washington & Lee 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.



Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Application

Priority Application Deadline: **July 31, 2020**

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

SECTION A: Student Information

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.

1. Name: _____
Last First Middle Initial

2. Social Security Number: XXX-XX-____ 3. Date of Birth: ____/____/____

4. Sex: M F 5 A. Phone: (____) _____-____ 5 B. Email: _____

6. Permanent address: _____
[NO P.O. BOX] Street City State ZIP code

7. Where have you lived in the last two years? List current address first. **Dates must be included.**

From (MM/DD/YY)	To (MM/DD/YY)	Street	City	State	ZIP code
a. ____/____/____	to today	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. ____/____/____	to ____/____/____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. ____/____/____	to ____/____/____	_____	_____	_____	_____

8. Are you a United States Citizen or Permanent Resident? Yes No
If "No," attach a copy of your INS documentation to this application, indicating your classification and expiration date.

9. If you are male, have you complied with the U.S. Selective Service registration requirement? Yes No
 Female

10. Have you received a VTAG award before? Yes No
If "Yes," in what year(s) did you receive the award? _____
At which institution(s)? _____

11. By August 2020, will you have earned a baccalaureate degree (i.e., B.A., B.S., etc)? Yes No

12. By August 2020, will you have earned a post-baccalaureate degree (i.e., M.A., J.D., etc)? Yes No

13 A. What will be your level of study during the 2020-21 academic year? (Check only one)
 Undergraduate Graduate (health professions) Medicine (not pre-med) and Pharmacy

B. Will this be your first term at this level? Yes No

14. Did your parents/legal guardian provide 50% or more of your financial support or claim you as a tax dependent during the past year? Yes No

15 A. Do you wish to claim eligibility for VTAG based on your spouse's domicile? Yes No
 Not Married

B. If "Yes," does your spouse provide over 50% of your financial support? Yes No

16. Do any of the following characteristics apply to you? (Place a check mark beside all that apply)
 Age 24 or older as of the first day of the term in which you plan to enroll Have legal dependents other than spouse
 Veteran or active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces Post-baccalaureate student
 Ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18 Both parents are deceased, no adoptive or legal guardians

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SECTION B: Domicile Information

If you **did not** check any of the characteristics in Question 16, or if you answered “Yes” to Question 15 B, complete both the “Student” (unboxed) and “Parent/Legal Guardian/Spouse” (boxed) areas in Sections B, C, and E. In response to Question 17, indicate whether you are providing your parent, legal guardian, or spouse’s information in the boxed sections.

If you **did** check any of the characteristics in Question 16, complete only the “Student” (unboxed) areas of this application.

IMPORTANT: If you complete the portion of this application that is boxed with parental information, answer the questions based on the parent/legal guardian from whom you received the most financial support. You may also choose to provide information about a spouse. That person also must sign and date this application.

17. You are completing the boxed areas for your: (**Check only one**) Father Mother Legal Guardian Spouse

For questions 18 - 22, you must answer question “B” if your response to question “A” is “No.”

To be completed by student

- 18. A.** Have you been employed in Virginia in the past year? Yes No
- B.** If “No,” were you employed in: Another State Not Employed
- C.** If you answered “Not Employed” under “Student,” what are your source(s) of financial support?

- 18. A.** Have you been employed in Virginia in the past year? Yes No
- B.** If “No,” were you employed in: Another State Not Employed
- C.** If you answered “Not Employed” under “Student,” what are your source(s) of financial support?

- 19. A.** Will (Or did) you file a 2019 Virginia full- or part-year resident income tax form? Yes No
- B.** If “No,” were you taxes paid to: Another State Not Employed Did Not File

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- B.** If “No,” were you taxes paid to: Another State Not Employed Did Not File

- 20. A.** Are you a registered voter in Virginia? Yes No
- B.** If “No,” are you registered to vote in: Another State Not Registered

- 20. A.** Are you a registered voter in Virginia? Yes No
- B.** If “No,” are you registered to vote in: Another State Not Registered

- 21. A.** Do you hold a valid Virginia driver’s license? Yes No
- B.** If “No,” do you hold a license in: Another State Not Licensed

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- B.** If “No,” do you hold a license in: Another State Not Licensed

- 22. A.** Do you operate a motor vehicle registered in Virginia? Yes No
- B.** If “No,” is it registered in: Another State Do Not Own or Operate

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- B.** If “No,” is it registered in: Another State Do Not Own or Operate

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23. A. Are you an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

B. If "Yes" does your military Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) reflect Virginia withholding? Yes No

Effective date of change to Virginia ____/____/____

Attach a copy of your most recent LES.

24. A. Is your parent/legal guardian/spouse an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

B. If "Yes" does his or her military Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) reflect Virginia withholding? Yes No

Effective date of change to Virginia ____/____/____

Attach a copy of your most recent LES.

SECTION C: Parent/Legal Guardian/Spouse Information

25. Name of parent/legal guardian/spouse: _____
(Based on your answer to Question 17) Last First Middle Initial

26. Parent/legal guardian or spouse's telephone numbers Work: (____) ____ - _____ Home: (____) ____ - _____

27. Is your parent/legal guardian/spouse a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident? Yes No

If NO, and residing under a classification legally eligible to establish domicile, attach a copy of the INS documentation, including the classification and expiration date, to this application. If there is uncertainty on how to answer this question, leave this question blank and contact the financial aid office directly.

28. Where has your parent/legal guardian/spouse lived in the last two years? List current address first. Dates must be included.

From (MM/DD/YY)	To (MM/DD/YY)	Street	City	State	ZIP code
a. ____/____/____	to today	_____	_____	_____	_____
b. ____/____/____	to ____/____/____	_____	_____	_____	_____
c. ____/____/____	to ____/____/____	_____	_____	_____	_____

SECTION D: Additional Information

29. A. Have you always resided in Virginia? Yes No

B. If "No," when did you most recently move to Virginia? ____/____/____
mm dd yy

30. A. Student's Education History

School/College Name	State	Start Date (MM/YY)	End Date (MM/YY)
High School _____	_____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Undergraduate _____	_____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Undergraduate _____	_____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____
Graduate _____	_____	_____ / _____	_____ / _____

31. A. If you answered "No" to Question 29, did you move to Virginia in order for you or a member of your family to attend college?

Yes No

B. If "No," indicate reason for move: _____

32. A. Indicate your enrollment plans: (Check one).

Enroll for both semesters (fall and spring) Enroll for only one semester (check one): Spring Fall

NOTE: Notify your financial aid officer if you are a dependent of an active-duty military member who is not claiming Virginia domicile and they will determine if you are eligible for VTAG under the military dependent provision.

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SECTION E: Certification and Signature(s)

33. I certify that the information I have provided is true. I agree to furnish the college or university and SCHEV 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

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian/Spouse Referenced in Section C Above
(If required to furnish parental or spousal information)

Date

PRINT THIS FORM

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