

# 2021-22 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

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

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 a dependent of eligible military personnel.
- 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 with the fall of 2020, new incoming students enrolled in an online education or distance learning program are not eligible to receive VTAG award.

### 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, 2021**. 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, 2021**.
- **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, 2021**.

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, 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 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	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 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, 2021**

**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 2021, will you have earned a baccalaureate degree (i.e., B.A., B.S., etc)?  Yes  No

12. By August 2021, 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 2021-22 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
- Veteran or active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces
- Ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age 18
- Have legal dependents other than spouse
- Post-baccalaureate student
- 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.”**

	Student	Parent/Legal Guardian/ Spouse
<b>18 A.</b> Have you been employed in Virginia in the past year? <b>B.</b> If “No,” were you employed in:  <b>C.</b> If you answered “Not Employed” under “Student,” what are your source(s) of financial support?  <hr/> <hr/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Not Employed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Not Employed
<b>19 A.</b> Will (or did) you file a 2020 Virginia full- or part-year resident income tax form? <b>B.</b> If “No,” were taxes paid to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Another State <input type="checkbox"/> Did Not File	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Another State <input type="checkbox"/> Did Not File
<b>20 A.</b> Are you a registered voter in Virginia? <b>B.</b> If “No,” are you registered to vote in:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Not Registered	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Not Registered
<b>21 A.</b> Do you hold a valid Virginia driver’s license? <b>B.</b> If “No,” do you hold a license in:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Not Licensed	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Not Licensed
<b>22 A.</b> Do you operate a motor vehicle registered in Virginia? <b>B.</b> If “No,” is it registered in:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Do Not Own or Operate	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  Another State Do Not Own or Operate
<b>23 A.</b> Are you an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces? <b>B.</b> If “Yes,” does your military Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) reflect Virginia withholding? Effective date of change to Virginia: ____ / ____ / ____ <b>Attach a copy of your most recent LES.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>24 A.</b> Is your parent/legal guardian/spouse an active-duty member of the U.S. Armed Forces? <b>B.</b> If “Yes,” does his or her military Leave and Earnings Statement (LES) reflect Virginia withholding? Effective date of change to Virginia: ____ / ____ / ____ <b>Attach a copy of his or her most recent LES.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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