

TUITION PROMISE PROGRAMS AT VIRGINIA INSTITUTIONS

Colleges and universities offer **Tuition Promise Programs** to make college more affordable for students, particularly those from lower-income families. These programs are designed with the promise of covering the cost of tuition, and in some cases, additional fees, significantly reducing the financial barrier to obtaining a college degree. Eligibility is unique to each college or university. See details below and online!



Eastern Mennonite University - Tuition Promise Grant

The EMU Promise Grant, which takes effect during the fall 2024 semester, fully covers the tuition costs for Virginia residents whose adjusted gross family incomes are under \$65,000. It is for first-time, full-time undergraduate students. For more details about EMU Promise Grant eligibility, and a sample of frequently asked questions, visit emu.edu/promise-grant.



Ferrum College - The Panther Promise

Free Tuition for In-State Students - Ferrum College now offers FREE TUITION for qualifying in-state students. Fill out your FAFSA to find out if you qualify today! Qualifying students are recipients of the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) who have Expected Family Contribution of \$2,900 or less and choose to live on campus.



George Mason University - The Mason Virginia Promise Grant

The Mason Virginia Promise Grant, combined with other sources of gift aid, will meet the cost of standard tuition and fees. Requirements for eligibility:

- Be an undergraduate, degree-seeking student entering, or enrolled at George Mason University for the upcoming semester
- Be a resident of Virginia
- Be an eligible participant in the ADVANCE pathway or Early Identification Programs
- Filed a FAFSA (or VASA) by the priority deadline
- Eligible for Virginia State Grants and/or Federal Aid
- Family Income of \$60,000 or less OR Federal Pell grant eligible, and an EFC less than \$25,000 starting in the 2023-2024 academic year.
- Enrolled full time



Hollins University - Hollins Opportunity for Promise through Education (HOPE)

If you are a young woman living in the greater Roanoke Valley and desire a college degree, but worry that the cost of tuition puts this dream out of reach, you have HOPE, the Hollins Opportunity for Promise through Education (HOPE). HOPE scholars attend Hollins full-time for four-years with the cost of tuition fully covered. Students admitted to Hollins who currently reside within 40 miles of our Roanoke campus are invited to apply.



Mary Baldwin University - Access MBU

As part of our commitment to access and affordability, Mary Baldwin is offering **zero-cost** tuition to all FAFSA-eligible Virginia students with families who make less than \$60,000 annually through our Access MBU program. This means that if you qualify, you won't have to pay anything out-of-pocket toward tuition.



Norfolk State University- Virginia College Affordability Network (VCAN) Scholarship

The NSU VCAN scholarship initiative will provide free tuition funding to first-year students. Eligible students must live within 45 miles proximity of NSU's campus and be Pell-eligible. The program is specifically designed to provide college access to local students with limited financial resources and ensure the student's completion at our university.



Radford University - Tuition Promise

Beginning with the 2024-2025 academic year, incoming freshmen and transfer students with Virginia residency whose families have an adjusted gross income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less according to their 2022 federal income tax and a Student Aid Index (SAI) of less than \$15,000 as determined by the FAFSA will receive federal, state and gift aid to cover the cost of their tuition at Radford University.



University of Virginia - AccessUVA Program

The University will provide the amount of full on-Grounds tuition as well as comprehensive, University, and school fees for up to eight semesters for UVA undergraduate students who:

- are eligible for in-state tuition privileges
- are eligible to apply for federal and institutional financial aid
- have total family income less than \$100,000 and have other assets less than \$100,000
- are attempting their first bachelor's degree (NO second degree, Graduate students, Post Bac Pre Med, or certificate programs)



University of Virginia's College at Wise - UVA Wise Within Reach

Any student from Virginia whose family has an income of \$40,000 or less who qualifies for admission to UVA Wise will have tuition and fees paid on their behalf. To qualify for the Within Reach initiative, you must:

- Be accepted to UVA Wise as a regular, non-provisionally admitted student
- Be a Virginia resident eligible to receive in-state tuition
- Have a family income of less than \$40,000 and assets less than \$75,000 (determined by FAFSA)
- Complete a [Free Application of Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) and submit it annually by February 15
- Be attempting your first bachelor's degree (no second degree, graduate students or certificate programs)



University of Mary Washington - Tuition Promise

UMW's Tuition Promise starts for Pell-eligible Virginia students in the 2024-25 academic year. Pell-eligibility is determined when students and their families complete the FAFSA, and UMW encourages families with an annual gross income (AGI) of \$100,000 or less to start the application for both UMW and the FAFSA, when it opens in December. If students are determined to be eligible, UMW will help close the gap on any remaining need for full-tuition.



University of Richmond - Promise to Virginia Program

Richmond's Promise to VA provides grant-based financial aid equal to full time tuition, housing, and the Spider Unlimited meal plan for Virginia residents who:

- are admitted & enrolled at Richmond as first-time, first-year students for Fall 2014 or later;
- have a total annual parental income* of \$60,000 or less earned in the tax year initially under review for that particular academic year's aid application:
 - includes taxable and untaxed income, includes income of parent(s) and partner (if applicable), and for students whose parents are divorced or separated, includes income of custodial parent, custodial parent's spouse or partner (if applicable), and noncustodial parent;
- qualify for need-based financial aid based on Richmond's need analysis formula;
- are U.S. citizens or U.S. permanent residents; and
- are domiciliary residents of Virginia. (Both the student and the student's parent must be domiciliary residents of Virginia; for students whose parents are divorced or separated, the custodial parent must be a domiciliary resident of Virginia.)



Virginia State University - Virginia College Affordability Network (VCAN)

leads the Virginia College Affordability Network (VCAN) initiative and provides access to 275 Pell-eligible students with free-tuition. This opportunity is for students who graduate from a high school within 45 miles of the campus (Chesterfield County, Colonial Heights, Dinwiddie County, Henrico County, Hopewell City, Petersburg City, Prince George County, and Richmond City) and desire access to a university that can provide a quality education and experience.



Virginia Tech - Funds for the Future

Virginia Tech knows the impact of tuition and fee increases can have on our students and families. We want to help you plan for your costs while you are at VT. With the Funds for the Future Grant, VT covers yearly tuition and fee increases for eligible students -- offering predictability as you plan for the future.

Eligibility Requirements

- Must be a continuing undergraduate.
- Must file the FAFSA by the March 1 priority deadline.
- Must have a family Adjust Gross Income (AGI) of less than \$100,000.
- Must demonstrate financial need.
- Must maintain full-time enrollment status (at least 12 credit hours per semester).



Washington and Lee University - The W&L Promise

The W&L Promise guarantees a minimum grant of tuition to any undergraduate student admitted to W&L with a total family income below \$125,000 and assets typical for their income. Furthermore, students may be eligible for additional grants to cover room, board, and other educational expenses. Transfer students are also eligible for the W&L Promise.

To determine students' demonstrated need, we assess each family's income and assets with the assistance of the CSS/Financial Aid Profile from the College Board. Applicants who wish to be considered for the W&L Promise or any university-funded need-based assistance at W&L must complete an application for university need-based grant by the deadline associated with their admissions application.



College of William & Mary

William & Mary will guarantee scholarship aid to cover at least the cost of tuition and fees for all in-state, undergraduate Pell Grant eligible students.