

## 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.



### **Ferrum College - The Panther Promise**

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 \$75,000 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)**

Beginning in the fall of 2025, the Hollins Opportunity for Promise through Education (HOPE) Scholarship will be awarded alongside any applicable federal and state grants to cover the direct costs of attendance for selected eligible for new first-year students with a family household income of \$65,00 or less\*



### **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.



### **Sweet Briar University - SBCommitment Scholarship**

This initiative provides full tuition coverage to Pell Grant-eligible students across the Commonwealth. Domestic, first-year, first-time students with a 3.6 GPA or higher who reside in Virginia and apply will receive automatic consideration and expedited decisions for the SBCommitment Scholarship.



### **University of Virginia - AccessUVA Program**

The University will provide grant funding for the full amount of on-Grounds tuition, fees, housing, and food for up to eight semesters for UVA undergraduate students who:

- complete and submit both the FAFSA and CSS Profile by no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>
- are eligible for in-state tuition privileges
- are eligible to apply for federal and institutional financial aid
- have a total family income of less than \$50,000 and have other assets of less than \$100,000
- are attempting their first bachelor's degree (NO second degree, graduate/professional 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 \$80,000 and assets less than \$100,000 (determined by FAFSA)
- Complete a Free Application for 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
- 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)**

The Virginia College Affordability Network (VCAN) initiative 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).



### **Virginia Wesleyan University - Coastal Advantage Program**

The Coastal Advantage Scholarship is offered to accepted commuter students from families with household incomes under \$60,000. Coastal Advantage covers all but \$2,500 of VWU tuition for eligible first-year students. To cover the remaining \$2,500, students can participate in VWU's Work and Learn Program or explore various financial aid options, which may also cover university fees. Coastal Advantage students can maintain their eligibility until graduation, provided they maintain good academic standing and meet the program's financial and commuting criteria.



### **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 \$150,000 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.