

2023 GRASP Community College Pathway Scholarship Application

Earn your associate degree or career certification at a Virginia
Community College

All completed applications must be emailed to the GRASP office or postmarked by Friday, March 31, 2023. Only complete application packets will be considered.

GRASP will award scholarships to selected applicants in the amount of \$1,000 for their first year of community college. Scholarships may be renewed for a second year of the recipients' program.

Eligible scholarship recipients will enroll at a **Virginia Community College** either to complete a career certificate or with the intent to transfer to a Virginia four-year public or private institution, many of which have Guaranteed Admissions Agreements with Virginia's community colleges.

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

- Have met with the high school GRASP advisor to establish a post-secondary plan
- Possess at least a 2.0 cumulative high school grade point average
- Will graduate from high school in spring of 2023
- Have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Virginia Alternative State Aid (VASA) application
- Have financial need (EFC of \$12,000 or less) as determined by the FAFSA or VASA
- Plan to enroll at a Virginia Community College either to complete a career certificate or with the intent to transfer to a Virginia four-year public or private. Information about Virginia's Guaranteed Admissions Agreements and the Two-Year College Transfer Grant can be found at: vccs.edu/transfer-programs/#statewide-transfer-agreements. Information and a list of Industry Credentials can be found at: vccs.edu/ovn/certificate-programs-list/.

THREE APPLICATION PARTS

A complete application packet has three parts:

1. A GRASP scholarship application, including an essay.
2. An electronic complete copy of the entire FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), or a statement that the VASA has been completed. Your FAFSA SAR can be downloaded at fafsa.gov. The VASA can be completed at vasaapp.org.
3. Selection of community college AND 4-year school you intend to transfer to on the College Selection Form OR indicate the Career Certificate you intend to earn.

HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

To submit your scholarship application, go to grasp4va.org/scholarships. Download the application from the scholarships page by clicking **GRASP Community College Pathway Scholarship**. This will allow you to complete the application as a fillable PDF form. Save and fill out the form, then email it along with your FAFSA Student Aid Report (or a statement that the VASA has been completed) to scholarships@grasp4va.org. Partial applications will not be considered.

GRASP Community College Pathway Scholarship Checklist

**Please use the following checklist to ensure your application is complete.
Return this checklist with your application to GRASP by Friday, March 31, 2023.**

STUDENT NAME: FIRST _____ M.I. ____ LAST _____

HIGH SCHOOL: _____ TODAY'S DATE _____

I have emailed the following to GRASP at scholarships@grasp4va.org:

- A completed GRASP scholarship application including my essay
- A copy of my complete FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), or a statement that I have completed the VASA (Virginia Alternative State Aid application).
- Selection of community college and 4-year school I intend to transfer to on the College Selection Form (**only for students who plan to transfer**).



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STUDENT INFORMATION

FIRST _____ M.I. _____ LAST _____ GRADUATION YEAR 2023

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____, VA ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ CELL PHONE _____ GPA _____

HIGH SCHOOL _____

HAVE YOU MET WITH YOUR SCHOOL'S GRASP REPRESENTATIVE? _____

COMMUNITY COLLEGE PLANNING TO ATTEND _____

PLEASE PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

(A) 4-YEAR COLLEGE(S) INTERESTED IN TRANSFERRING TO _____

(B) CAREER CERTIFICATION(S) PURSUING _____

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

TYPE OF WORK	APPROXIMATE DATES	HOURS PER WEEK	NUMBER OF MONTHS



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COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NAME OF ACTIVITY	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

ACADEMIC HONORS

NAME OF HONOR	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				COMMENTS
	9	10	11	12	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Please ensure the email address provided in the application is the email address you will check. All scholarship results will be sent to your email address by May 1, 2023.

PERSONAL STATEMENT

FIRST _____ M.I. _____ LAST _____

Using a minimum of 50 words to a maximum of one (1) page double-spaced, answer the following:

Who are you? What are your career and educational goals? How will the Community College Pathway Scholarship help you achieve your goals?

College Selection Form

(ONLY COMPLETE IF YOU INDICATED THAT YOU PLAN TO TRANSFER)

Please check the community college you plan to attend next year (Column A) **and** the 4-year college you intend to transfer to (Column B):

Column A

Virginia's Community Colleges

- Blue Ridge
- Brightpoint
- Central Virginia
- Danville
- Eastern Shore
- Germanna
- Laurel Ridge
- Mountain Empire
- Mountain Gateway
- New River
- Northern Virginia
- Patrick & Henry
- Paul D. Camp
- Piedmont Virginia
- Rappahannock
- Reynolds
- Southside Virginia
- Southwest Virginia
- Tidewater
- Virginia Highlands
- Virginia Peninsula
- Virginia Western
- Wytheville

Column B

Virginia's Public Colleges & Universities

- Christopher Newport University
- College of William and Mary
- George Mason University
- James Madison University
- Longwood University
- Norfolk State University
- Old Dominion University
- Radford University
- University of Mary Washington
- University of Virginia
- University of Virginia's College at Wise
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- Virginia Military Institute
- Virginia State University
- Virginia Tech

Virginia's Private Colleges & Universities

- Averett University
- Bluefield College
- Bridgewater College
- Christendom College
- Eastern Mennonite University
- Emory & Henry College
- Ferrum College
- George Washington University
- Hampden-Sydney College
- Hampton University
- Hollins University
- Liberty University
- Mary Baldwin University
- Marymount University
- Randolph College
- Randolph-Macon College
- Regent University
- Roanoke College
- Shenandoah University
- Southern Virginia University
- Sweet Briar College
- University of Lynchburg
- University of Richmond
- Virginia Union University
- Virginia Wesleyan University
- Washington & Lee University