GRASP Community College 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 Monday, April 15th. Only complete application packets will be considered.

GRASP will award scholarships to selected applicants for $1,000 for their first year of community college. Scholarships <u>may</u> be renewed for a second year of the program.

Eligible scholarship recipients will enroll at a **Virginia Community College** to either complete a career certificate or with the intent to transfer to a Virginia four-year public or private institution through Virginia's Guaranteed Admission Agreement.

STUDENTS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY

o Have met with the high school GRASP advisor to establish a post-secondary plan

o Possess at least a 2.0 cumulative high school grade point average

o Will graduate from high school spring of 2024

o Have filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the Virginia Alternative State Aid (VASA) application

o Have financial need as determined by the FAFSA or VASA

o 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 institution. Information about Virginia's Guaranteed Admissions Agreements and the Two-Year College Transfer Grant can be found here. https://www.vccs.edu/transfer-programs/ Information and a list of Industry Credentials can be found at vccs.edu/industry-credentials.

FOUR APPLICATION PARTS

A complete application packet has four parts:

1. A GRASP scholarship application, including essay.

2. A complete copy of the FAFSA Submission Summary. The Summary can be reprinted by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Or a statement that the VASA has been completed.

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 www.grasp4va.org/scholarships. Download the application from the scholarships page by clicking **GRASP Community College Scholarship**. This will allow you to complete the application as a fillable PDF form. Save the form, then either print it out and mail it with a copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary **OR** email the scanned copy of your signed application and FAFSA Student Submission Summary to scholarships@grasp4va.org. Partial applications will not be considered.

GRASP Community College Scholarship Checklist

Please use the following checklist to be sure that your application is complete.
Return this checklist with your application to GRASP by Monday, April 15th, 2024.

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

HIGH SCHOOL _____   TODAY'S DATE_____

I have enclosed the following in this envelope or emailed my scholarship to scholarships@grasp4va.org**:**

- ☐ A completed GRASP scholarship application including my essay
- ☐ A copy of my complete FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR)
- ☐ 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).**

RETURN YOUR COMPLETED PACKET TO:

Email to scholarships@grasp4va.org or Mail to 2821 Emerywood Parkway Suite 204, Richmond, VA 23294

GRASP COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT INFORMATION

FIRST _____ M.I._____ LAST _____ GRADUATION YEAR **2024**

HOME ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ 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 ATTENDING_____

   (B) CAREER CERTIFICATION (S)_____

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

TYPE OF WORK	APPROXIMATE DATES	HOURS PER WEEK	NUMBER OF MONTHS

GRASP COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEER WORK

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NAME OF ACTIVITY	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				YOUR ROLE
	9	10	11	12	

ACADEMIC HONORS

NAME OF HONOR	CHECK GRADE LEVEL				COMMENTS
	9	10	11	12	

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 help you achieve your goals?

You may attach a separate sheet for this or, if completing this form in the PDF, type directly into the application.

College Selection Form (ONLY FOR STUDENTS WHO SELECT THE TRANSFER PATHWAY)

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):

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Column A

Virginia's Community Colleges

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

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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
- ☐ UVA- Engineering
- ☐ UVA- Nursing
- ☐ University of Virginia's College at Wise
- ☐ Virginia Commonwealth University
- ☐ VCU- Engineering
- ☐ Virginia State University
- ☐ Virginia Tech
- ☐ VT- College of Agriculture and Life Science
- ☐ VT- College of Engineering

Virginia's Private Colleges & Universities

- ☐ Bluefield College
- ☐ Bluefield College- Nursing
- ☐ Emory & Henry College
- ☐ Ferrum College
- ☐ Hollins University
- ☐ Jefferson College of Health Sciences (Nursing)
- ☐ Liberty University
- ☐ Lynchburg College
- ☐ Lynchburg College-Nursing
- ☐ Mary Baldwin College
- ☐ Randolph College
- ☐ Regent University
- ☐ Shenandoah University
- ☐ Sweet Briar College
- ☐ Virginia Union University
- ☐ Virginia Wesleyan College

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