

TUITION GRANTS To Cover Your College Costs

If you were in foster care, you may qualify for special grants that can cover up to the full cost of your tuition and fees at Virginia Community Colleges. Unlike loans, grants do not have to be paid back as long as you meet certain requirements.

Am I eligible?

You are eligible for tuition grants if any of the following apply to you:

- You were certified to be in foster care when you received a high school diploma or GED
- You were in the custody of a social service agency or a special needs adoption when you received a high school diploma or GED
- You were formerly in foster care when turning 18 and received a high school diploma or GED at a later date

To qualify, you must demonstrate financial need and meet the following requirements:

- Maintain at least half-time enrollment (minimum of six credits) in an eligible program of at least one academic year in length
- Be a resident of Virginia
- Meet satisfactory academic standards of the college for federal student financial aid programs
- Have not been previously enrolled full-time in a post-secondary institution more than five years and do not have a prior bachelor's degree

GREAT EXPECTATIONS COACHES ARE EAGER TO HELP YOU!

3 STEPS TO APPLY!

COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA

The financial aid process starts with a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) which is required to qualify for most federal and state grant programs. You can complete it at the US Department of Education's website. *A Great Expectations coach can help you fill out this all-important form!*

APPLY TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Complete and submit an application for admission to the community college of your choice. *Need help? Just ask us!*

SEND DOCUMENTATION

You will need to verify the dates you were in foster care or custody of social services with the college's financial aid office. *We can help!*

How much money will I receive?

Awards will be provided to eligible applicants who are not already receiving sufficient grant funds to pay for their tuition and fees. Students who are already receiving grant funds that cover tuition and fees are not eligible for these awards.

Does the grant have to be repaid?

As long as you are enrolled for at least six credits, you do not have to repay the grant. If you drop below six credits, you will lose eligibility and must repay the grant.