The ACCESS College Foundation will help you go to college by...

- Inspiring hope that you CAN go to college
- Supporting you in meeting requirements
- Guiding you through the paperwork
- Assisting you with finding the money

**Mission Statement:**

To provide educational pathways leading to certification or college degree attainment and career opportunities for students, particularly those who may not have otherwise have access.
Message from the President

Dear Students, Parents and Members of the Community:

Now in our 34th school year, Access College Foundation is proud to serve our local public schools in our efforts to make higher education accessible to all. As a nationally recognized not-for-profit college access and success program, we are proud of the strong partnerships we have forged within our community. Over the past 33 years, we have been able to assist 75,000 students with enrolling in college.

We are making this comprehensive digital publication available to help our students and their families with every aspect of the college admissions and financial aid processes. We see this College Prep Handbook as an essential tool that helps thousands of students each year to pursue their dreams of higher education. This is especially true when the Handbook is used in addition to the virtual one-on-one services of our trained Access Advisors in the 31 public high schools of Chesapeake, Franklin, Norfolk, Northampton, Portsmouth, Suffolk, and Virginia Beach.

Now more than ever, education and training beyond high school is fundamentally important for our students, families and our community. Please communicate with the Access Advisor in your high school who can help you make your educational dreams come true.

Best wishes!

Sincerely,

Bonnie B. Sutton
President and CEO
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<td>☐ Pick up a copy of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from the Access Advisor.</td>
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<td>☐ Check your student aid report (SAR) for accuracy. To be eligible for the maximum amount of financial aid, you must file the FAFSA by the priority deadline of the colleges you are considering. You can use taxes (2021) in order to file your FAFSA.</td>
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<td>☐ Submit all college applications/scholarship applications before December 1st to be eligible for scholarships from the colleges. This can be done online or on paper, depending on college requirement.</td>
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- Continue checking your student aid report (SAR) for accuracy. To be eligible for the maximum amount of financial aid, you must file the FAFSA by the priority deadline of the colleges you are considering.

**FEBRUARY**

- Make sure your FAFSA is completed before February 15th to be eligible for the maximum amount of financial aid, you must file FAFSA by the priority deadline of the colleges you are considering.

- Continue to file FAFSA, if you haven’t already.

**MARCH**

- Check your Student Aid Report (SAR) for accuracy. Take it to your Access Advisor (If should arrive about four weeks after filing your FAFSA). Start verification process.

- Keep copies of all forms you submit.

- Continue to file FAFSA, if you haven’t already.

**APRIL**

- Watch the mail for college acceptance letters.

- As soon as you receive a scholarship letter or financial aid award letter from a college, take it to your Access Advisor.

- Make your final college decision and send in housing deposit by the deadline.

**MAY**

- Fill out transcript request from (in Guidance) to have your final transcript forwarded to the college you choose.

- Make sure all of your paperwork is in order. (Note: To be eligible for an Access Scholarship, the Access Scholarship Application and all attachments must be turned in to your Access Advisor. Check out website or with the Access Advisor in your school for the actual deadline date.)

**MAY**

- Enjoy graduation day!
WHERE AM I GOING?

I can’t wait too late to decide! Most colleges have admission application deadlines. The next few pages show deadlines for admission and financial aid application for colleges in Virginia.
In this section, you will find:

✓ Quick Reference Guide to College and Universities in Virginia
✓ Information about Out-Of-State Options

This will help you select the college that best fits you.
Quick Reference Guide to Colleges and Community Colleges in Virginia

SAT and ACT scores listed are the averages unless otherwise indicated. The scores are based on the combined Critical Reading and Math scores on the SAT. Be sure to visit the colleges’ website for more information. Admission is based on many factors. Do not rule out a school if your GPA and Scores are not an exact match.

4-Year Virginia Public Colleges and Universities

Christopher Newport University - www.cnu.edu
- Located in Newport News
- Medium: about 5,100 students
- Medians: 3.3-4.3 GPA, 1130-1300 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 24-28 ACT; Test Optional
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 2/01; Early Action (non-binding): 12/1; Early Decision (binding): 11/15
- Financial aid deadline: Regular 02/15; Priority 12/15
- Federal School Code: 003706

The College of William & Mary - www.wm.edu
- Located in Williamsburg
- Medium: about 8,400 students; 6,000 undergraduate
- Middle 50% - 4.0-4.4 GPA, Middle 50% - 1300-1490 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 30-34 ACT; Test Optional
- William & Mary Promise for VA students from low-income backgrounds
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Early Decision I: 11/01; Early Decision II and Regular Decision: 01/01
- All students considered for scholarships with application submission
- Financial aid deadline: 3/01
- Federal School Code: 003705

George Mason University - www.gmu.edu
- Located in Fairfax, 16 miles west of Washington, DC
- 36,000 total students (25,000 Undergraduates)
- Medians: 3.30-3.90 GPA, 1100-1220 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 23-29 ACT; Test Optional
- Lots of opportunities for internships/work experience in the DC area
- Committed to Diversity and Inclusion
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 02/01; Early Action: 11/01; Scholarship and Honors College: 11/01
- Financial aid deadline: 01/15
- Federal School Code: 003749

James Madison University - www.jmu.edu
- Located in Harrisonburg, about 3½ hour drive from Norfolk
- Large: about 20,000 students; 16:1 Student Faculty Ratio
- Medians: 3.0 GPA in Core classes, 1150-1310 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 24-30 ACT; Test Optional
- Unique Major: Integrated Science and Technology (ISAT)
- Division I athletics; Football: Division I-AA
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 1/15; Early Action: 11/1
- Financial aid deadline: 3/01; Priority: 10/1
- Federal School Code: 003721
Longwood University - www.longwood.edu
- Located in Farmville (South-Central VA)
- Medium: about 4,400 students; residential campus
- Medians: 3.2 GPA, 1010-1160 SAT (Critical Reading + Math); 19-25 ACT
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Admission 3/01; Early Action 12/1; School of Nursing 12/1
- Financial aid deadline: 3/01
- Federal School Code: 003719

Norfolk State University - www.nsu.edu
- Located in Norfolk, Historically Black University
- Medium: about 6,000 students; mostly commuter students
- Medians: 3.1 GPA, 960 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 19 ACT
- DNIMAS Scholarship for students interested in studying Physics, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry and Applied Mathematics – Requires 3.3 GPA, 1200 SAT, 23 ACT
- Division I-AA athletics (MEAC Conference)
- Admissions priority deadline: 5/1 but has Rolling Admissions after deadline; DNIMAS: 12/15; VCAN: 04/15
- Financial aid priority deadline: 03/15
- Federal School Code: 003765

Old Dominion University - www.odu.edu
- Located in Norfolk
- Large: about 25,000 students
- Medians: 3.3 GPA, 970-1160 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 21 ACT
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 02/01 then Rolling; Early Action (scholarship consideration): 12/1
- Financial aid deadline: 01/01
- Federal School Code: 003728

Radford University - www.radford.edu
- Located in Radford (Southwest VA)
- Medium: about 11,600 students; with about 36% being first generation
- Medians: 2.9-3.6 GPA, 940-1130 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 17-23 ACT
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 2/01; Early Action: 12/1; Rolling admissions until full
- Financial aid deadline: 01/15
- Federal School Code: 003732

University of Mary Washington - www.umw.edu
- Located in Fredericksburg (halfway between Richmond and Washington, DC)
- Medium: about 4,000 students; residential campus
- Medians: 3.2-3.6 GPA, 1100-1280 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 23-28 ACT; Test Optional
- The oldest and most intensive historic preservation program for undergraduate students in the country
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 02/01; Early Decision: 11/1; Early Action: 11/15
- Financial aid deadline: 2/01; Online Scholarship Deadline: 5/15
- Federal School Code: 003746
University of Virginia - www.virginia.edu
- Located in Charlottesville (Central VA)
- Medium: about 16,000 students; residential campus
- Holistic approach for admissions
- Medians: 1330-1490 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 30-34 ACT; Test Optional
- Division I athletics (ACC Conference)
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 1/01; Early Decision & Early Action: 11/01
- Financial aid priority deadline: 3/01 *must also complete the College Board CSS PROFILE
- Federal School Code: 003745

University of Virginia – College at Wise - www.uvawise.edu
- Located in Wise (Southwest VA)
- Formerly known as Clinch Valley College; branch of UVA
- Medium: about 2,000 students; residential campus
- Medians: 2.4 GPA, 900 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 19 ACT, Test Optional
- Division II athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling; Early Action: 12/01
- Financial aid deadline: 2/15
- Federal School Code: 003747

Virginia Commonwealth University - www.vcu.edu
- Located in downtown Richmond
- Large: about 29,417 students
- Medians: 3.4-4.06 GPA, 1160-1250 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 21-26 ACT
- Strong programs in the visual and performing arts, humanities and sciences, health sciences and social work
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 1/15; 11/15 guaranteed admission to School of Medicine or Health Sciences Program, Scholarship Consideration: 11/01
- Financial aid deadline: 02/01
- Federal School Code: 003735

Virginia Military Institute - www.vmi.edu
- Located in Lexington (Western Central VA)
- Small: about 1,700 students; residential campus
- Medians: 3.63 GPA, 1200 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 26 ACT; Test Optional
- Strong programs in Math and Engineering
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Priority Regular Decision: 2/01; Early Decision: 11/15
- Financial aid deadline: 3/01
- Federal School Code: 003753

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University - www.vt.edu
- Located in Blacksburg (Southwest VA)
- Large: about 37,000 students (30,000 undergraduate)
- Medians: 4.15 GPA, 1300 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 28 ACT
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Early Action: 12/01; Regular Decision: 1/15; Early Decision (Binding): 11/1
- Financial aid deadline: 03/01;
  If wanting to be considered for scholarships 1/22 then both scholarship and FAFSA applications need to be completed
- Federal School Code: 003754
Virginia State University - www.vsu.edu
- Historically Black University located in Petersburg
- Medium: about 4,000 students; 17:1 Student to faculty ratio
- Medians: Average 3.0 GPA, 970 SAT, 18 ACT
- Division II athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 5/1
- Financial aid deadline: 3/31 Priority
- Federal School Code: 003764

4-Year Virginia Private Colleges and Universities

Averett University - www.averett.edu
- Located in Danville (central VA near VA/NC border)
- Small: about 900 students; 14:1 Student Faculty Ratio
- Medians: 2.5 GPA, 850 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 17 ACT
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 3/01
- Federal School Code: 003702

Bluefield College - www.bluefield.edu
- Located in Bluefield (Southwest VA near VA/WV border)
- Small: about 1,000 students; residential campus
- Minimum 2.0 GPA, Minimum 860 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), Minimum 16 ACT
- NAIA Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 6/01
- Federal School Code: 003703

Bridgewater College - www.bridgewater.edu
- Located in Bridgewater (Northwest VA, near JMU)
- Small: about 1200 students
- Medians: Average 3.5 GPA, 1050 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 21 ACT
- Most popular majors: Biology, Business, Psychology, Education, Athletic Training
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 003704

Christendom College - www.christendom.edu
- Located in Front Royal, Virginia
- Catholic, liberal arts college
- Small: about 550 students
- Medians: 3.70 GPA, 1300 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 26 ACT
- Conducts Mass twice daily
- Admission Deadline: Regular Decision: 3/01; Early Action 12/01
- Financial Aid deadline: 4/01
Eastern Mennonite University - www.emu.edu
- Located in Harrisonburg (near JMU & Bridgewater)
- Small: about 1,800 undergraduate students
- Medians: 3.6 GPA, 1090 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 24 ACT
- Strong Education, Nursing, Business, Pre-professional health programs
- Museum of Natural History, Arboretum and campus garden exists on campus
- Unique Major: Justice, Peace and Conflict Studies, Photography and Environmental Sustainability
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 3/01
- Federal School Code: 003708

Emory & Henry College - www.ehc.edu
- Located in Emory (Southwest VA)
- Small: about 1,250 students
- Average GPA 3.62, 1070 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 22 ACT
- Unique Major: International Business
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 4/1 but also rolling; Early Action: 11/15 and 1/15
- Financial aid deadline: 3/01
- Federal School Code: 003709

Ferrum College - www.ferrum.edu
- Located in Ferrum (Southwest VA)
- Small: about 1,200 students; 16:1 Student Faculty Ratio
- Medians: Minimum 2.0 GPA, 810 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 15 ACT
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 02/01
- Federal School Code: 003711

Hampden- Sydney College - www.hsc.edu
- Located in Hampden-Sydney (Central VA)
- Small: about 1,000 students
- Medians: 3.4 GPA, 1150 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 23-24 ACT
- All male college
- 10th oldest college
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 02/01; Early Decision: 11/01; Early Action: 10/15 and 12/01
- Financial aid deadline: 02/01
- Federal School Code: 003713

Hampton University - www.hamptonu.edu
- Historically Black University, located in Hampton
- Medium: about 4,300 students
- Medians: 3.4 GPA, 1050 SAT (Critical Read + Math), 22 ACT -52 Undergraduate Programs
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 3/01; Early Action: 11/01
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 2/15
- Federal School Code: 003714
Hollins University - www.hollins.edu
- Located in Roanoke
- Small: about 800 students
- All female college
- Medians: 3.7 GPA, 1180 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 25 ACT; Now test optional permanently
- Creative Writing program, Art, Political Science, Business
- Division III athletics (including Equestrian Riding)
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 02/01; Early Decision: 11/01; Early Action: 11/15
- Financial aid deadline: 02/15
- Federal School Code: 003715

Liberty University - www.liberty.edu
- Located in Lynchburg (Central VA)
- Large: 15,000 students; residential campus
- Medians: 3.1-3.8 GPA, 1120 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 22-26 ACT
- Christian academic community
- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 04/01
- Federal School Code: 010392

Lynchburg College - www.lynchburg.edu
- Located in Lynchburg (Central VA)
- Small: about 2,200 students’ undergraduate students
- Medians: 3.3 GPA, 1120 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 22 ACT
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling; Early Decision 11/15
- Financial aid deadline: 11/01
- Federal School Code: 003720

Mary Baldwin College - www.marybaldwin.edu
- Located in Staunton (Western VA)
- Small: about 1000 students; residential campus
- Medians: Minimum 2.6 GPA, 960-1140 SAT(Critical Reading + Math), 17 ACT
- 2017 Co-Ed Programs began
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 03/01
- Federal School Code: 003723

Marymount University - www.marymount.edu
- Located in Arlington (Northern VA)
- Small: about 2,100 students
- Medians: 3.23 GPA, 100% test blind, no longer requiring test scores
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: 03/01, Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 03/01
- Federal School Code: 003724
Randolph College - www.randolphcollege.edu
- Located in Lynchburg (Central VA)
- Founded as Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in 1891
- Small: about 600 students
- Medians: 3.3 GPA, 1080 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 23 ACT
- Writing Requirement in every discipline
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 03/01; Early Action: 11/15
- Financial aid deadline: Rolling filing status; preferred by 04/01
- Federal School Code: 003734

Randolph- Macon College - www.rmc.edu
- Located in Ashland (North of Richmond)
- Small: about 1,400 students
- GPA 3.75, 1170 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 26 ACT; Test Optional
- Major in Engineering, Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 03/01; Early Action: 11/15 and to be considered for highest scholarship amounts; Early Decision 11/01
- Financial aid deadline: 03/01
- Federal School Code: 003733

Regent University - www.regent.edu
- Located in Virginia Beach
- About 10,000 students (Online & On-Campus), residential housing
- Medians: 3.5 GPA, 990-1220 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 19-25 ACT
- Cinema-Television, Animation, and Theater programs are state of the art. Other popular majors are Christian Ministry, Government, Psychology and Education.
- Intramural sports and study abroad opportunities are available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 07/31
- Federal School Code: 030913

Roanoke College - www.roanoke.edu
- Located in Salem (Southwest VA)
- Medium: about 2,000 students, residential housing available
- Medians: 3.6 GPA, 1160 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 24 ACT
- Community service requirement
- 19 Division III men’s and women’s athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: Rolling; Early Decision: 11/15
- Financial aid deadline: 03/01
- Federal School Code: 003736

Shenandoah University - www.su.edu
- Located in Winchester (Northwest VA)
- Medium: about 2,093 students
- Medians: 3.18-3.96 GPA, Test blind, Test scores no longer needed
- Conservatory of Music, Theater and Dance; Strong Health Professions
- Division III athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: No Priority deadline; students can submit FAFSA up until July 31st
- Federal School Code: 003737
University of Richmond - www.richmond.edu
• Located in Richmond
• Medium: about 3,000 students
• Medians: 3.6-3.96 Core GPA, 1340-1480 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 31-33 ACT
• Offers Leadership Studies program, the only one of its kind in the country
• Robins School of Business is one of the top 15 undergraduate business programs in the country
• Division I athletics
• Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 01/01; Early Decision: 01/01
• Financial aid deadline: Regular admission: 02/01; Early Action: 11/15
• Federal School Code: 003744

Virginia Union University - www.vuu.edu
• Historically Black University located in Richmond
• Small: about 1,900 students
• Medians: 2.73 GPA, 800 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 16-17 ACT
• City of Richmond, VA. Union Police Training Academy and Criminal Justice Program
• Division II athletics
• Admissions deadline: Rolling Admissions
• Financial aid deadline: Priority: 03/31
• Federal School Code: 003766

Virginia Wesleyan University - www.vwu.edu
• Located in Virginia Beach
• Small: about 1,500 students
• Medians: 3.2 GPA, 1150 SAT (Critical Reading + Math), 22 ACT
• Emphasis on internships and undergraduate research opportunities
• Division III athletics
• Admissions deadline: Rolling
• Financial aid deadline: Rolling
• Federal School Code: 003767

Washington and Lee University - www.wlu.edu
• Located in Lexington (Western VA)
• Small: about 2,200 students
• Medians: Middle 50% of class, 1380-1480 SAT (Critical Reading + Math); Middle 50% of class, ACT 32-34
• 10% of each class receives full Johnson Scholarship (SAT/ACT must be taken before December to be eligible)
• Shepherd Program for the Interdisciplinary Study of Poverty and Human Capability integrates academic study and learning through service and reflection
• Internship programs in DC and Manhattan
• Division III athletics
• Admissions deadline: Regular: 1/01; Early Decision: 11/01 and 01/01
• Financial aid deadline: Early Decision I & Merit Scholarship: 12/01; Early Decision II: 01/15; Regular Decision: 02/15
• Federal School Code: 003768
# 2-Year Virginia Public Colleges and Universities

## Blue Ridge Community College - www.brcc.edu
- Located in Weyers Cave (in the Central Shenandoah Valley)
- Medium: about 4,200 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 15/English, 15/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years. More “Direct Enrollment” placement based on GPA-moving away from testing based placement for students within a 6 year window of highschool graduation.
- Popular programs include Aviation Maintenance Technology and Veterinary Technology
- Intramural sports available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: **03/15**
- Federal School Code: 006819

## Bright Point Community College - www.jtcc.edu
- Located in Chester, VA and Midlothian, VA
- Medium: about 14,000 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years. Switching to “Direct Enrollment System” Encouraging practice placement test.
- Popular programs include Nursing, Funeral Services, and the Liberal Arts
- Club sports available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: **05/15**
- Federal School Code: 004004

## Central Virginia Community College - www.centralvirginia.edu
- Located in Lynchburg, VA
- Medium: about 4,400 students
- Any person who as a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 18/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Paralegal studies, and Police Science
- Intramural sports available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: **03/15**
- Federal School Code: 004988

## Dabney S. Lancaster Community College - www.dslcc.edu
- Located in Clifton Forge
- Small: about 1,200 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Guaranteed Admission Agreements to various nursing programs (and other programs)
- No application fee to apply
- Popular programs include Business Management & Operations, and Natural Resources
- Conservation
- Intramural basketball available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: **03/01**
- Federal School Code: 004996
Danville Community College - www.danville.edu

- Located in Danville, VA (45 miles from Greensboro, NC)
- Medium: about 4,800 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Business Management & Operations, Allied Health Professions, and Dental Assisting
- No application fee to apply
- Club level baseball (Men only)
- Admissions deadline: Priority: 03/15
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 03/15
- Federal School Code: 003758

Eastern Shore Community College - es.vcc.edu

- Located in Melfa, VA (on the Eastern Shore, about 60 miles from Norfolk)
- Small: about 750 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 500/Reading and Writing, and 520/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- No sports available
- Popular programs include Air Conditioning and Refrigeration, Business Management, and Early Childhood Education
- No application fee to apply
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 003748

Germanna Community College - www.germanna.edu

- Located in Locust Grove, VA (about 30 minutes West of Fredericksburg)
- Medium Sized: about 7,000 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 500/Reading and Writing, and 520/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include a competitive Nursing program, Accounting, and American Sign Language
- Intramural flag football, soccer, dodgeball, basketball and a variety of other organizations
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 04/01
- Federal School Code: 008660

Lord Fairfax Community College - www.lfcc.edu

- Located in Middletown, VA
- Medium: about 7,600 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- 4 campuses located in Middletown, Luray, and Warrenton, Virginia
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 15/English, 15/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Accounting, Surgical Technology, and Web Design
- Club sports available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 06/01
- Federal School Code: 008659
Mountain Empire Community College - www.mecc.edu
- Located in Big Stone Gap, VA
- Small: about 2,700 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Welding, Respiratory Care Therapy, and Industrial Production Technology
- Intramural sports available (flag football and basketball)
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 009629

New River Community College - www.nr.edu
- Located Dublin, VA
- Medium: about 4,500 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Accounting, Business Administration, and Drafting/Design Technologies CAD/CADD
- Intramural sports available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 04/15
- Federal School Code: 005223

Northern Virginia Community College - www.nvcc.edu
- Located in Annandale, VA
- Large: about 52,100 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading, and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years. Updated to Direct Enrollment system based on GPA
- 6 campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun County, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge
- Popular programs include Accounting, Biological and Physical Sciences, and Criminal Justice
- Intramural sports
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority of 3/01 for new students
- Federal School Code: 003727

Patrick Henry Community College - www.patrickhenry.edu
- Located in Martinsville, VA
- Small: about 2,900 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years. “Direct Enrollment Placement” moving away from the placement test
- Mobile Digital learning program
- Popular programs include Accounting, Business Operations Support, Nursing, General Studies and Culinary Arts
- Intercollegiate and intramural sports
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 06/01
- Federal School Code: 003751
Paul D. Camp Community College - www.pdc.edu

- Located in Franklin, VA
- Small: about 1,500 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Electrician, Pharmacy Technician, and Industrial Production Technology
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 06/01
- Federal School Code: 009159

Piedmont Virginia Community College - www.pvcc.edu

- Located in Charlottesville, VA
- Medium: about 5,400 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 15/English, 15/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Distance learning partnership with Old Dominion University; “Direct Enrollment System” Based on GPA
- Popular programs include Computer Science, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, and Multimedia Design
- Intramural and club sports
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 009928

Rappahannock Community College

- Located in Glenns, VA
- Medium: about 3,600 students
- 6 campuses across the Middle Peninsula and Northern Neck Regions of Virginia
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or 18 English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Criminal Justice/Law Enforcement Admin, Electrical Electronics, and Culinary Arts
- Intramural sports
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 04/15
- Federal School Code: 009160

Reynolds Community College - www.reynolds.edu

- Located in Richmond, VA
- Medium: about 10,100 students
- 3 campuses throughout Richmond, VA
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 500/Critical Reading, 500/Writing, and 520/Math SAT score or a 21/English, 21/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Automotive Mechanics Technology, Biological and Physical Sciences, and Business Administration. Direct enrollment System based on GPA with 6 years of high school graduation - not test or placement test based.
- Various intramural sports and tournaments (pool, soccer, etc.)
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 04/15
- Federal School Code: 003759
Richard Bland College - www.rbc.edu

- Located in Petersburg, VA
- Small: about 2,400 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 560/Reading and Writing SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing ACT score within the last two years. Cannot be exempt from Math.
- Applicants are evaluated on the basis of high school courses, grades and extracurricular activities. High school work should normally include four (4) units of English, three (3) units of mathematics (preferred courses: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II or advanced math courses), two (2) units of history or government and two (2) units of science. Two (2) units of foreign language are preferred but not required.
- Distance learning partnership with Old Dominion University
- Intramural and club sports
- Admissions deadline: Priority: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 003707

Southside Virginia Community College - www.southside.edu

- Located in Alberta, VA (70 miles South of Richmond)
- Medium Sized: about 4,400 students
- 7 campuses in Alberta, Blackstone, Chase City, Emporia, Keysville, South Boston, and South Hill, Virginia
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Popular programs include Nursing, Funeral Services, and Agribusiness
- Intramural sports: Men’s Basketball and Women's Fast Pitch Softball
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 06/01
- Federal School Code: 008661

Southwest Virginia Community College - www.sw.edu

- Located in Richlands, VA (45 miles from Bluefield and Bristol)
- Small: about 2,600 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years (does not include Health)
- No sports; about 20 clubs and organizations
- Popular programs include Allied Health Professions, Emergency Medical Services, and Business Management
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 05/30
- Federal School Code: 007260

Thomas Nelson Community College - www.tncc.edu

- Located in Hampton, VA
- Medium: about 13,000 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years
- Popular programs include new Dental Hygiene program; SIFE program; Teacher Prep Program; William & Mary Co-Enrollment
- Intramural and club sports available
- Extensive evening or early morning classes available
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 006871
**Tidewater Community College - www.tcc.edu**
- Four campuses across Hampton Roads (Norfolk, Portsmouth, Virginia Beach, and Chesapeake)
- Large: about 26,000 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years.
- Intercollegiate and Club athletics available; Over 40 clubs and organizations; Switching to Direct Enrollment Program
- Popular programs in Nursing, Automotive Analysis & Repair, and Truck Driving
- On-site childcare
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 04/01
- Federal School Code: 003712

**Virginia Highlands Community College - www.vhcc.edu**
- Located in Abingdon, VA
- Small: about 2,400 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years
- Popular programs include Dental Assisting, Diesel Mechanics, and Hotel/Motel Management
- Intramural and club sports available
- Unique facilities include a greenhouse and regional artisan center
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 007260

**Virginia Western Community College - www.virgiiniawestern.edu**
- Located in Roanoke, VA
- Medium: about 12,000 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last five years
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 460/Reading and Writing, and 510/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 19/Math ACT score within the last two years
- Popular programs include Design & Visual Communications, Dental Hygiene, and Radiation Oncology
- Intramural and club sports available
- Unique facilities include a community arboretum, dental hygiene clinic, and a center for science and health professions
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: 07/01
- Federal School Code: 007260

**Wytheville Community College - www.wcc.vccs.edu**
- Located in Wytheville, VA (74 miles from Roanoke, VA)
- Medium: about 3,350 students
- Any person who has a high school diploma or the equivalent, or who is 18 years of age and able to benefit from a program at the College, may be admitted.
- May be exempt from placement test based on a 480/Reading and Writing, and 530/Math SAT score or a 18/English, 18/Writing, and 22/Math ACT score within the last two years
- Intramural and intercollegiate sports available
- Popular programs include Construction Technology, Precision Metal Work, and Residential Design and Estimating
- Variety of student support resources including “Safe Space,” an academic resource center, and a career center
- Admissions deadline: Rolling
- Financial aid deadline: Priority: 05/01
- Federal School Code: 003761
What about Colleges and Universities Outside Virginia?

What are My Out-of-State Options?

Out-of-state colleges are certainly an option to consider, but keep in mind that out-of-state colleges often have higher tuition costs. You may have to pay out-of-state tuition (a higher tuition rate) unless you or your parents have established and maintained residency (domicile) in that state. Out-of-state tuition is most often an issue when you enroll at an out-of-state public college or university. Private colleges do not usually charge higher tuition to out-of-state students. Check the College Board website at www.collegeboard.org and click on “College Search” to obtain access to college matchmaker and get a list of colleges that meet your needs.

What are My International Options?

Study abroad is an often overlooked option. There are international colleges and universities that have costs that are lower than going to colleges and universities in the United States. Federal financial aid grants and loans can be used to attend college abroad at colleges that meet federal qualifications. Scholarships can be used to study abroad. For more information on special program opportunities and general information on colleges and universities, visit www.petersons.com.

Are there Ways to Pay In-State Tuition at an Out-of-State College?

There are ways to pay in-state tuition at colleges outside Virginia through the Academic Common Market. The Academic Common Market is an organization of colleges in sixteen states that allows students to attend college out of their home state at in-state tuition rates. There is a catch, however. You must be studying a subject not available at a college in your home state. For more information about the Academic Common Market, visit the Southern Regional Education Board website at www.sreb.org.

Are there Other Issues to Consider?

There are many issues other than tuition to consider. Those issues include:

- Is my major offered at the college?
- Will transportation to and from home on weekends or breaks take a lot of time or money?
- Will I be comfortable in the culture or that part of the country?
- Am I ready to be that far from home?
WHAT TESTS DO I TAKE?

What are the deadlines?
How do I register?
How do I prepare?
In this section, you will find:

- Information about College Entrance Tests
- College Entrance Testing Schedules
- Online Registration Instructions

This will help you decide which test is right for you.
To ACT or to SAT...That is the Question!

What is the difference between the ACT and the SAT?

The ACT and SAT are both college entrance tests; however, there are some significant differences:

- The ACT is a content-based test and measures what you have learned in school. The ACT tests your knowledge of English, math, reading and science. The ACT has an optional writing test. The ACT is a three hour test scored based upon the number of correct answers. There is no penalty for guessing on the ACT. ACT tests are scored on a scale of 1-36 points each with the overall maximum possible composite score (not including the essay) of 36.
- The SAT is a higher-level logical and reasoning skill test. The SAT is a three hour test with an optional fifty minutes to complete the essay portion.
  - The SAT widely uses words and phrases found in texts in many different subjects as well as the evidence-based reading and essay ask you to interpret, synthesize, and use evidence found in a wide range of sources.
  - Throughout the SAT, you will be asked questions grounded in the real world, directly related to work performed in college and career. It also asks you to apply reading, writing, language, math knowledge, and skills to answer questions in science, history, and social contexts.
  - When taking the SAT, you will be asked to read a passage from the U.S. founding documents or the global conversation it inspired. The U.S. founding documents can include the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist papers.
  - Reported scores now include subscores and cross-test scores. With these additional scores, the SAT is better at highlighting your strengths and showing colleges that you have been building the skills and knowledge you need for college and career. The SAT tests are scored by the sum of the two sections on a scale of 400-1600 up to a maximum score of 1600.

So go ahead and give your best answer to every question—there’s no advantage to leaving them blank. The SAT test is set-up where you simply earn points for the questions you answer correctly. Practice tests are also available online so you can simulate test day and figure out how to focus your SAT study.

Most colleges accept either test; however both tests request general information about you. Both tests are used to admissions decisions, talent identification, academic advisign and awarding scholarships.

Which Test Should I Choose?

- Look at the website for the college(s) you may attend. Note whether they require the SAT or ACT.
- Go on the website for both tests and look at sample questions to determine which test is compatible with your strengths. Your ACCESS Advisor can discuss this with you further.

What Do the Tests Cost?

- The ACT is $60.00 for the basic test and $85.00 if you also take the writing test.
- The SAT is $55.00 for the basic test.

If you have difficulty paying the test fees, see your Access Advisor to determine whether you are eligible for fee waivers or fee payments.
# 2021-2022 SAT Testing Schedule

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Register for the SAT Online

If you have an e-mail address and a credit card, you can register online!

If you are registering with a fee waiver, please see your Access Advisor for more information.

You will need a credit card to register online.

Create an online account
1. Go to http://collegeboard.org
2. Click on SAT
3. Click on Register Now
4. Click on Sign Up
5. You will be asked to complete your first name, last name, date of birth, social security number and e-mail.
6. You will then create a User Name and Password
7. Continue using the same account throughout your college selection process.
8. Use your online account to register for the SAT Reasoning Test or SAT Subject tests (Subject Tests are not required for most colleges)
9. Choose which test, what date, and which test center you want
10. Select a photo that you would like to have placed on your registration ticket
11. Choose colleges to receive your score reports (the first four reports are free)
12. Print your admission ticket

Once you have an online account, you can:
• View your scores once they become available
• See and print your essay results
• Get help finding, applying, and paying for college
• Receive e-mail reminders

Please be sure to include your High School Code (CEEB Code) listed on the reverse side of this page. If you do not include this when you register, your scores will not be sent to your high school and will not be included on your high school transcript.
# High School (CEEB) Codes

**CHESAPEAKE**
- Deep Creek High School **411750**
- Grassfield High School **470469**
- Great Bridge High School **471590**
- Hickory High School **470462**
- Indian River High School **470477**
- Oscar F. Smith High School **472125**
- Western Branch High School **470479**

**NORFOLK**
- Booker T. Washington High School **4715870**
- Grandby High School **471586**
- Lake Taylor High School **471598**
- Maury High School **471600**
- Norview High School **471620**

**NORTHAMPTON COUNTY**
- Northampton High School **470737**

**PORTMOUTH**
- Churchland High School **470620**
- I.C. Norcom High School **471755**
- Manor High School **471758**

**SUFFOLK**
- Lakeland High School **472208**
- Nansemond River High School **472211**
- Kings Fork High School **472204**

**VIRGINIA BEACH**
- Bayside High School **472285**
- Green Run High School **472296**
- Floyd E. Kellam High School **472287**
- Frank W. Cox High School **472289**
- First Colonial High School **472290**
- Kempsville High School **472293**
- Landstown High School **472273**
- Ocean Lakes High School **472308**
- Princess Anne High School **471315**
- Salem High School **472306**
- Tallwood High School **472309**

**WESTERN TIDEWATER EXPANSION**

**FRANKLIN**
- Franklin High School **470875**
2021-2022 ACT Testing Schedule

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**Test Fees:**

- **Full ACT TEST (no writing)**: $60.00
- **Full ACT (with writing)**: $85.00
- **Test Option Change Fee**: $25.00
- **Late Registration**: $36.00
- **Standby Testing**: $57.00
- **Test Date Change Fee**: $40.00

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- Go to [www.act.org](http://www.act.org)
- Click on Register
- Click on GO
- Click on [The ACT Test: Sign In or Register](http://www.act.org)
- Click Create Account
- You will be asked if you have registered for the ACT previously and you will be asked if you have taken the ACT previously.
- You will be asked to complete your first name, last name, date of birth, social security number and e-mail.
- You will then create a User ID and Password.
- Follow the instructions to complete your demographic information.
- Find your high school code listed on the opposite page of this handbook or use the search tool.
- Select Register Now.
- You will be prompted to submit a photo of yourself for identification purposes.
- After payment has been made be sure to print out the confirmation and admission ticket.
HOW DO I APPLY?

How do I prepare?
Do I apply online?
Is an essay required?
In this section, you will find:

- Questions to Ask When Visiting Campuses
- Application Organizer and Options
- Tips for the Admissions Essay
- College Recommendation Request Form and Instructions

This will help you understand the difference between your college choices and guide you throughout the application process.
### Admissions Application Organizer

Use this organizer to check what’s done, what needs to be done, and when it has to happen. Note the deadlines for applications and financial aid forms.

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#### APPLICATIONS

Application deadline
Application form completed
Essays completed
Date application sent

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

Gave to:
Gave to:
Gave to:

#### TRANSCRIPTS

Gave transcript request form to counselor
Form mailed
Gave midyear report to counselor
Form mailed

#### TEST SCORES

Requested that score reports be sent
SAT I
SAT II
ACT
AP Exams

#### FINANCIAL AID FORMS

Financial aid application deadline
FAFSA form submitted
Completed CSS Profile (if required)
Other college forms (if required)
When Should I Apply?

Application Options

There are four types of college admission application options. (Not all schools offer all four options. Carefully check each college’s deadlines and admission options.)

1. **Regular Decision**: This is the most common type. Usually the application is due between January and March. (To be considered for merit scholarships, however, you should apply by December 1st to most schools.) The Admissions decision is usually mailed in April, and the enrollment contract is due back by May 1st.

2. **Rolling Admissions**: There is not a hard and fast deadline for applications to be submitted, and there is no specific date for Admissions decisions to go out. The college accepts and reviews applications on a “rolling, first-come, first-served” basis throughout your senior year.

3. **Early Action**: This plan is similar in timing to Early Decision (see below), but it is not financially “binding.” Many students who are organized and ready with their completed applications in the fall of their senior year may choose Early Action because it allows them to hear back from Admissions before the winter holidays. Usually the enrollment contract is due back by May 1st.

4. **Early Decision**: This plan is used by many colleges for students who have a clear-cut first choice. Under Early Decision, a student who applies by the deadline usually between November 1st and December 1st will receive an Admissions decision before Christmas break. Do not apply to other schools if you are applying early decision because you are financially committed to go if you are accepted. Access does not recommend this option unless you are positive that this school is your first choice.
Will I Get In?

Diversify your options.

ACCESS recommends:

- that you apply to at least three to five colleges.
- that you apply to at least one college in each of the categories below.

1. The Long Shot—the Reach School
Your grades and test scores put you in the bottom 25th percentile of students in that school. You should not apply to this category of school “just to see if you can get in.” Be sure to communicate to an admissions officer or in writing that this school is a perfect fit for you.

2. The Target School—Acceptance is Likely
Your grades and scores place you in the middle 50th percentile of the school’s students. You are a good match for the majority of students here, and this is one of your favorite colleges you have considered. It is a good idea to let the admissions staff know this is one of your top choices.

3. The Safety School
Your credentials clearly place you in the top 10th percentile of the college’s applicant pool. However, you should never have an arrogant attitude with an admissions officer from this school by letting them know this is your “safety.” Remember that a safety school may offer you a competitive financial aid or scholarship package or participation in the honors program.

Remember: Do not apply to a school unless you would really consider enrolling. There are almost 3,000 colleges and universities out there. Do your research and you should have no trouble finding good matches for your interests and your credentials.
Domicile Status Matters!

College admissions applications have questions for parents and students to answer that relate to the residency status of students and their parents. Each state has a different domicile law. It is often true that students who are classified as out-of-state students at a college pay a higher tuition rate than those classified as in-state. When a college considers information regarding residency and tuition, they are making domicile decisions. If you disagree with a domicile decision, it is best to appeal it with your college admissions officer or the office of the registrar.

What Determines my Domicile Status?

Many factors are considered, such as:

- Where I live.
- Where my parents live.
- Whether my parents claim domicile in a state other than the state in which they live.
- Whether my parents pay state income taxes to the state in which they live.
- Whether my parents pay state income taxes to a state other than the state in which they live.
- Where my parents are registered to vote and licensed to drive.
- Where I am registered to vote and licensed to drive.
- Whether I am self-supporting.

Special Note for Military Families:

To encourage members of the U.S. military to establish Virginia domicile, the one year of continuous domicile is not required for U.S. military members or for dependent spouses and children claiming domicile through the military member. To initiate payment of Virginia income taxes, military members should contact their military pay offices. The spouse of a military member may qualify for in-state tuition by establishing Virginia domicile, by claiming dependency on the military member who has established Virginia domicile, or through the military provision [Section 23-7.4(E) of the Code of Virginia]. Non-resident military members may be considered for a reduced tuition rate. If you, your spouse, or parent is a member of the military, contact the institution you are interested in attending for more information.

Remember: Domicile questions are best answered by staff in the admissions office or registrar office at the college I wish to attend.
The Admissions Essay
Express yourself.

Step 1: Brainstorm a Topic

From brainstorming, you may find a subject you had not considered. Even if an essay is not required, it is a good idea to show the admissions committee another side of you. Consider the following points:

- What are your accomplishments? (The best essay may be on something that seemed trite at the time, but had a big impact on you, like learning to ride a bike!)
- Do you have a skill—big or small—that distinguishes you from the masses?
- Have you ever taken the unpopular stand on an issue? What did you learn?
- What book, movie or work of art opened your eyes to something new?
- What struggle in your life opened your eyes to something new?
- How have you handled success or defeat of a major challenge?
- Of everything in the world, what would you most like to being doing right now?
- Who, of everyone living or dead, would you most like to be with right now?
- How would your friends describe your strongest personality traits?
- What are some little known things about you?

Step 2: Write the Essay

The most important thing is to write in your own voice. Don’t use vocabulary and style that feels stiff and formal or else it will read stiff and formal.

- Answer the question
- Be original
- Be yourself
- Don’t use words too big for you
- Avoid clichés
- Use imagery and clear, vivid prose
- Spend the most time on your introduction!
- Use good transitions between paragraphs
- A good conclusion is critical
- Be concise (2 pages at the most!!)
- Double space with 12 point font
- Put name and social security # on corner of each page
- Proofread, proofread, proofread
- Give your draft to others to critique
- Revise, revise, revise
How to Request a Teacher Recommendation

- Teacher recommendations are very important in college admissions and scholarship processes.
- An excellent teacher recommendation can help overcome any areas of weakness.
- The most effective teacher recommendation is one that will highlight your strengths and abilities.

Who to Ask?
1. Teachers (ask more than one) who know you the best and with whom you have the most positive relationships.
2. Teachers who are willing to write a recommendation for you.
3. Teachers who have known you in high school (do not go as far back as middle school teachers).

What to Ask?
1. Ask your teacher to write a letter of recommendation for you for the specific purpose of the letter (scholarship application, admissions application).
2. Ask your teacher to submit the letter by the due date and tell your teacher if the letter is to be on school letterhead or on a specific form. If the letter is to be on a form, provide the form when you ask for the letter.
3. If you would like to use the letter for multiple applications, ask the teacher to write a “To Whom it May Concern” recommendation for your file.

When to Ask?
1. Ask at least two weeks prior to the due date of a recommendation.
2. Make your requests in April of your junior year or beginning of senior year, if possible.

How to Ask:
1. Ask your teacher if he feels comfortable writing a recommendation for you and if he has time.
2. Be organized. Fill in information first. Clarify which form goes with which recommendation. Provide a résumé and your activity list.
3. Provide information regarding any financial hardships that you have faced so that the teacher can indicate that you are especially deserving of a scholarship.
4. If the teacher must mail the recommendation, provide a stamped, addressed envelope. Ask your teacher to keep the letter on file and to provide a copy to your guidance counselor and Access advisor.
5. Follow up with a thank you note. Send the thank you note immediately after the teacher agrees to write the letter. The thank you note will serve as a reminder.
College Recommendation Request Form

Dear __________________________:

I am requesting that you write a letter of recommendation for me. I have provided the information listed below for your use. (Please return your letter of recommendation to me in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal.)

Name:____________________________

GPA:_______ Highest SAT/ACT Scores:_____________________

List of college(s) or scholarships for which this recommendation is to be used
____________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________

List of school and/or outside activities (the ones that I have been most involved with)
1.__________________________________________________________________________________
2.__________________________________________________________________________________
3.__________________________________________________________________________________

List of leadership positions held plus responsibilities and/or any awards (academic, extra-curricular, or volunteer work)
1.__________________________________________________________________________________
2.__________________________________________________________________________________
3.__________________________________________________________________________________

List of jobs held during high school / length of time at each job / hours worked per week
1.__________________________________________________________________________________
2.__________________________________________________________________________________
3.__________________________________________________________________________________

Two things about me that make me stand out and that I would want a college admissions officer to know about me...
1.__________________________________________________________________________________
2.__________________________________________________________________________________

My college major and career goals are:
__________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________

Thank you!

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Signature
There are resources to help pay for college. My parent(s) and I need to go to the Financial Aid Night at my high school:

Date: ___________________________
Time: ___________________________
There are resources to help pay for college.
My parent(s) and I need to go to the Financial Aid Night at my high school:

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In this section, you will find:

- The Components of College Costs
- Scholarship Information
- Facts About Financial Aid
- FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Information
- Sample Financial Aid Award Letter
- Ultimate Money Skills

This will help you understand college costs and find resources to help pay for college.
The Components of College Costs

The cost to attend college, which is often referred to as the cost of attendance, includes direct and indirect expenses.

The direct expenses are those fixed costs that are billed by the college. They include:

- tuition and fees
- room and board

The indirect costs do not show up on the college bill but are taken into consideration when looking at the overall cost to attend college. They include:

- books and supplies
- travel
- personal expenses

*If you live at home, or off-campus, room and board costs will become indirect costs.*

**Tuition and Fees**

Tuition and fees charged by a particular college depend on many factors, but the most significant factor is the type of college.

- At public institutions, tuition and fees are generally the lowest because they receive most of their funding from the state.
- Most four-year and two-year public colleges charge higher tuition for nonresidents than for legal residents of the state in which the college is located. This out-of-state tuition often makes the cost of attending a public institution as high as the cost of attending many private institutions.
- Tuition at private colleges usually is much higher than public institutions. However, private institutions often have more financial aid resources that can help you make up the difference between costs and financial aid.
- Tuition at proprietary or for-profit institutions (such as trade and technical colleges) usually set tuition at levels that ensure they recover all their operating costs and make a profit.

The greater your overall expenses, the greater the possibility of your demonstrating need for financial aid. Whether you are looking at public, private, or proprietary colleges, additional fees may be charged for services, such as student activities, technology fees, or the health center.

**Books and Supplies**

Every college student must purchase textbooks, and other supplies.

- The amount you spend for books and supplies will vary only slightly by type of institution, but generally is related to the curriculum or courses selected.
- In some academic fields, you will spend more on books than in others.
- Some fields require specific uniforms and equipment that must be purchased.
Room and Board
Room and board means basic living expenses for food and housing.
• Colleges with on-campus housing typically charge you on a semester basis for room and board, excluding holiday and vacation periods.
• The room and board charge is built into your student expense budget.
• Most colleges offer a choice of meal plans for students.

If you plan to live at home, you generally are assumed to have somewhat lower expenses than on-campus students because you do not have to pay for housing. However, you or your parents still will need to factor in the cost of your food and other normal living expenses. These costs are usually built into commuter student expense budgets for financial aid purposes. Take these costs into account in your planning.

Personal Expenses
Regardless of the type of institution you choose to attend, you will have some personal expenses for things such as clothing, laundry, toiletries, recreation, medical insurance and care, and perhaps, incidental furnishings for your dormitory room.

Transportation
All students spend money for travel.
• For financial aid purposes, colleges often budget students for two round-trips home per year by the least expensive means of travel possible.
• Commuter students will also have travel expenses, whether using public transportation or a private car to get to and from the college several days a week. These costs are often built into commuter student expense budgets by colleges for financial aid purposes.

Total Student Budget
Add all five components, plus these possible additional costs:
• Allowance for dependent care;
• Loan fees;
• Costs related to disability;
• Allowance for rental/purchase of a personal computer;
• Reasonable cost for eligible study abroad programs.
How to Apply for Scholarships

Five Easy Steps

Step One: Start Early
- If possible, start the research process early in your junior year or beginning of senior year of high school.
- Always remember that you will be applying for scholarships about a year before you will actually receive the aid.
- Get good grades – they will only help you and put you above the next applicant.

Step Two: Prepare Yourself
- Often scholarships are awarded to students who are involved in activities both in school and out of school. Well-rounded students have the best chance of receiving scholarships.
- Many clubs and organizations have scholarships associated with them. Doing your research in the beginning may help you obtain more scholarships.

Step Three: Do Research
- Figure out what makes you a special individual. This may include such things as academics, volunteer work, athletics, or your family background.
- Consider unique circumstances or conditions that might make you eligible for aid such as being a foster child, having asthma, being a single parent, or having a disability.
- Scholarship opportunities can be found in many places including financial aid offices, libraries, local civic organizations, your (or your parents’) employer, local businesses, your high school guidance office, the internet, and your Access Advisor.

Step Four: Send Away for Applications and Information
- After you collect all of the information about the scholarships for which you are interested in applying, you will need to contact each organization.
- Many organizations will require that you contact them through the mail to request applications and other pertinent information. Some organizations will give potential applicants their phone numbers and e-mail addresses to expedite the request for information.
- Give the organization ample time to send you the necessary paperwork. Be aware of all deadlines associated with applying.

Step Five: Apply
- Once you receive the application and understand all of the information that you are expected to send to the organization, you will need to apply for the scholarship.
- Many organizations require information such as a completed application, an essay, recommendations, and/or a resume from each applicant. Make sure you have given yourself plenty of time to gather all of the required information.
- Most scholarships will have deadlines for applying. You may want to keep a calendar with all of the deadlines listed so that you do not let any expire. Make a copy for your own records.
- Before you send in your completed application, make sure to double check the spelling and grammar. Nothing looks worse on a scholarship application than a common spelling error.
- Remember that the application process takes time, and it could be months before you are notified of any awards. Be aware that the organization will not send any follow-up correspondence if you do not receive the award.
- Always put your best effort into each application. Be neat and organized- first impressions count!
What High School Students and Their Parents Need To Know About Financial Aid

There are financial aid programs for every income level. The financial aid application process is complicated. Fortunately, the Access Advisor at your high school will help you complete the financial aid filing process. To have the most painless financial aid experience, it is recommended that you:

- meet with your Access Advisor in the spring of your junior year and in the fall of your senior year
- attend the Financial Aid Night at your high school in the fall of your senior year
- bring the necessary documents to your advisor in October of your senior year to file your FAFSA
- share information that you receive from the federal aid process and your college with your Access Advisor for assistance in understanding your financial aid package

KNOW THE FOLLOWING FINANCIAL AID FACTS:

Parents and students who understand the financial aid process increase their chances of receiving the best financial aid package.

- Apply for aid by completing an electronic FAFSA beginning October 1st to attend college. The application receipt date has an impact on the amount of aid that you receive.
- The FAFSA must be completed and signed by both student and one parent or guardian (unless the student is an orphan or ward of the court) until you graduate from college, reach age 24, enter the military or get married (note: students who have children are not necessarily independent and may still need parent information on their FAFSA).
- You must apply for financial aid by the priority filing deadline for your college to receive the best offer.
- School financial aid deadlines are often in mid-February which necessitates estimating income on the initial FAFSA application and making corrections as soon as the tax return has been filed.
- When making FAFSA corrections after your taxes have been filed, using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool is an easy and secure way to access and transfer tax return information directly into your FAFSA.
- By using the IRS Data Retrieval, the likelihood of being selected for verification by the school’s financial aid office is reduced.
- The verification process is a way for schools to double check the accuracy of what has been entered on your FAFSA and often times the financial aid office will ask for copies of documents such as, taxes, W-2s and bank statements.
- Certain situations may prohibit you from using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and if selected for verification, you may need to order an official transcript from the IRS.
• By completing a FAFSA, you are requesting aid that the Financial Aid Office can award. This may not necessarily apply for all of the scholarships and financial assistance available from the college or university. Consult the website for your college for foundation and departmental scholarships.
• You must list your college on your FAFSA to receive an award letter. If you decide to attend a college you did not list on your FAFSA, you must add the college to your FAFSA.
• Financial aid awards are intended to help you pay for college but may not pay all costs. Students with special circumstances can ask for a review of those circumstances.
• Most financial aid award letters contain at least one loan.
• Financial aid awards cannot exceed the estimated cost of attendance at a college.
• Financial aid awards are dependent upon student enrollment level and can change during an academic year.
• Financial aid awards can be cancelled due to poor high school or college grades.
• Shop for financial aid packages. Every college will offer a unique award package to you. Let your Access Advisor review your award offers for the package that best suits your needs and has the least amount of loans.
• The more money that is borrowed, the higher the student loan monthly payment will be when you go into repayment.
• Avoid offers that offer to help you apply for aid for a fee.
• Apply for every scholarship you can. More scholarships mean less loan debt. Don’t be discouraged by the requirement that you write an essay. Once you write the first essay, you will find that many scholarship applications request a similar topic which will allow you to recycle just a few essays for dozens of scholarship applications.
• Your college major and your high school and college grade point average have an impact on the type of scholarship aid for which you qualify and how much aid you receive.
• College bills are the student’s responsibility unless parents agree to be held responsible for student tuition and other charges.
• Student income during the junior year in high school (and beyond) has an impact on the amount of aid for which the student will qualify.
**FAFSA**
(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

1. This year the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be available on October 1st, so that students and families can have a clearer understanding of their college costs as they are searching for and applying to colleges. Additionally, with the use of a prior year’s income information, all students and families should be able to electronically import their information into the FAFSA, which cuts the time it takes to complete the FAFSA and increases the accuracy of the information. Every year billions of dollars of federal student aid are left on the table simply because students do not fill out their FAFSA. We encourage you and your students to visit studentaid.ed.gov for more information about Federal Student Aid.

2. Students are required to complete the FAFSA to determine their eligibility for all federal and state financial aid programs. Also, institutions may require additional forms as part of the application process. Contact each school to find out which forms are required.

3. The FAFSA should be completed in October of the senior year by the student and the parent(s). Access will host a financial aid workshop in September through December at your school to get you ready to file your FAFSA.

4. **Reasons why you should get help from your Access Advisor to file your FAFSA form instead of doing it on your own:**
   - It’s free (no gimmicks or scams—we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit foundation)
   - Advisor on-line filing is faster for priority deadlines
   - Advisors find common mistakes/omissions/inaccuracies
   - Advisor can be a strong advocate for you with financial aid officers

**Important Financial Aid Terms:**

**SAR** – The SAR is a Student Aid Report. This is the document sent to your home once your FAFSA form has been processed. This document is also electronically forwarded to every college that you listed on your FAFSA to assist them in the development of a financial aid package for you. Colleges develop a financial aid package for every student for whom they have received a SAR who has been accepted at the college.

**EFC** – An EFC is the Expected Family Contribution number located in the top right corner of the first page of the Student Aid Report that is sent to you after your FAFSA has been processed. The EFC may be a theoretical number and not necessarily the amount of cash that your family will be expected to pay. This number is used by financial aid officers to determine the amount of grant and loan money for which you qualify. Your actual out-of-pocket expenses could be higher or lower than the EFC.

**COA** – COA is an abbreviation for Cost of Attendance. Every college develops a COA figure that is available on their website. The COA represents costs for tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation and other costs of going to college. Colleges subtract your EFC from their COA as part of the formula for determining how much financial aid they may offer to you.
You Need a FAFSA ID to file your FAFSA online

Your ACCESS Advisor can assist you in getting your FAFSA ID during your FAFSA appointment. You can create and activate a FAFSA ID of your choosing at that time.

OR

You and one parent can each apply for a separate FAFSA ID at https://fsaid.ed.gov. The FAFSA ID is a secure, electronic signature for filing the FAFSA online.

The FSA ID Application Process consists of 3 steps:

Step 1: Enter Login Information
- Let us know what log-in information you would like to use. Provide us with a unique username, password and Are you 13 year of age or older? Response.

Step 2: Enter Personal Information
- Let us know who you are. Provide us with your Social Security number, name, and date of birth.
- Include your mailing address, e-mail address and language preference. (Optional)
- Provide five challenge questions and answers. This adds an extra level of security to your FSA ID. If you forget your username or password, you can retrieve your username or reset your password by providing answers to your challenge questions.

Step 3: Submit Your FSA ID Application
You will be required to “Agree” not to share your FSA ID with anyone. The security of your FSA ID is important because it can be used to electronically sign the FAFSA.
- Verify your e-mail. By verifying your e-mail, you can use your e-mail as your username when logging into FSA applications. (Optional)

Once you obtain your FAFSA ID, keep it in a safe place. You will use this for your entire college career. (Parent must complete above steps as well.)

Complete the information below and keep it in a safe place. (You will use this for your entire college career.)

| Name (As It Appears on Social Security Card): |
| Address: |
| Cty. State Zip: |
| Social Security #: |
| Date of BIRTH: | Previous Pin #: |
| FSA ID-Username: |
| FSA ID-Password: |
| Security Question 1: | Answer: |
| Security Question 2: | Answer: |
| Security Question 3: | Answer: |
| Security Question 4: | Answer: |
| Important Date: |
| Phone: |
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# Federal and State Financial Aid Chart

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<td>Pell Grant</td>
<td>$672-$6,495</td>
<td>For EFCs &lt;$5,711</td>
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<td>$100-$4,000</td>
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<td>fees, books</td>
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<td>EFC must be less than 1/2 of COA</td>
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<td>Government pays interest while you are in school and until repayment period begins</td>
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<td>Stafford loans are processed through a bank, lender or directly with the college.</td>
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<td><strong>FEDERAL WORK STUDY</strong></td>
<td>At least minimum wage, usually more underwritten by govt.</td>
<td>Paid community service or work related to your course of study; employer is college or local non-profit.</td>
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Sample Award Letter

NOTIFICATION OF FINANCIAL AID AWARD

We are pleased to offer you the following award for the 2022-2023 school year. The following awards are based on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid and are subject to change if new information is received.

If you choose to decline any parts of the award please initial in the appropriate space and return to our office by May 10, 2022.

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FAMILY RESOURCES

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<td>Student Contribution</td>
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<td>Other Resources</td>
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# Financial Aid Comparison Worksheet

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Scholarship and Financial Aid Websites

Check out these college planning sites!

Visit the Access College Foundation website for more links at www.accesscollege.org

Local / State

- www.hamptonroadscf.org
- www.schev.edu
- www.tbaonline.org
- www.vbschools.com/scholarship
- www.vasfaa.org
- www.vawizard.org
- www.gibill.va.gov

National

- www.collegeboard.com
- www.collegeloancorp.com
- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.fastweb.com
- www.schoolsoup.com
- www.fastaid.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.gocollege.com
- www.gmsp.org (Gates Millennium Scholarship)
- www.nasfaa.org
- www.petersens.com
- www.salliemae.com
- www.scholarships.com
- www.studentaid.ed.gov
- www.uncf.org (United Negro College Fund)
- www.cappex.com
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- Financial aid deadline: 3/01
- Federal School Code: 003719

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- Located in Norfolk; Historically Black University,
- Medium: about 5,616 students
- Medians: 2.3 GPA, 880 SAT(Critical Reading + Math), 17 ACT
- DNIMAS Scholarship for students interested in studying Physics, Computer Science, Biology, Chemistry and Applied Mathematics – Requires 3.3 GPA, 1200 SAT, 23 ACT
- Division I-AA athletics (MEAC Conference)
- Admissions priority deadline: 5/1 but has Rolling Admissions after deadline; DNIMAS: 12/15
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- Located in Radford (Southwest VA)
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- Division I athletics
- Admissions deadline: Regular Decision: 2/01; Early Action: 12/1
- Financial aid deadline: 12/1
- Federal School Code: 003732

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- Federal School Code: 003746
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- Financial aid deadline: 2/01; Online Scholarship Deadline: 5/01
- Federal School Code: 003746