



What is the Piedmont Scholars Program?

The Piedmont Scholars Program fosters opportunity and strengthens success for outstanding students who earn associate degrees from Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC) after having graduated from high school and then transfer and enroll in full-time undergraduate degree programs at the University of Virginia (UVA).

Who is eligible to be considered?

All in-state students who apply for transfer admission to UVA as full-time, degree-seeking students, and who will earn an associate degree from PVCC, are eligible to be considered.

What does the Piedmont Scholars Program provide?

Piedmont Scholars receive a scholarship that provides full in-state tuition and fees for Fall and Spring semesters, renewable for the duration of their undergraduate degree programs at UVA. Scholars may also be eligible for additional need-based student aid and are strongly encouraged to apply no later than April 1 in the year before they plan to enter UVA; for information about how to apply, please click [here](#). Beyond the scholarship, the Piedmont Scholars Program provides support from a full-time advocate who is charged with helping Scholars make the best possible transition from PVCC to UVA, thrive while enrolled at either school, and complete their degrees successfully and on time.

What are the criteria for selection?

Piedmont Scholars must demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and citizenship. Consistent with the criteria for other University Achievement Awards, Piedmont Scholars must also satisfy at least two of the following conditions: (1) have a history of overcoming adversity; (2) be a first-generation college student; (3) be a member of an underrepresented minority or ethnic group; (4) be a member of a low/moderate income family; (5) reside in a rural or inner-city location; (6) have been raised in a single-parent household. Piedmont Scholars must also complete transferable associate degrees from PVCC before enrolling at UVA.

How will Piedmont Scholars be chosen?

Piedmont Scholars will be selected by UVA's Office of Admission in coordination with Student Financial Services and in accordance with the criteria and process established for University Achievement Awards. All in-state students who apply for transfer admission from PVCC to UVA and who indicate that they will complete transferable associate degrees before enrolling at UVA will automatically be considered. There is no separate application for the Piedmont Scholars Program, and students do not need to express interest in order to be considered.

How may I apply for the Piedmont Scholars Program?

Since there is no separate application for the Piedmont Scholars Program, all you need to do to be considered is to apply for transfer admission from PVCC to UVA and indicate that you will complete a transferable associate degree before enrolling at UVA.

When will the first Piedmont Scholars be chosen?

The Piedmont Scholars Program was announced on March 5, 2021. UVA and PVCC anticipate that the first Piedmont Scholars will be chosen in July 2021 from eligible students who will be enrolling at UVA for the first time in the Fall 2021 semester.

May the scholarship be used to study abroad?

Consistent with the allowable uses of other University Achievement Awards, Piedmont Scholars may use their scholarship to pay tuition and fees for an approved course of study abroad, whether offered by UVA or another institution. Since Piedmont Scholars will enter the University as third-year students, it will be important for them to plan carefully in order to study abroad. UVA Direct Credit courses may offer the best opportunities; for more information, please click [here](#) and search for Direct Credit under Credit Type.

How will I know if I've been chosen?

If you are selected as a Piedmont Scholar, UVA will notify you no later than July 31, 2021. If you meet the general criteria for the program but do not receive notice by July 31, you may assume that UVA considered you but was unable to offer you a scholarship.

I'm currently enrolled at UVA, but I met the general criteria for the Piedmont Scholars Program when I applied for admission. May I be considered for the scholarship?

We're sorry, but the Piedmont Scholars Program is intended for students who will transfer from PVCC to UVA beginning in the Fall 2021 semester. If you're currently enrolled at UVA and need financial assistance in order to complete your degree, and if have not already applied for need-based aid, we strongly encourage you to do so; for information about how to apply, please click [here](#).

I'm a high-school student who's dually enrolled at PVCC and plan to earn my associate degree at the same time I graduate from high school. May I be considered for the scholarship?

We're sorry, but the Piedmont Scholars Program is intended for students who will earn associate degrees from PVCC after having graduated from high school. Students who are dually enrolled in high school and at PVCC are not eligible.