

Counselor Packet

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Introduction

Dear Colleague,

With so much happening in the world, we sincerely hope you are staying safe and doing well. Thank you for your continued partnership and for you all you do to serve and assist students and families. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information regarding **application fee waivers, travel grants, resources for undocumented students and those with DACA status, scholarship opportunities, and financial aid deadlines and reminders**. UVA continues to have a commitment to [access and affordability](#). Specifically, the University:

- (1) *Accepts students solely on their academic merit*, regardless of their ability to pay
- (2) *Covers 100% of demonstrated financial need*. This means UVA covers the full amount that families are unable to pay, through scholarships, grants, work-study and low interest loans.
- (3) *Limits student debt*. UVA limits loans to an average of \$4,500 per year for in-state students. Low-income, in-state students receive only \$1,000 per year in loans.

We know that the work you do is critically important to the success of your students. If there is anything we can do to help you during the admission process, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you as we continue to help students achieve their dreams.

Yours in partnership,



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Application Fee Waivers, Travel Grants, Resources for Undocumented Students

Common Application Fee Waivers

UVA wants to make sure that application fees do not pose a barrier for any student. If a student feels that their financial circumstances might qualify them for an application fee waiver, they can request a fee waiver on the Common App. Click [here](#) to determine if your student automatically qualifies for a Common App fee waiver.

Travel Grants

We know that the best possible way to learn whether UVA is a good college fit is to visit Grounds. We also know that travel isn't cheap, and some families may need financial assistance to make a visit possible. The University of Virginia is committed to increasing the college going rate of first-generation, low-income, and underserved students. Thus, we have funds available to provide travel grants for students in need. The funds will be used to provide transportation to and from Grounds. For more information, email the Outreach Team at outreachteam@virginia.edu.

Undocumented Students

UVA is dedicated to serving all students, regardless of citizen or immigration status. Virginia-domiciled students with either DACA or undocumented status could be eligible for both state and University financial aid. For more information, please review [financial resources for undocumented students](#). Additionally, undocumented students or students with significant financial need are eligible for enrollment fee waivers. For more information, email the Outreach Team at outreachteam@virginia.edu.

UVA ALUMNI CAN ALSO BE A RESOURCE!

VAAN – Virginia Alumni Admission Network

These African American and Hispanic/Latinx alumni volunteers seek to augment the work of the Outreach Team of the Office of Undergraduate Admission through interaction with prospective students. VAAN volunteers attend college fairs, meet with students individually, and are available to help students in their cities/regions learn more about the University of Virginia. Within Virginia, VAAN currently has chapters in Richmond and Tidewater. For our out of state counselors and students, VAAN will continue to support our students in 10 domestic cities/regions: *Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New England, New York City, Northern New Jersey, Philadelphia, and St. Louis.*

FGAN – First-Generation Alumni Network

First-Generation Alumni Network (FGAN) volunteers provide a comfortable point of contact for prospective students to learn about UVA and enhance the UVA first-gen experience on Grounds.

To connect with VAAN or FGAN, visit the website [here](#).

For more information on resources, visit the Outreach resources page [here](#).

Scholarships

The University of Virginia offers several scholarship opportunities for incoming students. You can nominate students for the University Achievement Award and the Oliver Linwood Perry Jr. Scholarship through our [Counselor Nomination Form](#). The deadline for the Counselor Nomination Form is **Friday, January 13, 2023**. Review each scholarship below.

University Achievement Award – Full tuition & fees scholarship that is renewable for four years for eligible students from Virginia. Learn more about eligibility [here](#). *All in-state applicants are automatically considered for this award. Additionally, you are welcome to nominate students for the scholarship [here](#).*

Oliver Linwood Perry Jr. Scholarship – The Oliver Linwood Perry Jr. Scholarship is for a student attending UVA who has demonstrated a history of service with Native American and Indigenous communities. For a more detailed description of the scholarship, click [here](#). *Additionally, you are welcome to nominate students for the scholarship [here](#).*

Blue Ridge Scholarship – Scholarship ranges from \$1,000 to \$7,000 per year and may replace the loan or work study component of a financial aid package. All students with significant financial need are automatically considered for this award.

Ridley Scholarship Program – Full tuition & fees scholarship that is renewable for four years. The Ridley Scholarship Program seeks to attract Black and African-American identified students of the highest academic caliber and build a community of learning, leadership, and legacy for Black students at UVA. Visit the [Ridley Scholarship website](#) for information about the selection process.

Walentas Scholarship – The Walentas Scholars Program covers the entire cost of attendance for a total of eight semesters. The scholarship is for students who are the first or among the first in their families to earn a bachelor's degree from a college or university. The nomination deadline is **December 1, 2022**. For more details, visit their web site [here](#).

Jefferson Scholarship – The Jefferson Scholarship covers the entire cost of attendance for a total of eight semesters. Selection of recipients will be based on merit alone in the areas of leadership, scholarship, and citizenship. The nomination deadline is **December 1, 2022**. For more details, visit their web site [here](#).

ROTC Scholarship – The University of Virginia participates in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) programs for training commissioned officers of the United States Armed Forces. Please use the links below to learn more about the ROTC programs and scholarships available at the University of Virginia - [Army](#), [Navy](#), Air Force.

Alumni Scholarships The alumni association sponsors several scholarships for both incoming and current undergraduate students. The University of Virginia Alumni Association administers more than 250 different scholarships ranging from modest stipends to full tuition, room and board. Many of these scholarships are available through an application process independent of the University's financial aid process while others are based on other criteria such as regional areas. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

Application and Financial Aid Deadlines

APPLY FOR
FINANCIAL AID
BEFORE THE
PRIORITY
DEADLINES

The University of Virginia is rated the **#1 Best Value College in Virginia** (Forbes 2022).

UVA meets **100% of demonstrated need**. To be considered for all types of need-based aid (i.e. financial aid awarded based on a family's ability to pay for college), UVA requires two documents:

- ✓ 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- ✓ 2023-2024 CSS Profile.
- What do I need to know before I get started?
[Financial Aid Basics](#)
- Ready to get started? [How to Apply for Financial Aid](#)

THE 2023-
2024 FAFSA
AND CSS
PROFILE WILL BE
AVAILABLE ON
OCTOBER 1

	Early Decision (ED)*	Early Action (EA)**	Regular Decision (RD)
<i>Application Deadline</i>	November 1	November 1	January 5
<i>Financial Aid Priority Deadline</i>	November 15	December 1	February 1

*Early Decision is a binding admission plan. ** Early Action is a non-binding admission plan.



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