COUNSELOR PACKET (2023-2024)

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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 all you do to serve and assist your students and families. We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information regarding **application fee waivers, 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.
(4) *Has expanded financial aid for Virginia families.* The AccessUVA expansion includes grants and scholarships for Virginia families with an income of $150,000 or less.

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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Financial Aid Information and Resources

The University of Virginia is rated the #1 Best Value College in Virginia (Forbes 2022).
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:
- ✓ **2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
- ✓ **2024-2025 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**

How to Apply for Aid (Deadline: March 1)
1. Complete the **CSS/PROFILE** (School code: 5820)
2. Complete the **FAFSA** (School code: 003745)
3. Virginia residents who can't complete the FAFSA should complete the Virginia State Aid application.

For more information about priority aid deadlines, please visit the Student Financial Services website.

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
VAAN now includes Virginia regions: *Richmond, Tidewater and Northern Virginia*. For our out of state counselors and students, VAAN will continue to support our students in 10 domestic cities: *New York, NY, Los Angeles, CA, Miami, FL, Chicago, IL, Philadelphia, PA, Northern New Jersey, St Louis, MO, Atlanta, GA, Baltimore, MD, Connecticut and Massachusetts*. 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. Visit the VAAN 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 select scholarships through our **Counselor Nomination Form**. The deadline for the Counselor Nomination Form is *Wednesday, January 31, 2024*. 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*.

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.

Davis First-Generation Scholarship – Created in 2023 to attract outstanding first-generation students to UVA by minimizing the gap in financial aid that they might otherwise have to fill with loans.

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.

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