

September 3, 2019

Dear Colleague:

I would like to take this opportunity to once again extend greetings from the Office of Admission - Outreach Office at the University of Virginia. My name is Valerie Gregory and I am the Director of Outreach. This office was created to support the University's commitment to diversity as well as create a community that is reflective of our growing society. Let me also take this opportunity to introduce the other members of the Outreach team: *Allyson Umali*, assistant dean, *Timothy Kimble*, admission counselor, *Dejuanna Gillispie*, admission counselor, and *Cathy Ames Turner*, administrative assistant.

Our mission is to (a) welcome students from underrepresented and underserved groups to the University of Virginia, (b) help students compete successfully in the admission process at UVA, and (c) give students general advice about finding a college that will help them reach their potential and achieve their dreams.

UVA continues to have a commitment to ***“Access and Affordability”***: Specifically, that means that:

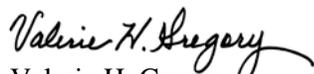
- (1) *UVA accepts students solely on their academic merit*, regardless of their ability to pay
- (2) *UVA covers 100% of demonstrated financial need*. This means UVA covers the full amount that families are unable to pay, through scholarships, grants, work-study and low interest loans.
- (3) *UVA limits 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 years in loans.

For more information, I encourage you to visit the financial aid website at sfs.virginia.edu. *Allyson Umali*, a member of the Outreach team, is available to work with low income and/or first generation students in your schools who have the potential to be successful at the University of Virginia.

Attached is the list of upcoming events and scholarship opportunities available to students, a counselor's nomination form and a chart describing the three admission options available this year. If you know of any interested students, please feel free to have them contact us in the admission office. We are also available to visit high schools, conduct college admission and/or financial aid presentations, arrange for special tours, and counsel individuals through the college admission process. We encourage you to visit our web page [here](#).

In closing, I would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to share this information with your staff and students. If there is anything we can help you with in regards to 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. Have a wonderful school year!!

Sincerely,



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“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character – this is the goal of true education.” - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Upcoming Events:

Fall Blast

Friday, September 27, 2019

Our annual open house event for Hispanic/Latinx students is designed to attract talented high school juniors and seniors to the University of Virginia. This event will give students and their parents the opportunity to visit UVA to learn more about academic programs, student life, the admission process, and the University in general. Interested students may register online [here](#). **Registration is live and ends September 20, 2019.**

Fall Fling

Saturday, September 28, 2019

Our annual open house event for African American students is an attempt to attract talented high school juniors and seniors to the University of Virginia. This event will give students and their parents the opportunity to visit UVA to learn more about academic programs, student life, the admission process, and the University in general. Interested students may register online [here](#). **Registration is live and ends September 20, 2019.**

Diversity Chats

Fall 2019

The UVA Office of Undergraduate Admission/Outreach Office invites you to join us on **Tuesday, September 10, Tuesday, October 1 and Tuesday, November 12** to chat with admission deans and current students about academics, the admission process and student life. Students may stay for the full hour or drop in for 10 minutes (it is up to them). Interested students may join the chat list by clicking on the link under Chats [here](#).

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 Office of the Office of Undergraduate Admission through face-to-face 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. The VAAN website is [here](#).

Scholarships:

University Achievement Award

This scholarship program is designed to attract exceptional in-state students to UVA. We are looking for students who will add to the diversity of the University community. We hope this award, covering full tuition and fees and is renewable for four years, will make it easier for these students to attend UVA. **All in-state applicants are automatically considered for this award.** The most competitive applicants will demonstrate through the UVA supplement of the Common Application that they have special talents, unique personal characteristics, and/or pressing needs which will assist us with our objective to recruit and retain a diverse student body. Academic merit, leadership, service and citizenship are primary considerations. A student must also satisfy at least two of the following conditions:

- have a history of overcoming disadvantage
- be a first-generation college student
- be a member of an underrepresented minority or ethnic group
- be a member of a moderate to low-income family
- reside in a rural or inner-city location
- have been raised in a single parent household

Walter N. Ridley Scholarship

The Ridley Foundation sponsors several scholarships designed to support African American students coming to the University of Virginia. These scholarships cover full tuition and fees and is renewable for four years. Students typically have excelled academically in school, are in the top 15% of their class, and have special talents and/or leadership qualities. The Ridley Scholarships are for *Virginians only* and these applicants are selected through their admission applications. The finalists are brought to Grounds to compete through a selection process with members of the Ridley Foundation. Visit the Ridley Scholarship website [here](#).

Holland Blackburn Scholarship

This scholarship, formally known as the Jerome Holland Scholarship, is administered by the Ridley Foundation through the alumni association. The scholarship is designed to attract academically **talented African-American students** from across the nation to the University of Virginia and is specifically for out-of-state students. Approximately two scholarships are awarded annually, cover full tuition and fees and is renewable for four years. To select new Holland scholars each year, the most outstanding African-American applicants (based on their academic performance, leadership capabilities, and potential as role models for their peers) are invited to Grounds to compete for the scholarship. Nominations from guidance counselors are quite helpful in pointing out particularly strong candidates for this award. In recent years, Holland scholars have averaged 650 or better on each section of their SATs and are typically in the top 10% of their class. **This scholarship is for out-of-state students only.** Visit the Ridley Scholarship website [here](#).

Jefferson Scholarship

The Alumni Association sponsors this scholarship for any student applying to the University of Virginia. This is a full scholarship and the process begins with a nomination from your school directly to the Jefferson Scholarship Foundation. The nomination deadline is **December 2, 2019**. For more details, visit their web site [here](#).

Hispanic Scholarship Fund

The Hispanic Scholarship Fund is the largest scholarship-granting organization in the nation. HSF provides financial assistance to outstanding Hispanic students in higher education throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. The students represent every region of the country and attend hundreds of institutions of higher education throughout America. Founded in 1975, HSF has awarded over 45,000 scholarships totaling \$60 million. These scholarships require an application and are separate from the University of Virginia. For more information, visit their website at [here](#).

QuestBridge Scholarship Program

UVA is a partner school with the nationally acclaimed QuestBridge Scholarship Program. This program works with high achieving low income students by providing academic and financial support to college. This is a matching and binding process that guarantees low-income students a full four-year scholarship. Application deadline is **September 26, 2019**. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

Oliver Lindwood Perry Scholarship

This scholarship is for a student attending the University of Virginia who demonstrates a history of service with Native American communities. Admitted students must submit at least one letter of reference from a Native American tribal leader and complete an application. For more information, email the Outreach Office [here](#).

Alumni Scholarships

The alumni association sponsors several scholarships for both incoming and current undergraduate students. Typically, there is an application process for most of their scholarships while others are based on other criteria such as regional areas. For more information, visit their website [here](#).

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



Guidance Counselor Nomination Form

This form is due no later than Friday, December 20, 2019

Student Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Student Home Address: _____

Student's Email Address: _____

Race or Ethnicity (optional): _____

Table with 6 columns: Category, Strong, 5, 4, 3, 2, Weak. Rows include Academic Performance, Personal Character, Leadership Abilities, Commitment to Service, Extra-curricular Involvement.

In the space below, please provide any additional information that may help us assess the student's talents and abilities:

Three horizontal lines for providing additional information.

I am nominating this student for consideration for the following award: (check as many as apply)

- Checkboxes for Ridley Scholarship, University Achievement Scholarship, Holland Blackburn Scholarship, Oliver Lindwood Perry Scholarship, QuestBridge Scholarship, and Other scholarships.

Please feel free to copy this form to nominate more than one student.

Counselor: _____ Email Address: _____

High School: _____ CEEB #: _____

Address: _____ Telephone #: () _____

This form is available at www.admission.virginia.edu/counselors, click "Outreach Counselor Package"

You may fax, email or mail this form as follows: FAX: 434-924-3587 or EMAIL: deangregory@virginia.edu or MAIL: Valerie Gregory, UVA Office of Admission, PO Box 400160, Charlottesville, VA 22904.

UVA Admission/Financial Aid Options

Early Decision (October 15)

Early Decision (ED) is a binding admission plan for students who have determined that UVA is their first choice and who feel they can present a strong application without senior grades being reviewed. Students admitted through the ED admission plan are required to cancel their applications elsewhere and enroll in UVA.

Early Action (November 1)

Early Action (EA) is a non-binding and unrestrictive admission plan that may be an attractive option for those who feel they can present a strong application without senior grades being reviewed.

Regular Decision (January 1)

Regular Decision (RD) is a non-binding and unrestrictive admission plan that allows students more time to complete the application and to have grades from the first term of their senior year considered in the review.



Financial Aid Priority Deadlines

November 15
(Early Decision)

December 1
(Early Action)

February 1
(Regular Decision)

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Why should I Apply for Financial Aid Before the Priority Deadlines?

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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), complete and submit **both** the **2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** and the **2020-2021 CSS Profile**. We strongly encourage you and your family to begin filling out the FAFSA and CSS Profile once they are available on October 1, 2019. If you submit these two applications and any additionally-requested documents (such as student and parent W-2s and federal tax returns for 2018) before the priority deadlines, then you may receive a preliminary financial aid package shortly after you receive your admission decision.